

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
CITIZENS ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE**

ROOM 372, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 625-3611, Ext. 64605

M I N U T E S

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 25, 1968

Robert Mitchell,
Chairman
Raymond Arbuthnot
Dr. John C. Bollens
Davis Brabant
Max Candiotty
Maurice Rene Chez
Dr. Warren S. Jones
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Harlan Loud
P. S. Magruder
Kiyoshi Maruyama
Irvin Mazzei
Maurice McAlister
Ferdinand Mendenhall
Mrs. Benjamin Erick Smith
William Torrence
Gus A. Walker
Burke Roche,
Executive Secretary

Attendance:

Robert Mitchell, Chairman
Ray Arbuthnot
Dr. John C. Bollens
Davis Brabant
Maurice Rene Chez
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Harlan Loud
Kiyoshi Maruyama
George Shellenberger
William Torrence
Burke Roche, Executive Secretary

Mr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He introduced Mr. George Shellenberger, replacement for Maurice McAlister, to all of the Committee members. Mr. Shellenberger was appointed to the Committee by Supervisor Bonelli. Mr. Mitchell also told the Committee that Lynne Frantz had been re-appointed to the Committee by Supervisor Chace.

Mr. Mitchell told the Committee that he would have a table at the American Legion Civic Luncheon on Thursday, January 2, 1969. The luncheon will be held at the Biltmore Bowl. He invited Mr. Roche and seven of the Committee members to attend the luncheon and sit at his table. He said that he would be out of town at that time, but would like for the Committee to be well represented at the luncheon.

Mr. Mitchell reported on the Board action approving an executive salary review committee, and the Board's request that the Committee nominate the two outside candidates. He said that Supervisors Dorn and Hahn had opposed the review committee because they felt it would give the County executives on the committee too much influence over their own salaries. Mr. Mitchell told the Supervisors that the committee was patterned after similar committees in private industry. He closed his presentation to the Board with the statement that "it was time that government began using such procedures."

Mr. Mitchell added that the Board had recommended that Mr. Magruder be the E & E Committee representative.

Mr. Chez made a motion to appoint Mr. Magruder as the E & E Committee representative. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kidd, and approved by the Committee.

Mr. Mitchell told the Committee that if it approved, Mr. Roche and he would get together to determine someone appropriate as the second outside member on the review committee. Mrs. Kidd made a motion to this effect. It was seconded by Mr. Chez and approved by the Committee.

Mr. Mitchell then called on Mr. Brabant to report on the progress of the architectural services study.

Mr. Brabant stated that two years ago the Committee was asked by the Board of Supervisors to study the County procedure for selecting architects. This recommendation was made as a result of criticism of the Board in its selection process. Mr. Brabant told the Committee that Mr. Roche and he had interviewed a number of people in the profession and in other agencies, i.e., California State Colleges and the Board of Education. Mr. Brabant stated that the proposed recommendation will still include the Board of Supervisors in the selection process to make the final decision. But the selection will be based upon a complete educational history, type of projects the architect has worked on, the costs involved in these projects as related to the estimated cost prior to construction and the final cost of the projects, and the satisfaction of the agency with the final project. He said that this should eliminate the possibility of unqualified architects being selected.

Mr. Loud asked Mr. Brabant how long it would take to complete this study. Mr. Brabant stated that speaking for himself, it would be 30 to 90 days. Mr. Roche agreed with Mr. Brabant on the timing of the completion of the report.

Mr. Mitchell told the Committee that Mr. Roche and he were planning to go to Ventura on October 4 for an interim hearing on the Sheriff-Marshal merger question. The Municipal and County Government Committee of the State Assembly will be hearing the matter.

Mr. Brabant asked how the merger would affect the Marshal's personnel as far as vacation time, overtime, pay, etc. Mr. Mitchell replied that fringe benefits would not be affected.

Mr. Chez asked if the Supervisors would be sending a representative to Ventura for the hearing. Mr. Mitchell said no. He felt the Board had done its part when it unanimously approved the Committee's report on the Sheriff-Marshal merger at the Board meeting on October 17, 1967.

Mr. Mitchell then called on Mr. Roche to report on the motion by Supervisor Dorn requesting the Committee to make further studies into possible consolidations of departments or functions of city and county government.

Mr. Roche stated that he was not at the Board meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 1968, when Supervisor Dorn made the motion, but that it was in accord with the Committee's current study on fire services.

Mr. Roche told the Committee that he had attended the annual conference of Independent Cities of Los Angeles County in Santa Barbara on September 20 and 21. One part of the program had been a debate on the consolidation of fire services. Mort Golden of the County Forester and Fire Warden and Howard Tipton, City Manager of Glendora spoke in favor. Orrin King and Neil Goodhart spoke against the consolidation. Mr. Golden and Mr. Tipton did an excellent job, but it was evident from some of the questions that there is strong opposition to consolidation.

Mr. Brabant asked if the Committee should get involved in the Proposition 9 issue. After discussion, it was decided that this was not an appropriate issue for the Committee.

It was decided tentatively that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, October 23.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Mitchell at 11:00 a.m.