

NEVADA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
April 27, 2010

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A special meeting of the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, in the Nevada County Board of Supervisors Council Chambers, 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, California. The meeting was scheduled for 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Nate Beason, Ann Guerra, Sally Harris, Larry Jostes, Ed Scofield

Members Absent: Carolyn Wallace Dee, Chauncey Poston

Staff Present: Dan Landon, Executive Director; Nancy Holman, Administrative Services Officer

Standing Orders: Vice Chairman Jostes convened the Nevada County Transportation Commission meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

ACTION ITEM

1. Enrollment in the Special District Risk Management Authority's (SDRMA) Medical Benefits Program.

Executive Director Landon explained that this item came about due to a proposed increase of 58% in health insurance by Blue Shield on May 1, 2010, the current plan the Commission has. He noted that the health plan offered in the SDRMA Medical Benefits Program would not increase the amount the Commission pays for employee benefits, but it would reduce the amount the employees would have to pay out of pocket compared to the current plan.

Commissioner Harris asked if the new health plan was identical coverage for the employees. Mr. Landon responded it is better coverage. It provides a lower deductible, and once the deductible is satisfied, 90% coverage until the maximum out of pocket cost is needed, and then it is 100% coverage. He explained that the current plan's deductible is \$3,000 and the SDRMA plan has a \$1,200 deductible for a single employee.

Commissioner Harris asked for a reminder as to what the agreement was that the Commission paid and what the employees paid. Executive Director Landon responded that the Commission provides a health benefit for a single employee at \$790 per month. If the cumulative cost of vision, dental, HSA contribution and all the things that make up the health benefit exceed the amount of this allowance, then the employees pay that out of pocket, and if it is less, then the employee gets an additional amount of taxable income in their salary. Commissioner Harris asked if the Commission had increased the \$790 or had it been flat for a while. Mr. Landon responded that it had been that amount since 2007.

Vice Chairman Jostes asked if staff is allowed to shop the insurance independently of other portions of the county employees. Mr. Landon responded in the affirmative and that staff had been using the broker, Wells Fargo Insurance Services, for several years. However, with the current proposed increase, staff looked around and learned of the SDRMA through Amador County Transportation Commission, and found that the plan was as good as or better than the current plan with lower cost. The SDRMA underwriting department has approved the Commission staff and a resolution was needed to authorize NCTC employees to participate in the insurance program.

Vice Chairman Jostes asked for further questions, and hearing none, asked for a motion.

Commissioner Guerra made a motion to approve Resolution 10-19 authorizing NCTC staff to participate in the SDRMA Medical Benefits Program. Commissioner Scofield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Vice Chairman Jostes asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Beason motioned and Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Nancy D. Holman  
Nancy D. Holman, Administrative Services Officer

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Wallace Dee, Chairman  
Nevada County Transportation Commission