

MINUTES OF PROPOSED BUDGET HEARINGS FY 1995/96 OF THE
COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1995

PRESENT: Merita Callaway, Chair; Thomas Tryon, Vice-Chair; Michael Dell'Orto, Tom Taylor and Terri Bailey, Supervisors; Brent Harrington, County Administrative Officer; Clay Hawkins, Financial Analyst; Jeanne ~~Byce~~, Sr. Administrative Analyst; Linda Carter, Auditor-Controller; Chris Hollingshead, Accountant Auditor; and Mary Jane Giuffra, Supervising Board Clerk

ABSENT: None

Meeting recorded on Cassettes 95-23A, II, meter 230, and continued to 95-23B

12:45 p.m.: Chair Callaway reconvened the Board in Preliminary Budget Hearings Fiscal Year 1995/96 complimenting the CAO and county staff on the budget packages.

Clay Hawkins distributed several packets for Board review and consideration. CAO Harrington recapped yesterday's hearings indicating that the four items being considered for making up the deficit amount to approximately \$57,000. He advised that the budget needs to be updated to reflect the following: reclassification for Air Pollution needs to be included (no impact on budget); \$40,000 for Sheriff's computer purchase, to be offset with non-general funds, will not be spent this year - recommends placing this in 95/96 budget (no impact on General Fund). Public Defender's Budget can be reduced resulting in \$100,000 savings to General Fund. Harrington clarified that the Public Defender's budget for 94/95 was set at \$190,000 and they have only used about \$90,000. He thanked County Clerk Karen Varni for agreeing to reduce their 95/96 budget by the \$100,000. With these changes, the deficit now stands at \$124,000. Harrington then reviewed and clarified the material submitted by staff today re: budget scenario reductions, etc., and summarized options for reducing the deficit. Discussions were then opened to staff.

Ken Churches, Farm Advisor, stated concerns re: ability to maintain services if his budget is cut. Larry Wade, Probation Officer, submitted request for three new positions not included in the budget - would impact budget by about \$40,000. Jim Miner, Fire Warden, referenced Exhibit "D" requesting reconsideration of proposed use of \$70,000 from Public Safety Vehicle Trust to help make up the deficit. Dennis Downum, Sheriff, requested \$20,000 to add two new beds to the Jail indicating that this could be done through a remodeling project. Bill Ratterman, Assessor, informed the Board of vehicle problems and reminded them of budget cuts he has made over the years, including personnel. Judge Mewhinney was questioned regarding possible use of prior Trial Court Funds to fund new Probation Officer position and Mewhinney indicated that this would not be possible reminding the Board of their prior agreement regarding these funds.

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The Board was polled regarding the \$40,000 for Probation and \$20,000 for the Sheriff and the results was a unanimous "NO" with the understanding that these requests will be reconsidered at final budget time. Exhibit "D" and budget reduction scenarios were again reviewed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dell'Orto to use the \$48,000 of interest added to the Reserves in FY 94/95 and to use one of the scenarios to make up the remainder, but this motion died for lack of a second.

Tryon suggested that staff be instructed to implement budget reduction scenario #3, a .98% reduction in all budgets, and return to the Board with information regarding the affect of same on their respective budgets.

Bailey was opposed to making any cuts in public protection and recommended that the \$30,000 for Kentucky House be cut; that the \$48,000 interest in Reserves, and the \$56,667 repayment to the General Fund Reserve be used.

Taylor agreed with using the \$56,667 and the \$48,000, as stated above, and recommended that the \$18,000 for furlough be included, with the remainder to be found elsewhere. He is opposed to cutting public protection budgets.

Callaway agreed with using the \$48,000 of interest in Reserves, and the \$30,000 for Kentucky House, with the balance to be split between scenarios #3 and #6 (approximately \$50,000) due to the fact that all other general fund departments have had to take cuts to help support public protection.

Motion was made to use the \$48,000 of interest paid to Reserves in FY 94/95 to help reduce the deficit.

Moved: Dell'Orto Second: Taylor Approval: Majority Noes: Tryon

A motion was made by Taylor, and seconded by Bailey, to use the \$56,667 repayment of one-third of the funds borrowed from the General Fund Reserve in FY 94/95, but this motion failed with Supervisors Tryon, Dell'Orto and Callaway voting "NO".

Motion was made to find the remaining balance needed by using budget reduction scenario #3.

Moved: Tryon Second: Dell'Orto Approval: Majority
 NOES: Taylor and Bailey

A final motion was made by Supervisor Bailey to remove the \$30,000 for the Kentucky House Project from the budget but this motion died for lack of a second.

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CAO Harrington summarized the results of these actions stating that the \$48,000 will be removed from Reserves and scenario #3 will be implemented which will result in a .62% cut for general fund departments, courts and public protection. Supervisor Tryon requested that the Board be provided with a breakdown of Community Group funds and a breakout of county funds/other public agency funding.

There being no other business to consider, Preliminary Budget Hearings for Fiscal Year 1995/96 were concluded and the meeting was adjourned to a Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 1995.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

CLERK