

**San Benito County
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING**

August 18, 2011 2:00 P.M.

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair De La Cruz, Director Boch, Director Botelho, Director Gomez, and Alternate Director Valdivia

STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Transportation Planning Manager, Mary Gilbert; Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo; Secretary, Monica Gomez

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair De La Cruz called the meeting to order at 2:43 p.m.

A. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Upon a motion duly made by Director Botelho, and seconded by Director Boch, the Directors unanimously acknowledged the Certificate of Posting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approve** LTA Transaction Report (Financial Claims) dated July 2011 – Postigo
- 2. Approve** Local Transportation Authority Draft Meeting Minutes Dated July 21, 2011 – Gomez
- 3. California Emergency Management Agency Funding – LiOwen**
 - a. **Receive** Report on Available Funding from the California Emergency Management Agency and Eligible Projects from San Benito County
 - b. **Adopt** Resolution 11-03 and 11-04 Authorizing Executive Director and/or Transportation Planning Manager to Execute All Necessary Documents to Obtain Fiscal Year 2009/2010 and Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Funding from the California Emergency Management Agency.
 - c. **Authorize** Chair to Sign Authorizing Agent Forms for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 and Fiscal Year 2010/2011

Upon a motion duly made by Director Botelho, and seconded by Director Gomez, the Directors unanimously approved Items 1-3 from the Consent agenda, with Director Valdivia abstaining on Item 2.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 4. Approve and Direct** Staff to Release Request for Proposals #2011-01 for On-Board Security Camera System – LiOwen

Ms. Gilbert reported on behalf of Ms. LiOwen.

Ms. Gilbert reported that the Local Transportation Authority received funding from the California Transit Security Grant Program – California Transit Assistance Fund to improve the security on its County

Express and Specialized Transportation services. There is approximately \$53,749 available to fund Phase One of the On-Board Security Camera project.

Director Botelho questioned if the cameras were warranted. He stated that it was a lot of money to be spending on cameras, “the equivalent of one public employee.”

Director Gomez stated that it was difficult to understand that the state is bankrupt, yet, there are funds available from the state to be used to purchase cameras.

Ms. Gilbert stated that staff viewed the cameras as a benefit for the transit system as there have been incident reports in the past where continuous recording would have been beneficial in the investigations. Ms. Gilbert reminded Board members that the funds can't be used for anything else.

Director Valdivia stated that she supported the purchase of cameras as they would serve as a safety precaution, especially for the seniors and disabled clients of Jovenes de Antaño.

Director Valdivia made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. The motion died for lack of a second.

Chair De La Cruz directed staff to return the funds to the state once they are received.

There was no public comment on this item.

Upon a motion made by Director Gomez, and seconded by Director Botelho, the Directors unanimously voted to adjourn the LTA meeting.

ADJOURN TO LTA MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2011.