

Monday, June 20, 2005

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts, met in regular adjourned session at 9:00 A.M..

PRESENT: Supervisors Harry L. Ovitt, Jerry Lenthall, K.H. 'Katcho' Achadjian, James R. Patterson and Chairperson Shirley Bianchi

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG LED BY CHAIRPERSON SHIRLEY BIANCHI.

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1 BH This is the time set for hearing to consider the Proposed Budget for 2005-2006.

Mr. Jim Grant: Deputy County Administrative Officer, introduces the item and indicates the Board needs to act to accept the Supplemental Document as part of the record.

Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried, the Board accepts the Supplemental Document as part of the official record for 2005-2006 Proposed Budget.

Mr. Grant: outlines the recommendations in the Supplemental Document; states there aren't any "At-Issue" items in this budget; addresses additional items including: a position allocation change for Planning; Life Steps Program changes; the addition of the funding for the Arroyo Grande Channel from the Board meeting on June 14th; outlines the schedule for the hearings; addresses the overall budget; there have been no changes from the State on their budget leaving this budget as is until that budget is determined; comments on the loss the Revenues due to the property tax shift; discussed the May revisions by the Governor and what that restored to this budget; the General Fund has increased approximately 6% over the budget last year; there is a 10% decrease in All Other Funds; Special Districts is approximately \$25 million; major increases to the budget include Worker's Compensation, salaries & benefits and CDF/County Fire; presents graphs showing the Cost of County Services, Revenue (in millions) and Discretionary Revenues; comments on the performance measures and budget augmentations; addresses what will occur after the hearings have concluded; thanks all the department heads and their staffs, the Auditor and his staff, IT staff and Administrative staff for all their work.

Mr. David Edge: County Administrative Officer, explains the procedure for going through the various budget units today.

Chairperson Bianchi: opens the floor to public comment on the overall budget without response.

LAND BASED Budget Units 141 - Agricultural Commissioner, 142- Planning and building, 290 - Community Development, 405 - Public Works, 201- Public Works Special Services, 245 - Roads, 248 - Road Impact Fees, and Special District, are presented.

Mr. Eric Greening: addresses the budget and feels that all the departments have done a good job and have been responsible; concerns about not having a County Biologist on staff and feels there is more and more of a need to have one; addresses the County Geologist position and does not see this position listed in the budget and wants reassurances that it still exists.

Ms. Pat Beck: Assistant Director of Planning and Building, states the position is an Environmental Specialist position with a geology specialty.

Supervisor Ovitt: questions the \$1.4 million being added to Roads and

whether it's being backfilled with Proposition 42 funds.

Mr. Noel King: Public Works Director, responds as to why they are not asking for the \$1.4 million to be added.

Matter is fully discussed and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Lenthall and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively approves the Land Based Budget Units as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Supplemental Document.

PUBLIC PROTECTION Budget Units 134 - Child Support Services, 143 - Contribution to Court Operations, 140 - County Fire, 132 - District Attorney, 133 - Victim/Witness Assistance, 138 - Emergency Services, 131 - Grand Jury, 139 - Probation, 135 - Public Defender, 136 - Sheriff-Coroner, 137 - Animal Services, and 130 - Waste management, are presented.

Ms. Diane Pomja: representing humane organizations, speaks to the need for education programs relating to animal services for the public.

Mr. Vince Morici: Administrative Office, addresses the County's decision to assist with the spay/neuter program and the success of the same.

Matter is fully discussed and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Patterson, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively approves Public Protection Budget Units as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Supplemental Document.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Budget Units 164 - Clinical Lab Services, 350 - County Medical Services Program, 375 - Drinking Driver Programs, 162 - Drug and Alcohol Services, 351 - Emergency Medical Services Fund, 184 - Law Enforcement Medical Care, 161 - Mental Health, 352 - Other Indigents Health Program, 160 - Public Health Department, 163 - Suspected Abuse Response Program (SART), 180 - Social Services Administration, 182 - Cal WORK's, 181 - Foster Care, 185 - General Assistance, 183 - Medical Assistance Programs and 186 - Veterans Services, are presented.

Mr. Grant: addresses the change to the Life Steps program and the funding not coming through community funding anymore and they are working on an idea with Drug and Alcohol and Mental Health; and staff will be bringing back a contract that will work for this program.

Supervisor Ovitt: questions the duplication of clinical labs and the possibility of consolidation.

Ms. Gail Wilcox: Deputy County Administrative Officer, indicates they are currently looking at alternatives and possible consolidation.

No one appearing and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Lenthall and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively approves the Health & Human Services Budget Units as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Supplemental Document.

COMMUNITY SERVICES Budget Units 425 - Airports, 215 - Farm Advisor, 331 - Fish and Game, 427 - Golf Courses, 377 - Library, 305 - Parks and 330 - Wildlife and Grazing, are presented.

Mr. Eric Greening: addresses the need to continue funding libraries and parks and the necessity of each.

Mr. Edge: announces that Ms. Shirley Peterson is leaving her position at the Farm Advisor and that Mr. Richard Enfield will be taking over that position; indicates that funding for Libraries is looking pretty good at this time; addresses the Parks' budget.

Board Members: address various budget units regarding: the successes of the Farm Advisor's office; libraries and their efforts to secure new funding; Parks' budget and there is some additional funding this year; addresses the concerns being raised regarding ongoing maintenance of the parks in the County; comments on the Grand Jury report regarding parks and their recommendations for additional funding; suggests Parks could be increased by adding \$250,000 for maintenance and acquisition only.

Supervisor Ovitt: addresses his concern to adding this money before he sees exactly what they want to do.

Mr. Pete Jenny: Parks Manager, addresses what was proposed in the budget which included things such as tree pruning and sprinkler repairs.

Supervisor Achadjian: addresses his prior discussions with Mr. Jenny regarding tree maintenance for diseased trees and coming back with a work plan; also wants more flexibility to allow for outside help in some of these areas.

Board Members: address various comments, issues and concerns regarding: support of parks and them being a place for kids; the need for safe parks; the money should go for maintenance; whether funding will be used for a future park in Cayucos, with staff responding.

Matter is discussed and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Patterson, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian and unanimously carried, the Board increases Budget Unit 305 - Parks by \$250,000, to be taken from Contingencies, for park maintenance.

Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively approves Community Services Budget Units as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as amended by this Board previously.

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE Budget Units 104 - Administrative Office, 275 - Organizational Effectiveness, 109 - Assessor, 107 - Auditor-Controller, 100 - Board of Supervisors, 110 - Clerk-Recorder and 108 - Treasurer-Tax Collector, are presented.

No one appearing and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively approves Fiscal and Administrative Budget Units as recommended by the County Administrative Officer.

INTERNAL SUPPORT Budget Units 111 - County Counsel, 113 - General Services, 407 - Fleet Services, 406 - Reprographics, 114 - Information Technology Department, 112 - Personnel, 105 - Risk Management and 408 - Self Insurance, are presented.

No one appearing and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Lenthall and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively approves Internal Support Budget Units as recommended by the County Administrative Officer.

FINANCING Budget Units 266 - Countywide Automation Replacement, 277 - Debt Service, 277 - Debt Service, 265 - Enterprise Financial System, 267 - General Government Building Replacement, 102 - Non-Departmental-Other Financing Uses, 101 - Non-Departmental Revenues, 392 - Pension Obligation Bonds and 247 - Public Facility Fees, are presented.

No one appearing and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Lenthall and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively approves the Financing Budget Units as recommended by the County

Administrative Officer.

CAPITAL PROJECTS Budget Units 230 - Capital Projects and 200 - Maintenance Projects, are presented.

Mr. Grant: addresses the corrections outlined in the Supplemental document.

No one appearing and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively approves Capital Project Budget Units as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Supplemental Document.

Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian and unanimously carried, the Board continues said hearing to June 21, 2005 at 2:00 p.m..

On motion duly made and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts, does now adjourn to Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of continuing their consideration of the Proposed Budget and Supplemental Document for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

I, **JULIE L. RODEWALD**, County Clerk-Recorder and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio clerk of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held Tuesday, June 20, 2005, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts.

JULIE L. RODEWALD, County Clerk-Recorder
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: /s/Vicki M. Shelby,
Deputy Clerk-Recorder

DATED: July 26, 2005

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