RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-260

MEETING: May 2, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Johnson, Human Resources Director - Risk Manager

RE: Assessor-Recorder Position

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Consideration of Qualified Applicants for Appointment to Fill the Remainder of the term for the Office of the Assessor-Recorder and Possible Appointment of the position.

Prior to her passing, Assessor-Recorder Becky Crafts submitted her letter of resignation on March 8, 2017, with an effective date of March 1, 2017. Ms. Crafts' term of Office began on January 5, 2015, and expires on January 7, 2019. This is an elected position and the Board of Supervisors is charged with making an appointment to fill this vacancy pursuant to Government Code Section 25304, which indicates that the appointee “shall hold office for the unexpired term or until the first Monday after January 1st succeeding the next general election.”

At the Board’s direction, staff posted an open recruitment to determine interest for the Assessor-Recorder position and received six applications. The County Clerk determined that four of these six candidates are registered voters in Mariposa County and thus may receive further consideration by the Board for the Assessor-Recorder vacancy. The applications for each of these four candidates, with their personal protected information deleted, are attached to this Staff Report for the Board’s review and consideration.

At the direction of the County Counsel and based on a relevant legal opinion, all aspects of the appointment by the Board of Supervisors of County elected officials, including the Assessor-Recorder position, are required to occur in an Open Session of the Board of Supervisors. As a result, staff is recommending that all four of the qualified candidates be allowed to make a Statement to the Board with a maximum 10-15 minute length, followed by the receipt of public input. The Board may wish to make a decision on the vacancy after this process has occurred, or it may elect to extend the decision to a future Board meeting date.

To ensure fairness, staff is recommending that the candidates be allowed to present their Statements based on the Alpha order of their last name, as follows:

Tony M. Amundson
Brent L. Joseph
Vincent P. Kehoe
Raquel Sandoval

Staff has invited all four of these candidates to the Board meeting of May 2nd for this purpose.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board of Supervisors provided direction to staff on March 28, 2017, to recruit for the vacant Assessor-Recorder position.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
A lack of immediate Board action will leave the County operating without an Assessor and will require that this item be heard at a future Board meeting date.

ATTACHMENTS:
Amundson Application   (PDF)
Joseph Application     (PDF)
Kehoe Application (PDF)
Sandoval Application   (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Dallin Kimble
Dallin Kimble, Interim CAO  4/27/2017

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTE ORDER

TO: STEVE JOHNSON, Human Resources Director – Risk Manager
FROM: RENÉ LaROCHE, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Consideration of Qualified Applicants for Appointment to Fill the Remainder of the Term for the Office of the Assessor-Recorder and Possible Appointment of the Position
Resolution: 17-260

The following action was taken by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on May 2, 2017:

Consideration of Qualified Applicants for Appointment to Fill the Remainder of the Term for the Office of the Assessor-Recorder and Possible Appointment of the Position

Steve Johnson gave the staff report, noting that this is a public process because the Assessor-Recorder is an elected position.

Public comment opened. The appointment of Vince Kehoe was urged by Glenn Sutherland, Gail Spilos, and Bill Yaley. The appointment of Brent Joseph was urged by Jennifer Cantor, and Tammie Guenthart. Public comment closed.

Each of the applicants made a brief statement. Tony Amundson also supplied a letter of support from Paul Dictos, Fresno County Assessor-Recorder.

Board discussion ensued. Supervisor Cann moved to appoint Vince Kehoe as the Mariposa County Assessor-Recorder, with a second by Supervisor Menetrey. The motion failed 2-3.

**ACTION:** Appoint Brent Joseph as the Mariposa County Assessor-Recorder subject to passage of a background check and physical, with an effective date of June 1, 2017.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

**AYES:** Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey