

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

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M I N U T E S

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, September 16, 1969
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Hall of Administration, Room 739

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

Members Present:

Robert Mitchell, Chairman
Dr. John C. Bollens
Davis Brabant
John Byork
Maurice Chez
Roc Cutri
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Harlan Loud
Phil Magruder
Kiyoshi Maruyama
Irvin Mazzei
L. E. McKee
George Shellenberger
Mrs. Benjamin Smith
Gus Walker

Members Absent:

Raymond Arbuthnot (County Fair)
Dr. Warren Jones
Ferdinand Mendenhall
Louis Rogers (In New York)
William Torrence (Court)

Mr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. He introduced the new member of the committee, Mr. Roc Cutri, who was appointed by Supervisor Bonelli.

Mr. Mitchell said that Mr. Torrence had appeared before the meeting started and explained that he had a subpoena to appear in court and would be unable to stay for the meeting. He said that the number of members on the committee is now fixed at twenty.

Mr. Magruder was asked to report on the progress of the Capital Projects Sub-Committee. He reported that they were still gathering information, and that it was a very complex subject. He reviewed the four methods of financing capital projects: (1) the general obligation bond, which was the most reasonable; (2) the Retirement Board; (3) non-profit corporation; and, (4) joint powers authority. It is taking time to formulate conclusions, but the committee is meeting regularly.

Mr. Mitchell asked the other members of the sub-committee if they had anything to add to the report. Mr. Brabant said he had felt for a long time that not only the method of financing a project but the need for the project should be submitted to the voters.

Mr. Chez thought the public needed to be educated to the fact that the cheapest form of financing is the general obligation bond. If the public turns the bonds down, the facility is usually built anyway at greater cost.

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Mr. Shellenberger wondered how many of the buildings now under construction are really needed.

Mr. Walker said that he was interested in the comments of the County Treasurer and thought he should be commended for keeping the idle funds invested and working well for the County.

Mr. McKee thought the report had covered the progress of the committee. He wanted to add that the more he talked to department heads, the more he was impressed with their competence. He thought they were doing a good job, and the County was fortunate in having dedicated employees.

Dr. Bollens stated that there is a case proceeding through the courts right now that will reduce the two-thirds majority vote needed on bond issues. The lower court has negated the two-thirds vote at this point. Mr. Roche stated that this is on the principle of one man, one vote, and it is a good guess that the two-thirds majority vote will be ruled unconstitutional.

Mr. Mitchell said the next item was the County Charter Study. He stated there would be no sub-committee appointed for this study. Instead he would appoint a task force to work with Dr. Bollens. He appointed Mr. Mazzei, Mr. Shellenberger, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Chez as members of the task force. Dr. Bollens will act as chairman.

Dr. Bollens reported that the committee would be looking into two large topics, (1) the organization of executive activities; and, (2) the question of expanding the Board of Supervisors. There are a number of local people who should be invited to present their views to the committee. In addition, people from other areas who have knowledge and experience in these subjects should be invited to Los Angeles with expenses paid to talk to the committee.

Mr. Mazzei said he agreed that the committee should extend specific invitations to certain people, but he also felt the committee should consider requests by others who wished to appear before the committee. Mr. Mitchell agreed.

Dr. Bollens said that perhaps several public hearings could be held at the end of the series so that others who requested in advance to make a statement could appear before the committee.

The question was raised regarding expenses of people asked to appear. Mr. Mitchell said he would confer with Supervisor Debs on this matter.

In the absence of Mr. Torrence, Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Roche to report on the progress of the Fire Services Consolidation Study. Mr. Roche reported that the sub-committee is still developing information on the feasibility of consolidation. The next phase of the study will consist of interviews with officials in various cities, including cities which belong to the Consolidated Fire District and cities which do not. The sub-committee is interested in the experience and opinion of those officials who support the consolidation concept and those who do not.

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Mr. Mitchell called on Mr. Roche to report on the Sheriff-Marshal merger. Mr. Roche reported that he has been invited to appear before the Grand Jury next Thursday, September 18th, as a representative of the committee. The Marshal and the Sheriff will make presentations. For the benefit of the new members, Mr. Roche reviewed the background of the committee's study on the merger of the Sheriff-Marshal bailiff and civil process functions.

After a brief discussion, the date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, October 1, 1969, 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Mazzei said he would be unable to attend any meetings for three weeks beginning the first of October as he would be attending a convention out of town.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.