

Peace Conversion Commission
Minutes of the May 4, 2021, Meeting
2:00 p.m. in Room 410-B
Marin County Civic Center
3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903

Members present Donald Foster, Jonathan Oldfather, Robert Phillips,
James Stephenson, William Rothman

Staff: Toni Stewart

Guests present: None

1. Call to order

Chairman Rothman called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes of December 8, 2019

The minutes were reviewed whereupon:
M/s Rothman-Foster to approve the PCC minutes of October 2, 2019.

AYES: ALL

3. County Treasurer's Report of Investments:

Commissioner Rothman stated all investments were fine.

4. Review of Auditor's Master List of Checks issued:

Commissioner Oldfather reported that his review of Master lists of Checks showed payments to the entity G.E. Software, a subsidiary of General Electric, an entity already on the Marin County List of Nuclear Weapons Contractors (NWC). Review of previous monthly lists of checks had not shown G.E. Software.

Commissioners discussed this because G.E. Software is a subsidiary of an already Marin County listed Nuclear Weapons Contractor, it will be added to the Marin County list of NWCs. Commissioner Rothman advised he will follow-up with DPW's purchasing division that made the purchase, to notify them that, in the future such contracting with the entity can only take place using the PCC's Override requirements.

Commissioner Oldfather reported that an entity named Starboard Marine, with which the Master List of Checks showed the County had contracted, was listed by the Department of Defense (DOD), as providing displays for a nuclear weapons delivery system vessel.

M/s Rothman-Phillips based upon that finding, an affidavit will be sent to Starboard Marine.

AYES: ALL

5. Review of Vendor Detail List:

Commissioner Rothman reported that a review of county reports has not shown contracting with Nuclear Weapons Contractors since the December 2019 meeting.

6. Review of BOS Agenda items:

Commissioner Phillips advised there was nothing to report.

7. Review of Affidavits pending/sent:

Commissioner Rothman advised there was nothing pending.

8. Overrides requested:

Commissioner Rothman noted that there were no overrides requested.

9. Department progress re time limited overrides

Commissioner Stephenson will, for the next meeting, report on departmental progress for switching from Nuclear Weapons Contractors (NWC) to entities not involved with NWCs, for departments that were granted time-limited overrides for using such products purchased from NWCs.

10. Review of Bylaws:

Commissioners reviewed several issues regarding the Bylaws and requested the Secretary bring the Bylaws to the next meeting for approval.

11. Election of officers:

M/s Commissioner Phillips-Stephenson to reappoint William Rothman as Chairperson and Jon Oldfather as Vice-Chairperson.

12. Consideration of reviewing sample items from third party vendors:

Commissioner Foster volunteered to review the details of a randomly selected list of county contracts with third party vendors, to evaluate whether there were items involved that were produced by Nuclear Weapons Contractors (NWC). Commissioner Foster will report his findings at the next meeting.

13. Open time:

Commissioner Oldfather briefly discussed Lawrence Livermore Lab and Los Alamos Lab contracts. Commissioner Oldfather advised he would investigate and report back at the next meeting.

After discussion, the date of August 3, 2021, at 2:00 will be the date of the next meeting.

14. Adjournment

M/s Rothman-Oldfather adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

AYES: ALL

Respectfully submitted: Toni Stewart, Secretary, Peace Conversion Commission
Approved 211006