

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA



Tuesday, October 28, 2003, 9:15 A.M.

BOARD HEARING ROOM, FIRST FLOOR
10 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, California

THOMAS W. WILSON
Chairman
Fifth District

JAMES W. SILVA
Vice Chairman
Second District

CHARLES V. SMITH
First District

BILL CAMPBELL
Third District

CHRIS NORBY
Fourth District

ATTENDANCE: All Present

PRESENT: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
COUNTY COUNSEL
CLERK OF THE BOARD

James D. Ruth, Interim CEO
Benjamin P. de Mayo
Darlene J. Bloom

CLOSED SESSION (Item CS-1)

CS-1. **County Executive Office** – Closed Session

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:

Title: County Executive Officer

B.O. **HELD, THE CHAIRMAN READ: BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE BOARD APPOINTED JAMES D. RUTH AS COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH HIM ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD. MR. RUTH HAS COMMITTED TO SERVING AS THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS. COPIES OF THE CONTRACT WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM DIANE THOMAS LATER TODAY. IN THE NINE MONTHS THAT JIM'S BEEN WITH US, NUMEROUS DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING ISSUES HAVE PRESENTED THEMSELVES TO US, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS THE IMPACT OF THE STATE'S BUDGET DEFICIT. THIS BOARD RECOGNIZES THAT TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS WE CAN MAKE TO THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTY ARE IMPROVING THE WORKING STRUCTURE OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND HIRING A CEO TO OVERSEE ITS OPERATION AND SUCCESS. WE HAVE INTERVIEWED MANY FINE CANDIDATES AS A RESULT OF OUR EXHAUSTIVE, NATIONWIDE SEARCH. HOWEVER, AS WE ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES THAT FACE US, JIM'S WILLINGNESS TO STAY ANOTHER 12 MONTHS PROVIDES THE CONTINUITY AND STABILITY NEEDED TO COMPLETE SOME PROJECTS BEGUN AND TO PREPARE A FRESH START FOR A LONG-TERM CEO. JIM RUTH IS A MAN OF GREAT VISION AND THE TYPE OF**

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LEADER WHO CAN BRING DIVERSE GROUPS OF PEOPLE TOGETHER TO FIND COMMON SOLUTIONS. HE IS A HIGHLY TALENTED EXECUTIVE MANAGER WHO HAS THE ABILITY TO SEE THE BIG PICTURE AS WELL AS THE BUILDING BLOCKS NEEDED TO MAKE THE VISION A REALITY. THE BOARD APPRECIATES HIS COMMITMENT TO THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR WORK WITH HIM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BOARD COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNED: 9:35 A.M.

*** KEY ***

Left Margin Notes

- 1. = Supervisor Smith
- 2. = Supervisor Silva
- 3. = Supervisor Campbell
- 4. = Supervisor Norby
- 5. = Chairman Wilson

Right Margin Notes

- A. = Abstained
- X. = Excused
- N. = No
- BO = Board Order
- O. = Ordinance
- R. = Resolution

Above numbers refer to Supervisorial Districts (1st number = Moved by; 2nd number = Seconded by)

*THOMAS W. WILSON, CHAIRMAN
Orange County Board of Supervisors*

*DARLENE J. BLOOM
Orange County Clerk of the Board*