

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

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 2:00 P.M..

PRESENT: Supervisors Harry L. Ovitt, Shirley Bianchi, Peg Pinard, K.H. 'Katcho' Achadjian and Chairperson Michael P. Ryan

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG LED BY SUPERVISOR PEG PINARD.

SUM _____ **AGN**

1 PC This is the time set for members of the public wishing to address the Board on items not set on the Agenda.

Rev. C. Hite: speaks regarding group homes and the needs of people; suggests services that are offered are losing compassion for the people they serve.

Ms. Rae Belle Gambs: comments on how the mentally ill end up in jails, often because they are trespassing or carrying some type of weapon to protect themselves.

Mr. Michael Kovacs: speaks regarding campaign promises made by Supervisor Ryan and suggests his voting record on fiscal matters is "180°" from his promises. **No action taken.**

2 BH This is the time set for continued hearing on the Proposed Budget and Supplemental Document for Fiscal Year 2003-04.

Ms. Andrea McGarvey: Auditor-Controller's Office, presents written information and highlights the same with respect to the changes made, yesterday by the Board, in the Proposed Budget.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES Budget Unit 2080, is presented.

Ms. Nikki Schmidt: Administrative Office, outlines the recommendations in the Proposed Budget for this budget; the Request for Proposal went out in December and applications were submitted and reviewed by the Community Based Organization/Preventive Health Grant Committee (CBO); the CBO is recommending funding for 35 groups; introduces members of the CBO that are present in the audience; thanks Ms. Ann Travers for her many years of service and dedication to the CBO and states she has resigned from the committee and her expertise and knowledge will be missed.

Supervisor Ovitt: state his understanding of the funding amounts from the Tobacco Settlement Fund for the Cambria Connection is \$26,000, North County Connection at \$50,000 and Lifesteps at \$79,000.

Supervisor Bianchi: addresses the request from the Women's Community Center for \$4,238; states this group was denied as it was thought, by the CBO, that they performed the same function as the CRLA but the Women's Community Center provides services relating to family law and the CRLA doesn't offer this service; indicates when it's time for motions she will make one to fund this group.

Chairperson Ryan and Supervisor Achadjian: indicate they will support her motion when the time comes.

Supervisor Pinard: states she believes the Board will also hear a request from Big Brothers/Big Sisters during public comment.

Ms. Sally Coons: Chairperson for the Food Bank, thanks the Board for their past support; speaks to a warehouse they have opened in Oceano that is creating additional demands on their budget; asks the Board to consider increasing the amount they are being recommended for.

Ms. Jonni Biaggini: Visitors & Conference Bureau (VCB), thanks the Board for their past support for the Bureau and tourism.

Ms. Karen Stenson: Longterm Ombudsman, states they appreciate having this source of funding available to them.

Ms. Linda Villanueva: Hotline and Latino Outreach, highlights what they have been doing over the past year; their Latino Outreach program has increased the level of Spanish calls they receive; addresses the need for services they found in the Estero Bay area and a group that has been set up here.

Mr. Michael Passarelli: Food Bank Coalition, thanks the Board for their past support and addresses their need to prepare for the future.

Ms. Angie King: Women's Community Center, thanks the Board for their support of the Center's request; indicates they have lawyers who volunteer their time assisting people who will be going into family law court.

Mr. Bryan Gingg: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, states they are requesting continuing financial support from the County.

Mr. Jed Nicholson: Chairperson for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, addresses the need to continue their mentoring program for children; speaks to smoke damage that occurred at their offices, with the fire at the Railroad Office building; states they are looking for interim funding to help them out until they get back on their feet.

Mr. Steve Thayer: Board member for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, states he has a little brother and discusses the positive changes that have occurred for this boy; states they are asking for transition funding for two years.

Ms. Joie Rose -Van Tuburg: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, speaks to a match she had years ago and this girl will tell you today that what she got out of the program was the ability to have choices; this group has a new executive director, Kathy Smith, and highlights her goals; states they are requesting \$50,000.

Ms. Susan Opava: CBO member, states when they denied the request for the Women's Community Center, it was because they felt it was a discriminative use of public funds as this only assists women and not men.

Ms. Biz Steinberg: EOC Director, thanks the Board for the funding that is being recommended and Ms. Schmidt for all her work in preparing this budget.

Mr. James Kemper: Director for the Food Bank, thanks the Board for their past help; speaks to the amount of food that is distributed yearly; addresses the link between food stamps and grant funding for their program.

Ms. Eileen Allan: North County Women's Resource Center, thanks the Board for their continued support.

Ms. Edie Kahn: AIDS Support Network, thanks the Board for their support of the Network's housing project; indicates the funding they are requesting through this budget will help with housing services.

Ms. Susan Warren: North County Connection and Cambria Connection, thanks the Board for funding to support these two groups.

Mr. George Rowland: North County Connection, thanks the CBO and the Board for the funding.

Ms. Jan Potter: Women’s Community Center, states they do serve both men and women and the courts recommend them to everyone.

Ms. Patricia MacCasland: Economic Vitality Commission (EVC), outlines what they do in helping new businesses.

Mr. Michael Kovacs: questions where the money comes from for these groups and feels it would be an even larger amount if it were allocated by the taxpayers.

Chairperson Ryan: commends the EVC and VCB for all the work they do in the County.

Supervisor Achadjian: states his appreciation for all that Big Brothers/Big Sisters do; addresses the Food Bank and is glad to see there is a warehouse in Oceano; addresses his thoughts on the needs of Hotline.

Ms. Schmidt: indicates Hotline is being recommended for funding in the amount of \$11,592.

Ms. Villanueva: states with their current financial problems, they have had to cut the Latino program and they are down three staff members; the recommended funding will go toward the volunteer program; feels they need approximately \$150,000 to keep all the services they offered last year; states fundraisers have become more difficult.

Supervisor Ovitt: indicates the policy is that these groups will receive last years amount plus 5%; states all the groups are “hurting.”

Supervisor Bianchi: agrees with Supervisor Ovitt’s comments but indicates Hotline has had a terrible, unexpected funding problem.

Supervisor Ovitt: indicates that Hotline is being looked at by the Health Department for the 24-hour referral service when the Hospital closes and if successful would receive funding from that contract.

Ms. Kathy Smith: Executive Director for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, speaks to contracts they had in place with Social Services and Probation and due to the State budget constraints, they have lost those contracts.

Mr. Nicholson: states they are looking for ways to increase their fundraisers for Big Brothers/Big Sisters; they lost their contracts with Probation due to the loss of TANF funding; with the fire they lost their donor data base.

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

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

the Board tentatively approves Contributions to Other Agencies Budget Unit 2080 as recommended in the Proposed Budget. Further, the Board funds the following out of the Tobacco Settlement Funds/Measure A: North County Connection at \$50,000; Cambria Connection at \$26,000; and Lifesteps at \$79,000.

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

AYES: Supervisor Achadjian, Bianchi, Ovitt, Pinard, Chairperson Ryan
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

the Board tentatively approves funding for the Women's Community Center in the amount of \$4,238 from Contingencies.

A motion by Supervisor Pinard, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian to fund Big Brothers/Big Sisters, for the next two years, at \$50,000, is discussed.

Chairperson Ryan: indicates he can support the motion if it is just for this year and not the following year.

Supervisor Ovitt: states he will vote against the motion as he believes the funding level is too high.

The motion maker and second agree to amend their motion to fund for this year only.

Matter is further discussed and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Pinard, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian and on the following roll call vote:

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

the Board tentatively approves funding for Big Brothers/Big Sisters in the amount of \$50,000 to come from Contingencies.

A motion by Supervisor Bianchi, seconded by Supervisor Pinard to fund Hotline at their requested amount of \$17,500, is discussed.

Supervisor Achadjian: indicates he was hoping the funding amount would be around \$25,000 to help them through this rough time.

Supervisor Pinard: addresses the potential funding to come from the 24-hour referral service through the Health Department.

Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Bianchi, seconded by Supervisor Pinard and on the following roll call vote:

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

the Board tentatively funds Hotline at their requested amount of \$17,500 from Contingencies.

Mr. Edge: addresses his concern to approving funding requests that didn't go through the application process and needs reassurance from the Board that they are addressing a unique situation and not changing the policy, with the Board responding that is how they are addressing this situation.

Board Members: thank the staff from the Administrators Office and the Clerk for all their work.

Mr. Grant: addresses the need to clarify the record regarding the Tobacco Settlement Funds, indicating there are two portions of this Fund, as prescribed by Measure A and that is the Emergency Medical portion and the Hospital portion and recommends that the Board take an action to move \$157,305 to Budget Unit 3287 in order to have a balanced budget.

Thereafter, on motion of Chairperson Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Bianchi and

on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Chairperson Ryan, Bianchi, Ovitt, Pinard, Achadjian

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

the Board directs that \$157,305 of the Tobacco Settlement Funds (Measure A) be moved to Budget Unit 3287.

Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Ovitt and unanimously carried, said hearing is continued to June 17, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. for final action.

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 Friday, June 13, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. for the purpose of a breakfast meeting at the Vista Grande Restaurant, San Luis Obispo, CA., with the Commission on Children and Youth.

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 10, 2003, 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: June 13, 2003

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