

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

January 17, 2013 2:00 P.M.

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tony Weir, Sherriff's Department

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Botelho called the meeting to order at 2:46 p.m.

A. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Valdivia, the Directors unanimously acknowledged the Certificate of Posting.

B. ELECT LTA Chairperson for 2013

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Boch, the Directors unanimously appointed Anthony Botelho as LTA Chair for 2013.

C. ELECT LTA Vice Chairperson for 2013

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Boch, the Directors unanimously appointed Ignacio Velazquez as LTA Vice Chairperson for 2013.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Joe Thompson
Tres Pinos, CA**

Mr. Thompson stated that the LTA is a complete "unmitigated disaster." He stated that he would like to repeat and have as a standing objection for every one of the future meetings, his continued opposition to the transit system in this County.

Mr. Thompson submitted a Public Records Act Request to COG's secretary, requesting the Farebox Recovery Rate.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approve** LTA Transaction Report (Financial Claims) dated December 2012 – Postigo
- 2. Approve** Local Transportation Authority Draft Meeting Minutes Dated December 20, 2012 – Gomez

3. **Receive** Jovenes de Antaño Specialized Transportation Services Monthly Service Report for the Month of November 2012 – LiOwen
4. **Receive** County Express Monthly Service Report for the Month of November 2012 – LiOwen
Chair Botelho pulled Item 4 to allow Public Comment.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Scattini, and seconded by Director De La Cruz, the Directors approved Items 1-3 of the Consent Agenda with an abstention on Item 3 by Director Valdivia.

Item 4

Joe Thompson
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Mr. Thompson stated that the report does not include the Farebox Recovery Rate. He stated that the November 2012 Year-to-Year Comparison Report states that the buses are averaging the movement of 6 passengers per hour. He stated that the taxpayers' money is being used for the Boards "philanthropy".

Director De La Cruz stated that he expected to have a higher number in 2012. He inquired about the difference in the year-to-year comparison.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that staff would have to look into it and report back to Director De La Cruz.

Director Scattini asked if the report is comparing the two years, 2011 and 2012.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that the report only compares the actual month, November 2011 compared to November 2012.

Director Scattini stated that he would prefer seeing the entire year 12 month total.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that staff would provide the information to Director Scattini. She mentioned that staff provides a broader analysis in the Quarterly Report.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Scattini, and seconded by Director De La Cruz, the Directors approved Items 4 of the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. **Radio Equipment and Infrastructure Upgrade Project** – Gilbert
 - a. **REJECT** One Unresponsive Proposal and **Accept** Two Responsive Proposals in Response to Local Transportation Authority Request for Proposals #2012-03 for Public Transit Radio Equipment
 - b. **Authorize** the Executive Director to Purchase Radios from the Highest Ranked Firm, Emergency Vehicle Specialists, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$43,000

Ms. Gilbert reported that the Local Transportation Authority issued a Request for Proposals seeking qualified respondents to propose a radio system upgrade for the Local Transportation Authority. The selected firm will be providing new mobile radios on the public buses. The firm will also provide new base stations at the Local Transportation Authority's two dispatching locations.

The Local Transportation Authority received two responsive proposals. The firms were Peninsula Communications, Inc. of Salinas and Emergency Vehicle Specialists (EVS) of Hollister. These responsive proposals were reviewed by Local Transportation Authority staff and the communications coordinator for the San Benito County Sheriff's department.

Overall, both firms scored well in all categories; however, the evaluators determined that EVS's technical

approach and proposed product were of higher quality and better matched the needs of the Local Transportation Authority.

EVS will be replacing all mobile radios and providing heavy duty antennae on each vehicle, which will reduce future maintenance costs and provide a better experience for the radio users. EVS will also be installing new base stations at both dispatch locations. This local firm currently provides service to the San Benito County Sheriff's department, the Hollister Police Department, the City of Hollister and the San Benito High School District.

There was discussion amongst the Board and staff regarding the selection process and the equipment that will be provided by the selected firm.

Tony Weir from the Sheriff's Department stated that he worked with staff on this process as he has also been working with COG staff on the Park Hill Radio Tower Project, which will include COG's antennae on the new tower. He stated that the buses would have voice communication from the bus to the dispatch center, as well as an emergency panic button on the buses. He noted that EVS's proposal was very clear and concise about what they were going to provide and it was a complete solution. They would provide everything up to and including the computer that is going to run software on the dispatcher's console. Peninsula's proposals did not include computers. He noted that the Sheriff's Department has experience with EVS, they have been outstanding and their response time is great. They maintain the Sheriff's infrastructure and vehicles, as well as the Hollister Police Department vehicles.

After brief discussion, the Board directed staff to provide a breakdown of the evaluation points for any future proposals in the staff reports.

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Valdivia, the Directors unanimously approved Item 5 as noted above.

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

ADJOURN TO LTA MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2013.