

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

ROOM 163, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 974-1491

George E. Bodle, Chairperson
Dr. Carolyn L. Ellner, Vice Chairperson
Lauro J. Neri, Vice Chairperson
Gloria Starr, Vice Chairperson
Dr. Curtis Ventriss, Vice Chairperson

Susan Berk
John D. Byork
Margaret Paterson Carr
Anne S. Collins
Dr. Mario Di Giovanni
Milton G. Gordon
Mary Jane Kidd
Thomas F. Kranz
Dr. Richard G. Lillard
Abraham M. Lurie
Robert Ruchti, II
Dr. Warren H. Schmidt
Wally Thor
Bryan Walker

Commission Staff
John Campbell
Martha Ohanesian

MINUTES

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

December 3, 1980

Members Present:

George Bodle
Susan Berk
Muriel Bodek
John Byork
Anne Collins
Mario Di Giovanni
William Hoppock
Tom Kranz
Richard Lillard
Abe Lurie
Gloria Starr
Peter Tweedt
Curtis Ventriss

Members Excused:

Carolyn Ellner
Milton Gordon
Larry Neri
Wally Thor
Bryan Walker
Connie Worden

Members Absent:

Robert Ruchti

Guests

Patty Oertel
Dan Smith

George Bodle called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Attendance

On motion by Susan Berk, seconded by Dick Lillard, the commission unanimously excused the following absences: Carolyn Ellner, Milton Gordon, Larry Neri, Wally Thor, Bryan Walker and Connie Worden.

Introductions

George Bodle introduced Muriel (Mickey) Bodek, Supervisor Yvonne Burke's appointee. Mickey gave a brief description of her activities and interests.

George introduced Patty Oertel and Dan Smith from The Center for Nonprofit Management.

Announcements

Gloria Starr and John Campbell have met with the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women, Barbara Klein to establish lines of communication between our commissions. Gloria reported that there are a few areas of interest which are common to both of our commissions.

Carolyn Ellner, Peter Tweedt and John Campbell will be meeting next week with the Executive Director of the Transportation Commission, Rick Richmond, to establish lines of communication.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Contracting

As directed by Larry Neri and the task force, John Campbell gave an overview of contracting with the private sector (Proposition A).

Since the passage of Proposition A, our commission has monitored County progress on contracting. The Board of Supervisors established the Contract Services Advisory Committee to produce ideas for contracting. Larry's task force has been working jointly with this committee. The Chief Administrative Officer has a small staff (2 people) who are devoted to concentrating on getting the contracting option considered by County departments.

The County used contracting extensively before Proposition A, mostly in public works and health care. Since the passage of Proposition A two years ago, 33 new contracts have been authorized. Average savings exceed 30%.

After some discussion, Peter Tweedt moved and Susan Berk seconded that staff draft a letter to each Supervisor to state our request for funds for additional staff to work on contracting. Motion carried.

Incentives/Disincentives

The Board of Supervisors held its initial hearing on the civil service rules changes on Tuesday, December 2. The Board instructed County Counsel to prepare the necessary ordinances for implementation of the rules, and further instructed that they be placed on the Agenda for Board consideration, modification, rejection or approval on January 6, 1981.

Government Structure

Curtis Ventriss and John Campbell met with the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce at a breakfast meeting and presented the report on Challenge for the 80's. The Mayor of Monrovia offered to help form a coalition with other cities along the avenues expressed in the report. Susan Berk suggested we keep in touch periodically with those organizations we have met to inform them of the current status. This will enable the commission to build a network of support when the community is ready for change.

County Executive

John Campbell stated that if we are interested in having this issue on the ballot we have 18 months to conduct the necessary research and develop our proposals. There is quite a bit of work involved.

OTHER MATTERS

Supervisor Dana recommended and the Board adopted that County Counsel be directed to prepare ordinance amendments which will provide that the members of Boards and Commissions previously established by ordinance shall serve in the future at the pleasure of the Board. The Economy & Efficiency Commission is one of those specified.

Abe Lurie, Wally Thor, George Bodle and Carolyn Ellner are submitting requests for financial support to corporate philanthropic organizations.

The California Roundtable has informed John Campbell that they will not be able to participate with us in the Executive Loan Program.

Midori Tabata, our CORO Intern, has been researching court decisions and how they affect the personnel administration processes before they reach the Civil Service Commission.

Alex Pope, the County Assessor has asked us to conduct a study in the Assessor's Department on the issues of incentives, morale and operations. We are working with Catie Burke and the USC team on a proposal.

The next commission meeting will be on January 7, 1980.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.