

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

ROOM 372, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 825-3811, Ext. 84605

M I N U T E S

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1968
TIME: 9 A.M.
PLACE: ROOM 739 - HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

Raymond Arbuthnot
John C. Bollens
Davis Brabant
Max Candiotty
Myron J. Carr, Jr.
Maurice Rene Chez
Lynne A. Frantz
Harlan Loud
P. S. Magruder
Kiyoshi Maruyama
Irvin Mazzei
Maurice McAlister
Harold C. McClellan
Ferdinand Mendenhall
Robert Mitchell
Mrs. Benjamin Erick Smith
Burke Roche,
Executive Secretary

Attendance:

Robert Mitchell, Chairman
Raymond Arbuthnot
Davis Brabant
Maurice Rene Chez
Lynne Frantz
Dr. Warren S. Jones
Mrs. Ray Kidd
P. S. Magruder
Irvin Mazzei
Mrs. Benjamin Erick Smith
Burke Roche, Executive Secretary

Advisor:

L. S. Hollinger, Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. He stated that the first order of business was to introduce new Committee members. He introduced Dr. Warren S. Jones, Head of the Speech and Drama Department, Pepperdine College, who was appointed by Supervisor Hahn to replace Myron Carr. He then told the Committee that Lynne Frantz, Foreman of the 1967 Grand Jury was appointed to the Committee on a motion by Supervisor Chace. Each year, the retiring Grand Jury Foreman will serve one year with the E & E Committee. Mr. Mitchell said that he hoped Mr. Frantz would be able to attend today's meeting. Mr. Roche said that he had talked to Mr. Frantz and that he did plan to attend. He said that Mr. Frantz had appeared on the television show "Viewpoint" last Sunday and had been very effective.

Mr. Mitchell announced the sudden death of Earl Burns Miller, a new appointee to the Committee. He said that Supervisor Chace had appointed Mr. Gus A. Walker, President of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Long Beach to replace Mr. Miller. He said he had talked to Mr. Walker by phone and had explained the operation of the Committee to him.

Mr. Mitchell then asked Mr. Hollinger to report on a letter from Mr. George A. Sirius and a recommendation from the Grand Jury.

Mr. Hollinger stated that the Board of Supervisors had received a letter from the Grand Jury recommending a committee to cut costs, to consist of three members - one each from the Budget Division and Management Services Division of the Chief Administrative Office and one from the Auditor-Controller. Mr. Hollinger felt it was not a good idea because it would take two of his staff men away from their individual offices for quite a long period of time. It was decided not to undertake this study. The committee agreed with Mr. Hollinger.

Mr. Frantz arrived at the meeting (9:30 a.m.). Mr. Mitchell asked him what he thought of the proposed committee to cut costs. Mr. Frantz stated that he agreed entirely with the Chief Administrative Officer's report to the Board.

Mr. Chez asked why the Committee did not backtrack and go over recommendations that had not yet been investigated in regard to past Grand Jury recommendations.

Mr. Hollinger stated that the Board must answer all Grand Jury recommendations within 60 days. If he and the Board do not agree on the Grand Jury recommendations, they do not pass them. The same would be true if the Committee should backtrack and pick up old Grand Jury recommendations and re-submit them to the Board.

Mr. Roche told the Committee that before Mr. Mitchell's vacation, the two of them had gotten in touch with Francis McLaughlin, the County Legislative Representative. Mr. Roche and Mr. Arbuthnot had had lunch with Dan Ritter and Bill Broom of the Long Beach Independent Press-Telegram to give them material on the Sheriff-Marshal campaign. Shortly after the luncheon meeting, an article appeared in the paper. Mr. Roche stated that he had not seen the article as yet, but understood it was a very good article in the Committee's favor.

Mr. Mitchell asked if the members had heard the committee's rebuttal on KNX radio in answer to its editorial.

Mr. Arbuthnot asked Mr. Hollinger if there was a County clipping service the Committee could use to keep up with the publicity on the Sheriff-Marshal campaign.

Mr. Roche said that the Sheriff's office is keeping a very good file on the publicity. Mr. Arbuthnot said the Committee should not depend on the Sheriff - it was up to the Committee itself to get all of the material so that it would be ready for the Sacramento campaign.

Mr. Mitchell told Mr. Mazzei that he hoped to get the support of the AFL-CIO. Mr. Mazzei stated that before he could personally endorse the proposal, he would have to get an okay from his organization. He suggested that Mr. Roche write letters to the labor organizations in order to get their support on the campaign.

Mr. Mitchell asked for volunteers for the Sheriff-Marshal Committee and the Salary Survey Committee. The Sheriff-Marshal Committee will consist of: Mrs. Smith, Ray Arbuthnot, Dr. Jones, Lynne Frantz, and Irvin Mazzei. The Salary Survey Committee will consist of: Mr. Magruder, Chairman, Maurice Rene Chez, Max Candiotty, and Maurice McAlister. Mr. Mitchell will serve as an ex officio member of both committees.

Mr. Mitchell called for a discussion of the campaign strategy for the Sheriff-Marshal proposal.

Mrs. Smith suggested that all of the Committee members send letters and telegrams to their Assemblymen and have their friends and relatives do the same. She said this would be a good campaign tactic.

Mr. Magruder agreed with Mrs. Smith, but stated that this campaign would have to be State-wide in order to be effective.

Mr. Mazzei said he had a list of union members who were set up so that they could mail out approximately 250,000 pieces within 24 hours.

Mr. Roche told the Committee that the Marshal had two men in Sacramento who were taking a "vacation". He said they were presently contacting everyone regarding their proposed bill. He said that the Marshal had raised a considerable amount of money to finance this opposition campaign.

Mrs. Smith suggested giving a cocktail party for the Assemblymen.

Mr. Mitchell asked Mrs. Smith who would pay for the party.

He stated that not only was the cost of such a party a problem, but there was also the problem of something being made out of the entire thing - not only by the Assemblymen, but the news media as well. He said that some of the Committee members might get in touch with Governor Reagan. Possibly he could be convinced to include the proposal in his administrative recommendations.

Mr. Magruder suggested contacting the League of Women Voters and the Mayors of all the cities.

Mr. Mazzei suggested contacting the NAACP and MAPA for support.

Mr. Mitchell said that the Committee might be able to get some support from the Superior Court Judges.

Mr. Loud suggested the California Taxpayers Association.

Mr. Mitchell instructed Mr. Roche to make up a letter for the Committee members to sign and send to the Assemblymen. He said that other material explaining the proposal should be included with the cover letter.

Mr. Roche told the Committee that he had a list of all the Assemblymen with him. Mr. Mitchell read off the names of the Assemblymen and the Committee members chose the ones they knew or the ones in whose district they lived.

Mr. Roche said he would draft a letter and send a copy to each member to be used as a guide.

Mrs. Smith suggested that the letters go out on letterhead.

Mr. Arbuthnot suggested a form letter that each member could add a personal note to if he liked. The Committee members agreed with this suggestion.

Mr. Roche told the Committee that Bill Mayer had again requested admittance to the Committee meeting. Mr. Roche then said that Harlan Loud had arranged a meeting for the two of them to see Ben Ritter, head of the paper Mr. Mayer works for.

Mr. Chez asked if any of television networks had been contacted. Mr. Roche said he was presently in the process of contacting all of the news media, but he did not want to have all the coverage at one time.

Mr. Mitchell told the Committee that Mr. Roche had drafted a letter in answer to an article which had appeared in the "Letter to the Editor" column of the Times newspaper. He read the letter to get the Committee's views on it. After the letter was revised, it was decided to have it sent out as soon as possible.

Mr. Mitchell then told the Committee members who had not attended the luncheon with the Board of Supervisors what had occurred during the luncheon.

Mr. Chez stated that one of the good things which resulted from the meeting was that it was decided that three of the five Supervisors must concur with the one Supervisor who requests anything from the Committee before it is released to him.

Mr. Mitchell suggested that the next Committee meeting include members of the County press corps. The Committee members agreed and set the date and time for Friday, February 9, at 12 Noon, in the Music Center.

Wednesday, February 14, 1968, was decided as the next Full Committee meeting date.

Mr. Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.