

Monday, June 10, 2002

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, Peg Pinard, K.H. 'Katcho' Achadjian, Michael P. Ryan and Chairperson Shirley Bianchi

**ABSENT:** None

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

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**Mr. David Edge:** County Administrative Officer, introduces the item; indicates today the Board will deal with the County's priorities and will address the impacts of the State budget later.

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Ryan and on the following roll call vote:**

**AYES:**            Supervisors Ovitt, Ryan, Pinard, Achadjian, Chairperson Bianchi  
**NOES:**            None  
**ABSENT:**        None

**the Board accepts the Supplemental Document and makes it a part of the official record for the public hearings on the 2002-03 Proposed Budget.**

**Ms. Gail Wilcox:** Assistant County Administrative Officer, presents an overview of the Proposed Budget; introduces Ms. Andrea McGarvey from the Auditor's Office; thanks staff for all their hard work on the Budget; states the recommended budget is at \$340 million which represents a 13% decrease from the current year's budget and a 6% increase in the operating budget; explains the new process for position reclassifications; addresses the implementation of Measure A; indicates, for the most part, the budget reflects a status quo environment; speaks to the growth of Social Services and Behavioral Health Services and their service levels; states the full impact of the State's budget is not yet known and won't be known until well after the November election; hands the Board a list of proposed program changes and comments on their fiscal impact; states there are additional actions staff would like the Board to approve today including: 1) none of the new positions (17.5) be filled until staff assesses the impact of the State's first cut; 2) direct all Department Heads to review all vacant positions and fill only those that provide critical public services or positions that are specifically tied to revenue receipts and when revenue offset positions become available staff recommends they be filled with existing staff.

**Supervisor Pinard:** questions what process will be implemented when the money goes away for State and Federal funded programs and the Board has to make the decision on what programs to keep or not keep, with Ms. Wilcox responding.

**Chairperson Bianchi:** opens the floor to public comment on the overall Budget.

**Mr. Eric Greening:** questions the time line for public input and the process for dealing with later budget adjustments that will be impacted by the State's final budget; would like the Board to endorse the full return of the vehicle licensing fees. **No action taken.**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Budget Units 3000 - Public Health Department, 3285 - Law Enforcement Medical Programs, 3286 - County Medical Services Fund and 3287, Emergency Medical Services Program, 3288 - California Healthcare Indigents Program, are presented.**

**Chairperson Bianchi:** opens the floor to public comment on Health and Human Services Budgets.

**Mr. Eric Greening:** questions how the Environmental Health Budget can be broken out from the Health Budget; states his concerns for continued funding for the Bio-solid Sewage Sludge Task Force; addresses the need for a comprehensive longterm ordinance and public education;

speaks to the complexity of this topic.

**Mr. Edge:** responds to Mr. Greening's earlier questions regarding the timeline; indicates the State will probably have a budget by mid-July; states staff will review and analyze the impacts of the Budget within approximately 90 days of the State Budget adoption and report back to the Board.

**Ms. Jenifer Rhynes:** hands the Board chocolate chip cookies that were made by the YMCA after school program; urges the Board to invest in the County's youth and keep the program alive.

**Ms. Ashlee Chadwick:** addresses the need to keep the after school teen program and thanks the Board for their past support of the program.

**Mr. Jonathan Cordovi:** states the YMCA after school teen program keeps teens out of trouble; indicates the leaders are "cool"; states his concern that the program will not be funded in the future.

**Ms. Amber Minetu:** states she would like the YMCA teen program to continue.

**Ms. Christina Cordovi:** states the Y Teen Extreme Program gives her something to do after school; urges the continuation of the program and thanks the Board for their prior support.

**Ms. Janet White:** thanks the Board for supporting the Y Teen Extreme Program for the last three years.

**Dr. Greg Thomas:** Public Health Director, responds to Mr. Greening's questions regarding the Bio-solids Sewage Sludge Task Force; states no money has been set aside however, that is not to say they don't have a role; addresses the goals and performance measurements for the Department; indicates they are always striving to improve and child immunization by age two is up to 81.7% from 65%.

**Ms. Wilcox:** indicates that Budget Unit 3000 does have a technical adjustment on page S-2 of the Supplemental Document.

**Supervisor Ovitt:** states he would like to see some programs (CMSP, EMSP and CHIP) changed to qualify people for services before entering the Hospital.

**Supervisor Pinard:** questions why the performance measurement goals are not higher; feels the Department should be striving for something more than what they have done in the past.

**Board Members:** discuss various issues, comments and concerns regarding: benchmarking and baselining comparable counties; looking at trends; Measure A and the 5% set aside for the Sheriff's Department, with staff responding.

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian, with Supervisor Pinard casting a dissenting vote, motion carries and Budget Units 3000, 3285, 3286, 3287, and 3288 are tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget and Supplemental documents.**

**Budget Units: 3075 - Drug and Alcohol Services and 4040 - Drinking Driver Programs, are presented.**

**Supervisor Pinard:** asks since the performance measurement for the Drinking Driver Program has been the same (20%) for the last three years, how staff know it's working, with Mr. Paul Hyman, Director of Drug and Alcohol Services responding.

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried, Budget Units 3075 and 4040 are tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Budget Unit 3070 - Mental Health, is presented.**

**Mr. Dale Wolff:** Behavioral Health Director, addresses the At-Issue items; indicates one of the problems is high caseloads and retaining professional staff and the increased cost of IMD's

(adults in locked facilities); addresses services reductions; inpatient services and the capital improvements being proposed; indicates he would like to see these proposed positions approved.

**Ms. Terese Toomey:** Administration Office, states Behavioral Health is requesting the Board restore 2 fulltime vacant Mental Health Therapist III positions and an expansion of the Mentally Ill Probation Program by adding 1 additional Mental Health Therapist III; states it is the recommendation of the County Administrator to defer this request until after the State Budget is finalized.

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and on the following roll call vote:**

**AYES:** Supervisors Achadjian, Ovitt, Chairperson Bianchi

**NOES:** Supervisors Pinard, Ryan

**ABSENT:** None

**the Board tentatively approves Budget Unit 3070 as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget and defers the Supplemental documents request.**

**Budget Units 3200 - Social Services Administration, 3240 - Foster Care, 3250 - CalWORKs, 3290 - General Assistance, are presented.**

**Mr. Lee Collins:** Social Services Director, states they are hoping for the best and planning for the worst; they understand that everything is “on the table”; indicates they will be prepared to present information regarding individual programs and their sequence of priority.

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Pinard and unanimously carried, Budget Units 3200, 3240, 3250, and 3290 are tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Budget Unit 3330 - Veterans Services, is presented.**

**Supervisor Ryan:** compliments staff on their budget and the service they provide.

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ryan and unanimously carried, Budget Unit 3330 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Budget Units 6000 - Medical Services, 3280 - Medical Assistance Programs, and 3281 - Suspected Abuse Response Program (SART), are presented.**

**Mr. Larry Hood:** Hospital Executive Officer, indicates they are presenting an “as is” budget and he is available for any questions the Board may have.

**Mr. Edge:** addresses the Supplemental Document.

**A motion by Supervisor Pinard, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian to tentatively approve Budget Units 6000, 3280 and 3281, is discussed.**

**Supervisor Ryan:** states he will not support this motion because action has not been taken to move towards closing the hospital.

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Pinard, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian, with Supervisors Ovitt and Ryan casting dissenting votes, motion carries and Budget Units 6000, 3280 and 3281 are approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget and Supplemental documents.**

**(SUPERVISOR MICHAEL P. RYAN IS NOW ABSENT.)**

**INTERNAL SUPPORT Budget Units 2100 - County Counsel, 2110 - Personnel, 2180 - General Services, 2270 - Reprographics, 2300 - Garage, 2250 - Information Services, 2340 - Risk Management, 2150 - Self Insurance, are presented.**

**Chairperson Bianchi:** opens the floor to public comment on the Internal Support Budgets

without response.

**Mr. James Lindholm:** County Counsel, indicates he is available for questions.

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt , with Supervisor Ryan being absent motion carries and Budget Unit 2100 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Supervisor Pinard:** questions the status of the flexibility among the personnel categories, with Mr. Dale Hanson, Personnel Director, responding.

**(SUPERVISOR MICHAEL P. RYAN IS NOW PRESENT.)**

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried, Budget Unit 2110 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried, Budget Units 2180, 2270 and 2300 are tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian, and unanimously carried, Budget Unit 2250 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt, with Supervisor Pinard casting a dissenting vote, motion carries and Budget Unit 2340 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Mr. Edge:** states the County can anticipate unpleasant surprises with the insurance companies; indicates they are suffering from stock market loses and that will translate into higher premiums.

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Pinard and unanimously carried, Budget Unit 2150 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**CAPITAL PROJECTS Budget Units 2207 - Capital Projects, and 2208 - Maintenance Projects, are presented.**

**Chairperson Bianchi:** opens the floor to public comment on Capital Projects without response.

**Supervisor Ryan:** indicates he will not be supporting this Budget Unit because he does not support the building of the new Government Building; feels there is a more efficient way of consolidating County departments.

**Supervisor Bianchi:** feels the County is providing a public service by getting the contaminated dirt off the site so it will no longer be a threat to the groundwater.

**Supervisor Pinard:** addresses the cost recovery by building the new government center and consolidating County departments; thanks staff for taking the time to make this building user friendly for the public.

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian, with Supervisor Ryan casting a dissenting vote, motion carries and Budget Unit 2207 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried, Budget Unit 2208 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE Budget Units 2000 - Board of Supervisors, 2040 -**

**Administrative Office, 2050 - Auditor-Controller, 2060 - Treasurer-Tax Collector, 2070 - Assessor, 2081 - Organizational Effectiveness and 2509 - Clerk-Recorder, are presented.**

**Chairperson Bianchi:** opens the floor for public comment on Fiscal and Administrative Budgets, without response.

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried Budget Unit 2000 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried Budget Unit 2040 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried Budget Unit 2050 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried Budget Unit 2060 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried Budget Unit 2070 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Supervisor Ovitt:** indicates he would like staff to provide some information on the Organizational Effectiveness budget.

**Mr. Jim Grant:** Administration Office, states this budget covers four areas: 1) the Training Program; 2) the Citizen's Satisfaction Survey; 3) Organization Effectiveness Program; and 4) Countywide Classification System and presents an update on each.

**Board Members:** discuss various issues, comments and concerns regarding: the percentage of County employees that have been through training; what is the indicator that these programs are working; why does organizational effectiveness have its own budget unit, with staff responding.

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried, Budget Unit 2081 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Supervisor Ryan:** asks if moving the primary election to August would effect the Clerk-Recorder's budget.

**Ms. Julie Rodewald:** Clerk-Recorder, indicates it would have a substantial impact on the Department not only financially, but also it would be very difficult to hold an election ninety days prior to another election.

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried, Budget Unit 2509 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**FINANCING Budget Units 2001 - Non-Departmental Revenues, 2002 - Other financing Uses, 2005 - Short-Term Financing, 2083 - Countywide Automation Replacement, 2084 - General Government Building Replacement, 2835 - Public Facility Fees, 4901 - Debt Service, are presented.**

**Chairperson Bianchi:** opens the floor to public comment on the Financing Budget without response.

**Mr. Gere Sibbach:** Auditor-Controller, states staff will need to come back to the Board relating to Non-Departmental Revenues because adjustments may need to be made.

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and**

**unanimously carried, Budget Unit 2001 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ovitt, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian and unanimously carried, Budget Unit 2002 is tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried, Budget Units 2005, 2083, 2084, 2835 and 4901 are tentatively approved as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as outlined in the Proposed Budget.**

**Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried, said hearing is continued to June 11, 2002 at 9:00 a.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 11, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. to continue consideration of the Proposed Budget and Supplemental Document for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

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 Monday, June 10, 2002, 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/ Cherie Aispuro,  
Deputy Clerk-Recorder

DATED: 06/12/2002