

**Chairman:**  
Robert Meacher

**Commissioners:**  
Jim Krantz  
Bill Kennedy  
Terry Swofford  
John Larrieu

**Executive Officer**  
(Interim)  
John McMorrow

**Clerk:**  
Nancy Fluke



**LAFCo**

*The Local Agency Formation  
Commission Serving Plumas County*

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**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS  
PLUMAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
QUINCY, CALIFORNIA

**CLOSED SESSION - CONVENES AT 9:30 A.M.**

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL** - Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, one case, John M. Gullixson vs. Plumas LAFCo

**Commission is prepared to announce the acceptance of a final settlement agreement between the Commission and John Gullixson.**

2. **PERSONNEL: APPOINTMENT / EMPLOYMENT (Executive Officer)** – Pursuant to Government Code §54954.5

**Commission is prepared to announce the selection of John Benoit as Executive Officer.**

**OPEN SESSION**

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 10:22 A.M.**
2. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Supervisor Meacher, Supervisor Swofford, Jim Krantz, John Larrieu, and Bill Kennedy.

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** John Benoit, Executive Officer, Dan Wilson, Alternate LAFCo Commissioner, and Nancy Fluke, Clerk.

3. **CONSENT ITEM(S)**

**A. Approval of Agenda.**

Meacher asks if there are any changes or corrections to the Agenda. Hearing none, Meacher calls for a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion is made by Larrieu, Krantz seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

**B. Approval of Minutes** – Postponed to a future date.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

*Members of the public are invited to address the Commission on any matter of interest to the public that is not on the agenda for a period of time not exceeding 5 minutes. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Commission cannot take any action on items not listed on the posted agenda but may add to a future agenda matters brought up under public comments for appropriate action at a future meeting.*

Larry Douglass, attendee, expresses his concerns about the cost of the transition to the new Executive Officer and also the future level of professionalism of Plumas LAFCo. Douglass specifically lists the following items of concern to him:

- Involvement of Plumas LAFCo with the Plumas County Planning Department is in violation of the law;
- Past irresponsible management should not be continued;
- The Commission needs to be ethical;
- Closed sessions are wrong;
- Settlement with Gullixson not done yet.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTION**

Meacher makes the announcement of the selection of John Benoit for the position of Executive Officer.

**6. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT - Approval of Agreement between Plumas LAFCo and the Candidate Selected for Executive Officer Services**

Meacher states that Benoit has approved a contract with verbage added that Benoit will provide a monthly financial report to the Commission. Benoit states for the record that he did not author the contract. Alison Neufeld, Attorney, states she is the author of the contract. Discussion and clarification takes place among Commissioners and Beniot regarding the following:

- Handling application fees;
- Legal costs;
- Staffing;
- Training costs;
- Exhibit A should be Exhibit B;
- Page 2 – Date at the bottom should be 9/28/09;
- Independent Contractor language;

Discussion concludes and Meacher calls for a motion. Kennedy moves that the Commission approves the agreement between Plumas LAFCo and John Benoit. Swofford seconds the motion, and the following roll call vote is recorded:

**Ayes:** Kennedy, Larrieu, Krantz, Meacher, and Swofford.  
**Noes:** None.  
**Abstain:** None.  
**Absent:** None

**7. BUDGET AMENDMENTS - Discussion and Possible Action to approve amended budget**

Meacher states that the Plumas LAFCo Budget Committee will need to meet with John McMorrow and John Benoit to discuss amendments to the budget. Swofford states a meeting of the Budget Committee will follow this meeting and a report will be given at the next Plumas LAFCo meeting.

**8. MATTERS PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONERS**

Deferred to the next Plumas LAFCo meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business on the agenda, Meacher adjourns the meeting at 11:12 a.m. to a Special Meeting, on Friday, October 16, 2009, 10:00 a.m., in the Board of Supervisors Room, Plumas County Courthouse, Quincy, California.

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Supervisor Robert Meacher  
Plumas LAFCo Chairman

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Nancy Fluke  
Clerk