

97-182

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE EDWARDS, Public Works Director

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*

SUBJECT: DESTRUCTION OF BULLION STREET OFFICES; RES. 97-182

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on May 20, 1997

**ACTION AND VOTE:**

Janet Hogan, County Administrative Officer;

Review Destruction of Bullion Street Offices (No Folder)

**BOARD ACTION:** Discussion was held with Blaine Shultz, Fire Chief, and Mike Edwards, Public Works Director, relative to the destruction of the Administration/Board offices on Bullion Street, and plans to burn the structure to provide a fire training opportunity, and alternative options. Jim Hockley stated he is opposed to burning the structure because he feels there are toxic substances involved, and citizens would not be allowed to burn in a similar situation; he feels there are other training methods available for the firefighters; stated that when the structure was burned on Stroming Road, there was no notice given to the public and not being aware of the scheduled burn, he was playing tennis and breathing the smoke; and stated he is also speaking for other people who oppose burning the building, but could not be present at this meeting. Juanita Moore, neighboring resident, stated she is opposed to burning the structure and she feels there should be a better way to dispose of it, and the material should be useful to somebody. Bill Bondshu, MPUD Fire Chief, stated they try to take advantage of every training opportunity. Jim Hockley asked about the status of the trees and vegetation on the property. Dave Tucker, PWD/Civil Engineer, noted that Public Works plans to remove salvageable material from the structure that can be used in other County facilities. (M)Parker, (S)Balmain, Res. 97-182 adopted declaring the facility housing the current Administration/Board offices at 5100 Bullion Street as surplus County property with a value of less than \$500.00; direction was given to Public Works Director to advertise for bids for removal of the structure, with removal to occur prior to the construction of the new government center; and further direction was given for staff to bring back a status report on June 10, 1997. Motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second, to include direction that the solicitation for bids include what an individual would be willing to pay for the structure. During further discussion, Jeff Green, County Counsel, noted that appropriate insurance and hold harmless agreement would be required; and if a proposal is submitted for moving the structure, it will require a license and bond by someone in that business. Dave Tucker suggested that a penalty be included if the structure is not removed timely. Motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second, changing the date for the status report to June 17, 1997/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: Blaine Shultz, Fire Chief  
 Janet Hogan, County Administrative Officer  
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Monday, May 19, 1997

To:  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors.  
Ref: proposed destruction by fire of building now used by Supervisors.

I would like to go on record as opposing the destruction by fire of the current building used as offices for the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors. In addition to the obvious danger presented to other structures in the area, burning the building would result in the destruction of reusable materials which could be sold to offset the cost of razing the building. I understand that there will be a public hearing on Tuesday, May 20, 1997 to receive input regarding the proposed burning of the building. As I cannot be present for that meeting I request that this letter be a part of the public response to this proposal.

Signed: M. J. "Maury" Mervis, Broker  
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May 16, 1997

Dear Mr. Pickard,

This letter is in response to the attached article. This is not the first time I have voiced my opinion on the subject of the proposed Gov. Center - in fact - it is my 4<sup>th</sup> attempt! Because I get no response from the Board - whatsoever on any issue I've ever been so compelled to speak out on, I can only assume opinions of constituents do not matter to those we elect in office.

But, I nonetheless keep on ...  
The inevitable gov. center is on the way. The unknowing & uncaring will remain just that. The things I put in writing for the public to see are issues that know at me relentlessly until I speak out. I am not putting up barriers or walls or trying to create dissention in the community. I believe the neon sign of the future will be "By The People - For The People". As a community, the time has come to stand united as citizens with a common goal: A safe place to live - play - prosper - entertain & retire in. I must be created in our home town.

As the Supervisor in my district, I look to you to discover the voice of the people whom you represent and bring the common voice to your seat on the Board. It may be unfair to expect you to politic the same way Gert did, but, remember her ways. She was re-elected over and over because she was the voice of her people and we heard her and saw her stand firm on that ground. We like that. We need that. That's government in action - By the people, for the people. She abstained when not completely informed and she stood alone on many issues because, well, you know why - it was our voice. I keep a ~~small~~ picture of Gert at my desk, slightly tucked away, but visible. It's the one I got from her memorial service. I knew her only as a Supervisor (whom I work on behalf of) and as a grandmother that showed up at ~~the~~ ball games. Her picture is a reminder to me to pursue my beliefs and be true to my convictions. I speak out because I love Mariposa

and want it to be an even better place to live in!

Nothing can be done to save the house the Board lives in now. Is it out of line to consider salvaging parts of it? It can't be so decrepit that it warrants total destruction. If it was - you wouldn't be using it today. Maybe some old family members would like to get a chance to retain a memory left there...

Fixtures - sinks - windows - trim - doors - cabinets - shrubs - flowers, etc. etc. etc.

If nothing else - please postpone the bonfire and think about it. Its not too late.

Sincerely,

Alynn Boyer-Soden (again)  
~~742-6336~~ 742-6336

## ...URGENT...

If you are opposed to and disturbed by the proposed destruction by fire of the house on Bullion street between 10th and 11th occupied by the supervisors and sometimes referred to in print as "That decrepit old green House" contact your supervisor at once at 966-3222 to protest before it is destroyed.

Although it must be removed as a sacrifice to the new government center, even if it cannot be moved, if it were dismantled, salvaged materials could be put to good use by someone.

This building belongs to all the tax-payers, not just the supervisors. Please be concerned enough to act. Call 966-3825 for more information