



APRIL 13, 2017
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, Humboldt County Courthouse, Eureka, with Chair Fennell presiding.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Estelle Fennell, Virginia Bass, Gordon Johnson, Debra Lake, Robert McPherson, and Troy Nicolini
Members Absent: Sue Long
Alternates Present: None
Alternates Absent: Skip Jorgensen, Frank Scolari, and Ryan Sundberg
Staff: George Williamson, Executive Officer
Colette Metz, Administrator

4. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A) Reconsideration of Executive Officer Action: Extension of Sewer Services Outside the City of Arcata Boundary to 1705 Buttermilk Lane

Executive Officer Williamson discussed the emergency services request, executive officer action, and reconsideration request. Commissioner McPherson noted his request for reconsideration was primarily to ensuring the costs and timing for the hookup and resulting annexation were fair and equitable to the property owners.

David Loya, Arcata Community Development Director, described the city's efforts to process the services extension and annexation approvals concurrently, and summarized the applicant's fees and costs for connection. Mr. Loya noted that since the initial application was made, 296 days had passed to process the necessary General Plan Amendment, USB amendment, and zone change, which required Planning Commission and City Council hearings.

Joseph Hall, resident of 1705 Buttermilk Lane, explained his family's hardship living with a failing septic system, and explained how they have been relying on an existing leach line still working for part of the house but that it's old and unreliable.

Commissioner Johnson conveyed interest for the city to consider ways to streamline the approval process. Commissioner Nicolini recommended the Commission consider best practices for processing connections and annexations. The Commission directed staff to bring back a discussion of best practices at a subsequent meeting.

Motion Nicolini/Bass to affirm the Executive Officer action on March 31, 2017, authorizing the emergency services extension to 1705 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata. Motion passed by roll call vote of 6-0-0.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Commission, May 17, 2017, is cancelled. A special meeting of the Commission will be held on May 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, Humboldt County Courthouse, Eureka.