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## MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### MINUTE ORDER

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**TO:** ROBERT C. STEWART, District III Supervisor  
**FROM:** MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*  
**SUBJECT:** Board of Supervisors Meetings During Evening Hours; Res. 98-431

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on December 1, 1998

#### ACTION AND VOTE:

Robert C. Stewart, District III Supervisor;

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Holding Board of Supervisors Meetings During Evening Hours

**BOARD ACTION:** Supervisor Stewart advised of requests received for the Board to hold meetings during the evening hours.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Ron Iudice presented petitions, which he said contained approximately 1300 signatures that were obtained in the downtown area.

Don Starchman, speaking as an individual, advised that the signatures on the petitions were gathered in less than one week, and he feels that this gives a good indication that citizens in the County would like to see evening meetings. He advised that the Business Forum was behind the petition drive, and the Forum is a group of business people who have been meeting for nine months and are interested in the economic future of the County. He stated business people and those with specialized backgrounds would like to be able to attend the Board meetings and cannot do that during the daytime meetings. He suggested starting the meetings at 3:00 p.m. with public presentation and consent items, and with timed items that are of interest to the public to be scheduled at 6:00 p.m. He stated the public may not always attend the meeting, but he feels it is important for the working person to have the opportunity to attend. He suggested starting the evening meetings with the first meeting in January and trying it for 60 to 90 days, and then hold an evening meeting to review the schedule.

Discussion was held relative to the request and scheduling to maximize public participation, as well as consideration of impacts on support staff and residents in outlying areas. Concerns were also expressed relative to taking into consideration the El Portal Road/Highway 140 construction schedule and winter driving conditions. It was noted that the Board has scheduled evening meetings when there are requests for specific items.

Don Starchman stated he feels there are more items than just land use which the public has an interest in, and he agrees that items relating to outlying areas could be held in the afternoon if the citizens so desire.

Further discussion was held relative to scheduling alternatives.

Bill Yaley responded to a question from the Board relative to the request for evening meetings, and he advised that as a businessman, it is difficult for him to attend a day meeting. He feels the petitions represent a sampling of people who are interested in evening meetings.

Ron Iudice stated he feels a three-month trial period will allow an opportunity for the bugs to be worked out. He suggested that their group work with the Chamber of Commerce to get word out to make people aware that the meetings will be held at night and to get the community involved.

(M)Stewart, (S)Parker, Res. 98-431 adopted agreeing to hold one meeting a month in the evening, starting in February with the fourth Tuesday, with the public to be notified. Further discussion was held relative to commencing the meetings at 2:00 p.m., with the evening portion to commence at 6:00 p.m., and being flexible depending on the agendas versus establishing a consistent schedule. Motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second, to include direction for the evening meetings to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of February, March and April, and with direction that the schedule be further reviewed at the end of the trial period. It was also clarified that this scheduling change does not affect meetings that may be scheduled for other areas of the County on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays. Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Noes: Pickard.

cc: All Departments  
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