

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 Shirley Bianchi, Peg Pinard, K.H. ‘Katcho’ Achadjian, and Chairperson Harry L. Ovitt

ABSENT: Supervisor Michael P. Ryan

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1 BH This is the time set for continued consideration of the Proposed Budget and Supplemental Document for Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

Ms. Andrea McGarvey: Auditor-Controller’s Office, gives an overview of the changes to the budget based on the actions taken by the Board yesterday.

(SUPERVISOR MICHAEL P. RYAN IS NOW PRESENT.)

Mr. David Edge: County Administrative Officer, addresses the direction by the Board, yesterday, to work with Library staff on ways in which they may be able to work within existing revenues and existing resources to maintain and eliminate some of the proposed reductions; they met this morning and what staff is planning on doing is utilizing Contingencies that are in the Library’s budget to maintain the status quo through the end of this calendar year; they will use temporary help to enable them to move permanent folks around; essentially that gives them the current level of staffing and level of service and there will be no reductions in Shell Beach or in any of the other libraries that had been targeted for service hour reductions until the results of the November sales tax election are known; if this tax passes the Library will be in a position to continue the current level and enhance it over the coming years; if the tax fails, at that time, staff will need to address reductions both to the level of the original proposed budget (this year’s budget) and even beyond that, there won’t be enough revenue at that point to sustain the status quo; for now though the immediate issue is off the table and the number of open hours in each of the branch libraries will remain as they currently are.

Mr. Gere Sibbach: County Auditor-Controller, comments on the \$3 million one time money to balance the budget and urges the Board to use caution when giving money today as this money is not a “definite” from the State at this time.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES Budget Unit 2080, is presented.

Ms. Nikki Schmidt: Administrative Office, addresses the funding for Community Projects for the Board and the reduction of \$10,000 per Supervisorial District; comments on the number of requests they received for grant money and the Committee that reviews and makes recommendations on this; outlines what they looked at and the result is the recommendations that are before the Board today; thanks all the Committee members for all their work.

Supervisor Ryan: states he would like to see the three grant monies in Community Projects combined into one.

Ms. Anna Aven: Assistance League of San Luis Obispo County, speaks regarding the Operation School Bell program explaining that this program provides clothing to the needy kids in the County; they can clothe a child for school for \$78; if they don’t get the funding they requested there will be 97 kids they will not be able to offer this service to.

Mr. Ray Johnson: Economic Vitality Corporation, presents a packet of information on how they are doing; addresses the increased activity they are seeing; thanks the Board for their ongoing support.

Dr. Nola Veazie: Mill St. House (Life Steps - Transitions), speaks to the need to keep mothers with their children who are trying to recover from substance abuse; they are

asking for \$94,000 in funding to keep this house open.

Mr. Jim Burke: Senior Nutrition Program, states he is the new director for this program and is here to introduce himself; thanks the Board for their support.

Mr. Bryan Gingg: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, states they have 77 kids on their waiting list; speaks to being denied their funding request because County staff thought they were trying to “expand” a program with isn’t correct, they just used the wrong wording on the application; asks that the Board fund their request.

Ms. Claire Vollmer: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, states she is happy to see the services restored for Mental Health; asks the Board to support their request for funding; indicates they have a new partnership they are working with for future funding through the private sector and explains; asks that the Board consider funding at \$20,000.

Mr. Hal Sweasey: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, explains why this program is so important to them; reads some of the responses from kids in the program as to why they like it.

Rev. C. Hite: speaks to the County not providing the necessary services to the disabled/disadvantaged of the County.

Ms. Biz Steinberg: EOC, urges the Board to find a way to keep Life Steps Mill St. House open; thanks Ms. Schmidt for all her work on these grant requests.

Mr. Jed Nicholson: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, speaks to following the process for funding requests as they were directed to do last year and then used the wrong wording and didn’t receive the funding they need; asks the Board to fund their request at \$20,000.

Mr. Bryan Duvall: American Red Cross, speaks to the responsibilities of the Red Cross to help during disasters; asks that they receive funding at the same level as they received last year.

Mr. Eric Greening: speaks regarding funding for the advisory committees and his concern to cutting funding to the Community Project monies, as this is where these committees receive their money.

Ms. Schmidt: responds to public comment; outlines funding Life Steps is receiving through Social Services and Preventative Health Grants already; addresses the application by Big Brothers/Big Sisters; the Assistance League received their funding, previously, through Community Project funds; comments on the request by the Red Cross.

Supervisor Achadjian: thanks Ms. Schmidt and the Committee for all their work; agrees with Supervisor Ryan that the three funds under Community Project funds should be combined into one amount; wants to see the \$10,000 restored to each Supervisor’s fund and suggests that funding could be taken from supplies, travel, etc.; wants the Red Cross funded at their requested amount; supports funding for Life Steps.

Supervisor Bianchi: supports combining the three funds into one for Community Project funding; wants the Mill St. House funded and addresses her support for this program.

Supervisor Ryan: supports the current funding level for the Community Project monies and explains; discusses an option to look at funding each advisory committee at \$1,000; supports funding Big Brothers/Big Sisters at \$20,000; Life Steps at their requested amount.

Chairperson Ovitt: addresses the cut in funding for Community Project monies and why; disagrees with funding each advisory group with \$1,000 and explains.

Matter is discussed and thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Bianchi and unanimously carried, the Board directs staff to change Community Projects from three funding sources (Community Projects-Visitors Services-Environmental Grants) into one category of funding.

Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Bianchi, with Supervisor Achadjian casting a dissenting vote, motion carries and the Board

tentatively approves Community Projects funding as recommended by the County Administrative Officer (\$22,000 plus the carry over for each Supervisorial District).

Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian, with Supervisor Bianchi and Chairperson Ovitt casting dissenting votes, motion carries and the Board tentatively funds Big Brothers/Big Sisters at \$20,000 from Contingencies.

A motion by Supervisor Bianchi, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian to fund Life Steps, is discussed.

Mr. Grant: explains where funding is already coming from to support this which is \$45,000 from Social Services budget, \$21,000 from Preventative Health Care Grant money; they are requesting a total of \$139,000 which leaves a balance of \$73,000 that can be funded out of the Tobacco Settlement funds.

Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Bianchi, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively funds Life Steps, from Tobacco Settlement funds, at \$73,000.

Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Achadjian, seconded by Supervisor Pinard and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively funds the Red Cross at the original request of \$2,000 adding \$2,500 for a total of \$4,500 to be taken from Contingencies.

Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively approves Community-Based Organizations/Preventive Health Grants as recommended by the County Administrative Officer and as previously amended by this Board.

Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively approves Other Agencies Requests as recommended by the County Administrative Officer.

Chairperson Ovitt: thanks everyone involved in the budget process for their work in getting this budget prepared.

Thereafter, on motion of Supervisor Ryan, seconded by Supervisor Achadjian and unanimously carried, the Board continues said hearing to Tuesday, June 22, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. for final action on the budget.

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.

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 15, 2004, 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 18, 2004

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