

**MINUTES OF FINAL BUDGET HEARINGS FY 1994/95 FOR
THE COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, STATE OF
CALIFORNIA,
HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1994**

PRESENT: Michael Dell'Orto, Chairman; Richard Gordon, Vice-Chairman;
Merita Callaway and Thomas Tryon, Supervisors; Brent
Harrington, County Administrative Officer; Clay
Hawkins, Financial Analyst; Jeanne Boyce,
Administrative Analyst; Chris Hollingshead, Accountant
Auditor; and Mary Jane Giuffra, Supervising Board Clerk

ABSENT: Tom Taylor, District II Supervisor

Meeting recorded on Cassette 94-36B, 36C and 36D

9:00 a.m.: Chairman Dell'Orto reconvened the Board in Final Budget Hearings. CAO Harrington led off with a discussion re: potential public protection Maintenance of Effort (MOE) projects. Discussion followed re: inclusion/exclusion of the Public Defender's Office. Also, allocation of the remaining balance of \$59,840. Chairman Dell'Orto interjected Supervisor Taylor's wishes for more deputies and Supervisor Gordon echoed these concerns. Gordon also has major concerns re: need for additional staff for Probation and Harrington agreed that they do need at least one more person. Problems with collections, etc., was discussed. Dell'Orto suggested that Contingency funds be earmarked for a Probation Officer position and Gordon agreed. (94-36B, I, 400) Clay Hawkins led a discussion re: water tender program. Callaway recommended that the remaining balance of \$59,840 be allocated as follows: place into Contingencies and possibly earmark funds for a Probation position, with the balance to be placed into the water tender program. With respect to the Public Defender's Office, the CAO does not feel that this should be a part of the MOE. Supervisor Tryon was opposed to the use of General Fund monies for the MOE and/or Probation. He would like to use either Trial Court Funds (TCF) or water tender monies. Dell'Orto agreed with this for the time being pending review with the judges on Tuesday.

Harrington summarized the status of the budget thus far stating that there is still a \$60,000 shortfall. He also stated that it is required that the judges agree to using past Trial Court Funds for Probation, and, if they do agree to this, the remaining \$30,000 could be taken from the water tender program. Everyone was in agreement with this.

(94-37B, II, 312) Chairman Dell'Orto invited public comments and requests re: MOE. Sheriff Nuttall presented comparisons re: 1987 vs 1994 with respect to staffing and population increases indicating that there is a 65% increase in felonies since 1982. He stressed the need for at least three more deputies in addition to the one already approved in the preliminary budget. Nuttall also addressed his request for a reclassification in the Jail and this was followed by a discussion re: possibility of charging inmates for non-emergency services.

Ron Krelle, District Attorney's Office, requested additional funds for expert witnesses due to the increase in homicide cases, otherwise they will have to ask for money from Contingencies. Harrington then informed Krelle that the Board is inclined to provide funding for the CD-ROM program for code books, as he suggested earlier.

Rich Manders, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, submitted statistics showing comparisons between Calaveras, Amador and Tuolumne Counties. In response to questions from Board Members, he indicated that the current extra-hire person will help to improve collections.

Clay Hawkins, Financial Analyst, spoke re: new position of Fire Prevention Planner, for the Building Department. Building Official Waller indicated that a full-time person would not be needed for this position. That they should either be available on an on call or on demand basis.

CAO Harrington again reviewed his recommendations and stated that the County will receive approximately \$42,000 in additional Property Tax Administration fees if the 2nd bill is signed. William Ratterman, Assessor, stated his opposition re: placement of Tax Administration monies into the General Fund and feels it should be distributed among the Assessor's, Auditor's and Tax Collector's budgets. Ratterman requested some personal computers and three file cabinets then reminded the Board of voluntary cuts in positions he has made in past years. Harrington suggested transferring funds from the Duplication Trust to Computer Trust to cover the Assessor's computers.

Jim Marz, Undersheriff, requested funding to equip unmarked vehicles with special emergency lights, etc., at approximately \$5,800.00. The Board agreed to use General Fund monies for this.

Joann Inks, Tax Collector, also stated concerns re: placement of Tax Administration monies into the General Fund.

Supervisor Callaway requested clarification re: various reclassification requests.

ADJOURNMENT

No formal action was taken at this time. The CAO is to review with staff all that has occurred during these discussions and return next Tuesday with recommendations. The Board then adjourned to a Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 12, 1994 and will reconvene in continued budget hearings on Tuesday, September 13, 1994.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK