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ORDINANCE NO. 4905

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 4627 AND ENACTING A NEW ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 4627 adopted October 24, 2006 sets the compensation and benefits of the members of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to adjust certain benefits to align with those received by elected department heads; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is authorized by the California Constitution Article XI § 1(b) to set compensation of its members, subject to referendum:

THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The biweekly compensation for the overtime exempt position of Supervisor, Elective of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, Class #7260 (Supervisor), is \$3,238.47 biweekly. Supervisors shall also receive the following benefits at the same levels as Elected Department Heads: benefit allowance of \$278.24 biweekly; County contribution to health insurance of up to \$303.47 twice monthly; County contribution to dental insurance, of \$13.03 twice monthly; auto allowance, of \$225.00 biweekly; County paid term life insurance in the amount of \$50,000; County paid long-term Disability Insurance; Retiree Medical Benefits, restricted to those who were County employees before June 25, 2015 and eliminated for those hired on or after that date; and membership in the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System in the applicable Plan based on date of hire.

The biweekly compensation for the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is \$3,303.24 biweekly, being compensation for Supervisor plus approximately \$1,684.02 additional annual compensation in light of the additional duties of the Chair of the Board.

SECTION 2.

Ordinance No. 4627 is repealed in its entirety and superseded by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3.

Pursuant to Government Code § 25123.5, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force sixty (60) days from the date of its passage; and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage it, or a summary of it, shall be published once, with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same in the Santa Barbara News Press, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Santa Barbara.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2240

> Department Name: Department No.:

CEO 062

For Agenda Of:

March 10, 2014

Placement: **Estimated Time:** Departmental 30 minutes

Continued Item:

Select Continued

If Yes, date from:

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Majority

TO:

Board of Supervisors

FROM: Select From Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer, 568-3404

Contact Info:

Jeri Muth, Human Resources Director, 568-2816

SUBJECT:

Report from Ad Hoc Committee Formed to Review Board of Supervisors'

Salary

County Counsel Concurrence As to form: Select Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Other Concurrence: Select Other As to form: Select Concurrence

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Receive a report from the Ad Hoc Committee formed to review Board of Supervisors' salary and provide direction to staff related to the setting of Board member salaries; and
- 2. Determine that these actions are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review as they are not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378 (b) (2).

Summary Text:

The Board is asked to receive a report presented on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee formed to review Board salaries and consider whether to direct staff to return with an Ordinance to effect a salary increase, the amount of that increase, any incremental increases, and methodologies for future increases for Board member salaries to ensure fair and equitable salaries into the future. Any Ordinance changing Supervisorial salaries becomes effective 60 days after its adoption.

Background:

On November 4, 2014, staff brought forward recommended changes to the salary and benefits for elected department directors, moving their salaries closer to market and equalizing benefits with appointed department directors. Staff also sought direction on Board member compensation, noting that the Santa Barbara County Supervisors' salaries were 30% less than Supervisors of comparable counties and had not been increased since 2006. At the November 4, 2014 meeting, your Board directed the County Executive Officer (CEO) to form a special citizen's committee for the purpose reviewing Board member salaries. The CEO invited individuals from Chambers of Commerce, the non-profit sector, corporate leaders, and the Taxpayer's Association to participate in reviewing salaries as well as identifying mechanisms for maintaining fair compensation into the future for members of the Board of Supervisors.

At the invitation of the CEO, the following individuals volunteered to serve on the Board Salary Ad Hoc Committee:

Chair – Jack Boysen, Chief Financial Officer, Good Samaritan and Santa Maria City Council Member

Vice-Chair - Ken Oplinger, President and CEO, Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce

Member - Chris Ames, Immediate Past Chair, Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce

Member – Joe Armendariz, Executive Director, Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association

Member - Janet Garufis, President and CEO, Montecito Bank and Trust

Member - Debbie Horne, Human Resources Director, CMC Rescue

The Committee was a Brown Act body and all meetings were publicly noticed. The Committee met on December 16, 2014, and January 15 and 27, 2015 to review and discuss Board of Supervisors salaries. The Committee met a final time on February 23, 2015 to review the Board Letter and provide input for the final document.

During the review of Board member salaries, the Committee considered factors such as:

- 1. A 25-year history of Santa Barbara County Board member compensation, as well as the rationale for any changes that occurred (Attachment A);
- The population, percentage of unincorporated area, size (square miles), and cost of living factors for a number of counties (Attachment B). This review resulted in the Committee identifying seven "peer" counties for use in comparisons: Marin, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Stanislaus, and Tulare;

3. The average salaries of County of Santa Barbara managers and executives:

Average Manager (non-executive) - \$98,074

 Average Executive - \$147,780 (appointed department heads and assistant department heads)

Average Assistant Department Head - \$128,360

Average Department Head - \$167,200

 Because a number of counties base Board members' salaries on a percentage of the salary of a superior court judge, the Committee also requested salary data for judges in the State of California:

Assignment	Annual Salary
Presiding Judge (15 or more judges)	\$191,994
Presiding Judge (2 to 14 judges)	\$188,302
Judge	\$184,610

- 5. The typical day-to-day duties of a Board member:
 - · Establish public policy
 - Pass and repeal laws (ordinances)
 - Adopt the annual County budget and ensure that the recommended and adopted budget of the County and its dependent districts are balanced
 - Set parameters for union negotiations and approve contracts with unions
 - Oversee County departments through the CEO
 - · Direct and control litigation
 - · Attend Board of Supervisor meetings
 - · Serve on various boards, commissions, or special districts
 - · Make appointments to boards, committees, and commissions
 - Create officers, boards, and commissions as needed, appointing the members and fixing the terms of office

- · Receive, investigate, and respond to citizen concerns
- Awarding all contracts except those that are within the authority delegated to the County Purchasing Agent
- · Conduct public hearings on land-use and other matters
- · Appoint most County department heads, except elected officials
- · Approve salary and benefits for all County officials and employees
- Approve and allocate positions/approve reductions in workforce
- · Declare state of emergency
- Stipends received by Board members for serving on boards, commissions, and committees:

Board/Commission/ Committee	Stipend Amount	Mileage
SBCAG	\$100 (no more than \$400 a month)	No
LAFCO	\$150 per meeting (typically 1 meeting a month)	No
APCD	None	No
CENCAL	\$100 per meeting (6 meetings a year)	Available if not using County car
C3H	None	No
Retirement	\$100 per meeting	Available but not currently used

- 7. Peer county Board member salaries, rationale used in setting salaries, and a comparison of Santa Barbara Board member salaries to the 25th, 37.5th, 50th, and 75th percentiles, as well as to the average salary of peer counties (Attachment C). The updated salary comparison showed Santa Barbara County Supervisors' base salaries to be 29.2% below the 50th percentile (or median) of Board member salaries in peer counties, and 19.5% below the 50th percentile when annual base salary was combined with additional compensation; and
- 8. The impact on Board member salaries had they received a cost-of-living increase from 2007 through 2014, the years during which their salaries remained unchanged (Attachment D). Had Board members' salaries been adjusted using the CPI over those years, salaries would be 19.4% higher today.

Committee Findings:

As reflected on the Minutes of the January 27, 2014 Committee meeting (Attachment E), the findings of the Committee are as follows:

- 1. Five of the six members agreed that the seven peer counties identified by the Committee were the appropriate comparisons for the County of Santa Barbara, both for the purpose of their review as well as future salary reviews.
- 2. Four of the members agreed that the target for Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors' salaries should be the 50th percentile of peer counties; one member felt that the 37.5th percentile (midway between 25th and 50th percentile) was more appropriate; and one member suggested that salaries should remain unchanged and any future increases should be related to the cost-of-living and require the elimination of a car allowance that went into effect February 2, 2015. The 50th percentile of peer counties is currently \$108,775 and the 37.5th percentile is \$94,980.
- For future adjustments, the majority felt that Board of Supervisor salary surveys should be conducted every three years with any adjustments to be based on salary survey data.
- 4. As to timing and method of implementing an increase, there was no consensus except that the Committee recommended the Board be provided with some examples of incremental increases to achieve a target of the 50th percentile as well as a target of the 37.5 percentile of the 2014 salary survey results in a reasonable amount of time.

Examples of Potential Incremental Increases:

The following two charts illustrate the number of incremental increases that would be required to move Board member salaries to a target of the 50th and 37.5th percentile of the 2014 salary data, respectively.

The first chart illustrates that increasing Board members' annual base salary from \$84,200 to the approximate 50th percentile could potentially entail four increases of 6.5%, which would bring salaries to \$108,320. When considering base salary plus additional elements of compensation, bringing salaries to the 50th percentile target, could potentially entail four increases of 5.6%, which would bring compensation to \$125,385.

Current	50 th	Incremental Increase Methodology
Board	Percentile	
Member	of Market	
Salary		

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Annual Base Salary	84,200	108,775	4 increases of 6.5% to get to the approximate 2014 target (\$108,320)
Annual Salary w/ Additional Compensation	104,880	125,353	4 increases of 5.6% to get to the approximate 2014 target (\$125,385)

This second chart demonstrates a similar incremental salary increase approach based on reaching a target of the 37.5th percentile of 2014 peer salary data. In this example, four increases of 3% would result in an annual base salary of \$94,768, the approximate 37.5th percentile. It would only take three increases of 2.5% to bring salaries plus additional compensation received to the 37.5th percentile, approximately \$111,354.

	Current Board Member Salary	37.5 th Percentile of Market	Incremental Increase Methodology
Annual Base Salary	84,200	94,980	4 increases of 3% to get to the approximate 2014 target (\$94,768)
Annual Salary w/ Additional Compensation	104,880	111,263	3 increases of 2.5% to get to the approximate 2014 target (\$111,354)

In any of the scenarios displayed on the charts above, it should be noted that increases are intended to move salaries toward the 2014 market target and, if increases occurred annually over three or four years, it is highly likely that peer county Board member salaries will also increase, and Santa Barbara County Supervisors salaries would lag behind 2018 or 2019 37.5th or 50th percentiles.

The additional suggestion to eliminate the car allowance and increase salaries based on the cost-of-living, would likely result in a net decrease in compensation as the 2014 CPI was 2.1% and the car allowance represents approximately 7.1% in compensation.

Potential Board Actions:

Should the Board wish to address salaries, the following factors should be considered:

- 1. The target for future salaries (e.g., the 25th, 50th, 37.5th, 75th percentile of peer counties, or something else, such as matching the annual CPI.) The Committee majority recommends the 50th percentile.
- 2. The timing for any initial increase and any additional increases. There was no recommendation on timing, but examples demonstrate potential timing.
- If directing incremental increases, determine the number of incremental increases and the amount of each. There was no recommendation on timing, but examples demonstrate potential timing.

- 4. The recommended mechanism for salary adjustments in the future. The Committee majority recommends evaluating every three years after conducting a new salary survey of peer counties.
- 5. Any additional direction to staff.

Attachments:

Attachment A - 25-Year Salary History of Board of Supervisors

Attachment B - Comparison - Peer Counties (population, unincorporated area, cost-of-living)

Attachment C - Updated Board Salary Survey

Attachment D - Projected Board Salaries Using CPI Since Last Pay Adjustment

Attachment E – Meeting Minutes January 27,2015

cc:

Ad Hoc Committee Members Bob Geis, Auditor-Controller Michael Ghizzoni, County Counsel

County	Population	Unincorporated Population	Unincorporated AREA (sq Supervisor Percentage miles) Annual Salar	AREA (sq miles)	Supervisor Annual Salary	3 BD RENT	COL INDEX (Rent)	COL ADJUSTMENT ¹	COMPARABLE SALARIES AFTER COL ADJUSTMENT	% Difference to SB COUNTY
Marin	255,887	132,643	51.84%	558	62,76	4,173	88	-4.79%	93,060	10.52%
Monterey	424,713	100,000	23.55%	3,324	123,739	4,696	66	7.35%	132,839	57.77%
Placer	365,107	110,152	30.17%	1,507	30,000	1,699	36	17.11%	35,134	-58.27%
San Luis Obispo	271,794	118,118	43.46%	3,326	86,115	2,118	45	8.04%	88,607	5.23%
Santa Cruz	271,501	135,936	50.07%	440	111,720	2,832	09	-3.98%	107,275	27.40%
Solano	423,265	18,790	4.44%	872	96,084	1,694	36	6.85%	102,667	21.93%
Sonoma	492,337	152,918	31.06%	1,598	135,975	2,437	51	4.73%	142,413	69.14%
Stanislaus	527,326	111,227	21.09%	1,521	74,776	1,164	25	18.18%	88,372	4.95%
Tulare	456,347	142,872	31.31%	4,844	90,381	1,275	27	20.73%	109,121	29.60%
Ventura	840,320	100,087	11.91%	1,864	126,904	2,664	99	3.77%	131,685	56.40%
Santa Barbara	432,238	134,890	31.21%	2,745	84,200	4,733	100			

¹NOTE: COL ADJUSTMENT is based on Cost of Living factors from www.relocationessentials.com and reflect the % increase/decrease in wages needed to support a comparable standard of living in Santa Barbara County.

Updated Board Salary Survey January 2015

County	Population	Annual	Annual Salary	Methods for Addressing Salaries
		Salary	w/ Additional Compensation*	
Marin	255,887	108,775	130,031	130,031 60% of Superior Court Judge
Monterey	424,713	122,028	153,360	153,360 50% of Superior Court Judge
San Luis Obispo	271,794	86,115	104,265	104,265 Compared to comparable counties
Santa Cruz	271,501	113,948	125,353	125,353 Usually aligned with unrepresented management
				increases; 2% increase September 2014;
				additional 8% planned over 2015-2016
Sonoma	492,337	138,451	162,151	162,151 75% of Superior Court Judge
Stanislaus	527,326	74,776	95,208	
Tulare	456,347	90,381	106,566	
Average		104,925	125,276	
25th Percentile		88,248	105,415	
37.5th Percentile		94,980	111,263	
50th Percentile		108,775	125,353	
75th Percentile		117,988	141,695	
Santa Barbara	432,238	84,200	104,880	
% from Average		24.6%	19.4%	
% from 25th Percentile		4.8%	%5.0	
% from 37.5th Percentile		12.8%	6.1%	
% from 50th Percentile		29.2%	19.5%	
% from 75th Percentile		40.1%	35.1%	

development, benefit cafeteria allowances, contribution to a 457 plan, expense allowances, etc. Compensation elements * Additional compensation includes a variety of elements such as: cash allowances, auto allowances, professional vary among the counties.

Projected Board Salaries Using CPI Since Last Pay Adjustment January 2015

Year	CPI*	Member Salary	Chair Salary	Adjusted Member	Adjusted Chair
				Salary	Salary
2006		\$84,200	\$85,884		
2007	2.7%			\$86,473	\$88,203
2008	5.0%			\$90,797	\$92,613
2009	-1.4%			-	-
2010	1.1%			\$91,796	\$93,632
2011	3.6%			\$95,100	\$97,003
2012	1.7%			\$96,717	\$98,652
2013	1.8%			\$98,458	\$100,428
2014	2.1%			\$100,526	\$102,537

^{*} Based on All Urban Consumers - U.S. City Average, June indices

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County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors Compensation Ad Hoc Committee



Minutes for the Meeting of January 27, 2015; 2 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Jack Boysen, Chair Ken Oplinger, Vice-Chair Chris Ames Joe Armendariz Janet Garufis Deb Horne Staff Present: Mona Miyasato Bob Geis

Jeri Muth

- 1. Call to Order Chair Boysen called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Minutes M/S/C minutes from the meeting of January 15, 2015.
- 3. Public Comment none; Stewart Johnston from Supervisor Adam's office introduced himself.
- 4. Receive and discuss requested data The Committee reviewed and discussed additional and updated data requested at the January 15 meeting related to the Board of Supervisors 25-year salary history and comparisons with peer counties, including comparisons to the 25th, 50th, and 75th pay percentiles among those counties. Prior to the meeting, the Chair requested the 2014 Statements of Economic Interests Form 700 filings for each Board Supervisor, which was provided, reviewed and discussed by Committee Members.

Public Comment - none

- 5. Staff Report and Discussion Human Resources Director, Jeri Muth, provided the Committee with additional data and potential options for addressing Board of Supervisors salaries. The additional data included: 1) projected Board of Supervisor salaries from 2007 through 2014 had the CPI (cost-of-living) been applied; and 2) data showing other elements of compensation received by Board members in peer counties. Member Horne provided a proposal for increasing Board Member salaries over a four-year period (6.5% per year). During the discussion, staff was directed to update the peer county salary survey to include additional compensation in a separate column and include a comparison of data to the 37.5% percentile (in addition to the 25th, 50th, and 75th percentiles) for base salary as well as base salary plus other compensation. Committee members discussed the following:
 - a) Is there consensus that the revised "peer county" salary data is the appropriate comparison for Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

Yes: Ames, Boysen, Garufis, Horne, Oplinger

No: Armendariz

b) What percentile is the target: 25th, 50th, 75th, or something else?

50th: Ames, Garufis, Horne, Oplinger

37.5%: Boysen **None:** Armendariz

c) What percentage is recommended for 2015?

No consensus was reached. The Committee discussed whether any increase was appropriate for 2015 in light of upcoming benefit improvements. There was some discussion regarding increases being effective in 2016. There was consensus that the Committee should not recommend a specific increase or increases and that it should be the decision of the Board.

d) How many incremental increases should be established to reach target?

The Committee recommended that the Board be provided with options related to incremental increases and select an option or make a different decision.

e) After reaching the target, what mechanism should be used into the future?

The Committee discussed salary surveys every three years and addressing salaries accordingly. One suggestion was to base any future salary increases on the COLA (CPI) and to link any such increase to the elimination of the car allowance that goes into effect February 2, 2015.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Committee directed staff to prepare a Board Letter that reflected:

- 5 1 agreed that peer County data is the appropriate salary comparison for County of Santa Barbara Board Members;
- Committee disagreed on the target for Board salaries; however, four agreed that the 50th percentile was an appropriate target consistent with best business practices;
- Examples for incremental increases to both the 37.5% and 50th percentiles
 of the 2014 market data; and
- Recommending salary survey every three years using the same peer counties identified by the Committee: Marin, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Stanislaus, and Tulare. The Committee also requested that the Board Letter discuss how and why these counties were identified as peer counties.

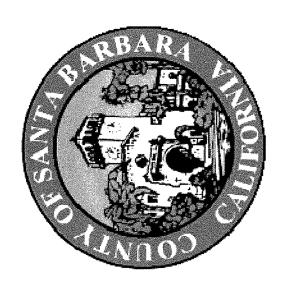
The Committee agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair would work with County staff in the drafting of the Board Letter and that the Committee would meet again on February 23, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. to review the draft and provide comments for finalizing the report and filing for a March Board meeting.

Public Comment - none

6. Adjourn - Chair Boysen adjourned the meeting at approximately 4 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Monday February 23, 2015; 2:30 p.m. County of Santa Barbara Administration Building 105 E. Anapamu Street, 4th Floor Board Conference Room



March 10, 2015

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COMPENSATION

BACKGROUND

- November 4, 2014 Board directed CEO to form a special citizen's committee to review Board member salaries
- lower than the average of comparison counties Data at that time showed Board salaries 30% and no increases from 2007 through 2014
- Chambers of Commerce, non-profit, private sector, Subsequently, CEO invited individuals from and Taxpayer's Association to participate

BACKGROUND

Committee Members:

- Jack Boysen, Good Samaritan (Chair)
- Ken Oplinger, Santa Barbara Chamber (Vice-Chair)
- Chris Ames, Lompoc Valley Chamber
- Joe Armendariz, Taxpayers Association
- Janet Garufis, Montecito Bank and Trust
- Debbie Horne, CMC Rescue

COWNITED REVEW

- demographics, and methodologies used to set salaries information related to Board salaries, duties, staffing, During three public meetings, Committee reviewed
- Committee identified seven "peer counties" Marin, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Stanislaus, and Tulare
- Reviewed both base salaries as well as "salaries additional compensation" to peer counties
- based on: average salaries and 25th, 37.5th, 50th, and Compared Santa Barbara salaries to peer counties 75th percentiles

PEER COUNTY SALARY COMPARISON

County	Annual	Annual Salary
	Base	w/ Additional
	Salary	Compensation
Marin	108,775	130,031
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% from 37.5th Percentile	12.8%	6.1%
√ % from 50th Percentile	/ 29.2%	19.5%
% from 75th Percentile	40.1%	35.1%

SOMMITER FINDINGS

- Majority agreement on peer counties identified
- salaries should be targeted to the 50th percentile Majority agreement that SB Board member of peer counties
- Majority agreement that peer counties should be surveyed every three years and any adjustments linked to those findings
- Majority agreement that the amount and timing of increases is a Board decision - with examples for reaching the 50th and 37.5th percentiles in a reasonable amount of time

EX: SALARY MOVEMENT TO 50TH PERCENTILE

	Current Board Member Salary	50 th Percentile of Market	Incremental Increase Methodology
Annual Base Salary	84,200	108,775	4 increases of 6.5% to get to the approximate 2014 target (\$108,320)
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EX: SALARY MOVEMENT TO 37.5TH PERCENTILE

Incremental Increase Methodology	4 increases of 3% to get to the approximate 2014 target (\$94,768)	3 increases of 2.5% to base salary to get to the approximate 2014 target (\$111,354)
37.5th Percentile of Market	94,980	111,263
Current Board Member Salary	84,200	104,880
	Annual Base Salary	Annual Salary w/ Additional Compensation

BOARD DIRECTION

- Target for future salary increases (Committee majority recommends the 50th percentile)
- Timing for initial and future increase (no recommendation from Committee)
- increases and the amount of each (no recommendation If incremental increases, determine the number of from Committee)
- Mechanism for future salary adjustments (Committee majority recommends evaluating every three years against peer county data)
- Additional direction for staff