

**MINUTES OF FISCAL YEAR 1997/98 FINAL BUDGET HEARINGS OF THE  
COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1997**

**PRESENT:** Terri Bailey, Chair; Merita Callaway, Vice-Chair; Lucy Thein, Paul Stein and Tom Tryon, Supervisors; Brent Harrington, County Administrative Officer; Clay Hawkins, Financial Analyst; Jeanne Boyce, Sr. Administrative Analyst; Linda Carter, Auditor-Controller; Chris Hollingshead, Accountant Auditor; and Mary Jane Giuffra, Supervising Board Clerk

**ABSENT:** None

Meeting recorded on Cassettes 97-40C and 97-40D

9:15 a.m.: Chair Bailey reconvened the Board in Continued Budget Hearings FY 1997/98. CAO Harrington again updated the Board on the status of Trial Court Funding (TCF) and recommended that the Board adopt the budget, as is, without including TCF. The Board then proceeded with their deliberations on open issues and made the following decisions:

**SHERIFF'S BUDGET:** add \$30,000 for line items (\$15,000 for Gas/Oil; \$5,000 for Maintenance of Equipment; and \$10,000 for Vehicle Maintenance); the DARE position will not be funded; two additional vehicles were not approved; supported the Auditor's decision to back out \$10,000 in positions re: holiday pay.

**COURTS:** add \$742 to cover purchase of Judge's new chair and reduce Court Contingency by said amount.

**COUNTY FIRE:** request for exemption for A-87 costs denied; request for General Fund Contribution for Capital Purchase Fund denied; request for equity adjustment for Fire Warden denied.

**AUDITOR:** add one new permanent position at \$20,158 with Auditor's commitment to close books for end of fiscal year by July 30 and provide departments with month end close by the 15th; request for additional extra-hire position denied.

**MS:** increase mail clerk's time from 4 to 6 hours per day at a cost of \$3,000.

**LIBRARY:** denied request for Volunteer/Library Assistant III Coordinator position.

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER:** funded 1,000 lb. Test Weight at \$2,986.

**AIR POLLUTION CONTROL:** CAO to work with department in resolving reclassification issue for Deputy APCD Director.

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**COMMUNITY PROJECTS:** increase funding for Business Center from \$5,583 to \$6,583 (\$1,000 increase).

PROBATION: transfer \$10,000 from trust and place in CIP fund for county's share of cost in needs assessment (RFP) for Regional Juvenile Hall Facility for Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties; denied request for new Deputy Probation Officer I position; authorized purchase of used 4 x 4 vehicle at \$15,000 using Title IV-A funds being held in Auditor's Trust 5401.

COMMUNITY CABLE TELEVISION: authorized a \$2,000 per month contribution in sponsorship for Issues & Answers Segment/County Government Programs which will amount of \$12,000 this year and approximately \$25,000 next year.

VISITORS BUREAU: denied requested funding for expanded tourism promotion.

During these deliberations, the Board was opposed to a suggestion to draw on the interest in Reserves to help balance the budget. The general consensus was to adopt the budget as it now stands, with a General Fund Contingency of \$403,682. Discussion followed re: Welfare positions and Chair Bailey requested that Membership Dues in the amount of \$200 be paid to the Sierra Business Council. Bailey also requested an additional \$15,000 for the Copperopolis Community Services Office but this was denied. Final Budget Hearings FY 97/98 were then concluded and the Board will adopt the final budget documents on September 29, 1997.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Final Budget Hearings for Fiscal Year 1997/98 were concluded and the Board will reconvene in a Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting at 10:00 a.m., September 22, 1997.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

CLERK