

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administration		(2) MEETING DATE August 22, 2006		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Vincent Morici, 781-5020	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve recommended responses to a single finding and a single recommendation contained in the report on the Juvenile Services Center: "Juvenile Hall", and to forward the responses to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.					
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST The Grand Jury has prepared a report addressing the San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Services Center: "Juvenile Hall." The Grand Jury requests a response from the Probation Department and the Board of Supervisors to the one finding and one recommendation contained in the report.					
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board approve the attached responses and forward these responses to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.					
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A		(8) CURRENT YEAR COST N/A		(9) ANNUAL COST N/A	
(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A					
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): The Probation Department was consulted during the preparation of the response to the Grand Jury report.					
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____					
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All			(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			(19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) _____			(21) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		(22) Agenda Item History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date _____
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW <i>OK - Jim Grant</i>					

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# County of San Luis Obispo

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**DAVID EDGE**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Vincent Morici, Administrative Analyst  
**DATE:** August 22, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Response to the 2005-2006 Grand Jury Report on the Juvenile Services Center: "Juvenile Hall".

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached response as the Board of Supervisors' response to the report on the San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Services Center; "Juvenile Hall", and forward the response to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Grand Jury reviewed the operation of the County Juvenile Hall and issued a report that includes one finding and one recommendation. Overall, the Grand Jury found, "The professional staff appears to be comprised of dedicated and caring individuals who encourage minors to alter their behavior." However the, report includes a finding and a recommendation that deal with the population of minors who often exceeds the capacity of Juvenile Hall. The Grand Jury has required the Probation Department and the Board of Supervisors respond to the finding and recommendation contained in the report.

Attached to this report is a copy of the Probation Department's response to the Grand Jury report. After evaluating the Grand Jury report, staff has prepared a recommended Board of Supervisors' response to the finding and recommendation of the report. The recommended Board of Supervisors response to the Grand Jury Report is contained in Attachment 1. The Probation Department response is shown as Attachment 2.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

The Chief Probation Officer was contacted as part of the evaluation of the response to this report.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The cost of expanding the Juvenile Hall is estimated to be in the range of \$ 8 to \$12 million. The Board of Supervisors has allocated \$2.75 million dollars for the first phase of the project. The state continues to discuss consideration of statewide bond to assist with the construction of local juvenile incarceration facilities since adequate space to house these juveniles is statewide issue. The recently authorized first phase of the

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Juvenile Hall expansion is a necessary step in increasing the capacity of the Juvenile Hall.

**RESULTS**

Adoption of the findings and recommendations will fulfill the County's obligation to respond to Grand Jury reports as specified in Section 933 of the Penal Code and contributes to the County's communitywide goal of having a well-governed community.

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# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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TO: The Honorable Rodger Piquet,  
California Superior Court, San Luis Obispo County

FROM: County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors  
Katchik "Katcho" Achadjian, Chairman

DATE August 22, 2006

RE: 2005-2006 Grand Jury Report – Juvenile Services Center: "Juvenile Hall"

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury report related to the County of San Luis Obispo Juvenile Services Center. This memo is the County Board of Supervisors response to the report. The Probation Department has responded to this report and a copy of the department's response is attached to this report.

### Grand Jury Finding 1

*The population of minors residing at Juvenile Hall often exceeds capacity. There have been repeated requests for funding to increase the capacity of the Hall, and avoid the increased costs to transport and house minors in another county.*

### Board of Supervisors' response to Finding1

The Board partially agrees with this finding. We recognize that over the past several years, there has been an increasing population of youth housed at the Juvenile Hall. At times, the Juvenile Hall has exceeded capacity. Many counties face the same situation and are seeking state assistance to construct facilities for incarcerated youth as the cost of constructing such facilities is high. San Luis Obispo County also seeks to balance the need to construct new juvenile facilities with the many other infrastructure and service needs of the county. We seek to leverage the use of local funds with potential funding available from state and federal sources. Staff has evaluated the requests to expand Juvenile Hall and is proceeding with the expansion in phases. This maximizes the potential to use outside funds to assist with the overall expansion of the Juvenile Hall. The Board has approved and funded the expansion of the Juvenile Hall intake area as the necessary first phase to the increase in capacity.

### Grand Jury Recommendation 1

*The San Luis Obispo County Board Of Supervisors should provide funds to expand the capacity of Juvenile Hall to accommodate the increased number of incarcerated youth.*

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Board of Supervisors response to Recommendation 1

This recommendation has been partially implemented. The Board has allocated a total of \$2.75 million dollars for the expansion of Juvenile Hall. The first phase involving the expansion and remodel of the intake area went out to bid on July 18, 2006. An award for the construction contract for this phase is expected in early September of this year.

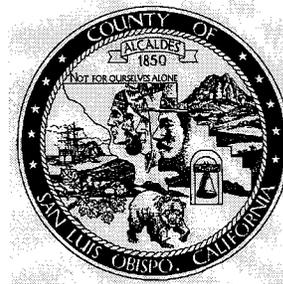
Chief Probation Officers throughout the state have been lobbying the Governor and legislature to propose a statewide bond issue for the specific purpose of providing funding for local juvenile incarceration facilities. San Luis Obispo County will continue its efforts to develop local, state and other sources of funding for the continued expansion of Juvenile Hall. Although this effort is likely to take more than one year, the expansion of Juvenile Hall will occur in the future. If a state bond is approved and San Luis Obispo County receives funding from the bond measure within the next year, expansion could begin in the subsequent year. If state bond funding is not available, the time frame for expansion may be extended and the county will consider other means to fund expansion as part of the annual capital project development program.

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Assistant Chief

**Date:** August 8, 2006  
**To:** VINCE MORICI, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST  
**From:** KIM BARRETT, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER  
**Subject:** RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT ON JUVENILE HALL

Attached are the Probation Department's response to the Findings and Recommendations of the 05/06 Grand Jury.

## **Findings:**

1. The population of minors residing at Juvenile Hall often exceeds capacity. There have been repeated requests for funding to increase the capacity of the Hall, and avoid the increased costs to transport and house minors in another county.

**Response:** We concur with this finding.

## **Recommendation:**

1. The San Luis Obispo County Board Of Supervisors should provide funds to expand the capacity of Juvenile Hall to accommodate the increased number of incarcerated youth.

## **Response:**

**The Probation Department supports the recommendation. We note that the Board of Supervisors has approved remodeling the intake/entry area of the Hall, and construction is expected to begin in November of 2006. This will provide the infrastructure necessary to support additional beds at the Juvenile Hall. The Probation Department has submitted a request for expansion as part of our Capital Improvement Project five-year plan. Additionally, we are working with the Administrative Office on funding to update our needs**

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**assessment, which must be done pursuant to Title 24, 13-201(c) as a next step in moving forward on increasing the capacity of Juvenile Hall. Each of the above steps helps to position the County so that the expansion of the Juvenile Hall can take place. It is our intent to continue to pursue state and other potential sources of funding to help offset the expense related to the expansion of the Juvenile Hall. However, if state or other outside funding sources cannot be found, we will request that the expansion move forward using local funding. We also recognize that the expansion of Juvenile Hall is one of many important capital projects that will require funding.**

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