

MINUTES OF FINAL BUDGET HEARINGS FY 1995/96 FOR THE COUNTY OF
CALAVERAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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 Boyce, Administrative Analyst; Linda Carter, Auditor-Controller; Chris Hollingshead, Accountant Auditor; and Mary Jane Giuffra, Supervising Board Clerk

ABSENT: None

Meeting recorded on Cassettes 95-41D, 95-41E, and 95-41F

9:00 a.m.: Chair Callaway reconvened the Board in Continued Final Budget Hearings then opened the meeting for public comments.

(95-41D, I, 575 and cont'd to Side II) Warren Ambrose, Chairman of SCORE, supported EDC and explained confidentiality requirements. Bill Brown, with SCORE and Angels Camp Economic Development Committee, stressed the need to devote more time on obtaining revenues. (95-41D, II, 48) Roger Pitto spoke in support of maintaining current staffing levels in the Surveyor's Office and offered a donation of \$1,800 to that end. He also indicated that his association would support fee increases in the Surveyors Office to help offset the deficit and suggested that said increases be placed on projects involving developers rather than private property owners. (95-41E, I, 458) Marj Geiszler supported the Librarian's proposals for the Valley Springs and Angels Camp Libraries. (95-41E, I, 480) Ann Horvath and Sully Tuttle stressed the need for a volunteer coordinator and more personnel for the new library. (95-41E, I, 545 and Side II) George Jones, Lodging Association, stated that they voted to approve an increase from 6% to 8% in TOT if the association receives 30%. They are requesting \$56,000 with the balance to go into the general fund. (95-41E, II, 100) Kathy Zancanella and Kate Reynolds spoke for EDC and submitted supportive information re: activities for the period July 1 - Sept. 15, 1995. (95-41E, II, 150) Donna Brauer, EDC Board Member and Real Estate Broker, stressed the need for an entity like EDC to encourage quality growth. (95-41E, II, 450) Don Morrison related his concerns with reduction in services; reduction in sales tax income due to people shopping in neighboring counties; and increases in home sales due to people leaving the area. (95-41E, II, 550) Pat Gutierrez also spoke in support of EDC.

The meeting was then opened for staff comments. (95-41D, II, 235) Joann Inks, Tax Collector, stated concerns re: proposed cuts in staff. CAO Harrington indicated that \$10,000 in revenues went back into her budget to purchase personal computers. (95-560, II, cont'd to 95-41E) Darla Gunning, Librarian, stated that her budget has been cut back by 1/3 and proposed merging Angels Camp Branch with Murphys and closing Valley Springs Branch and moving that

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attendant up to the new library. Supervisors Taylor and Tryon were opposed to this stating that they feel every district should have a branch library. (95-41F, I, 1) Bruce Child, Surveyor's Office, spoke re: proposed reduction in staff hours and Pitto's recommendation's for fee increases. He informed the Board that the cost for maintaining an offsite facility amounts to \$9,000 per year. (95-41F, I, 132) Karen Varni, County Clerk/Recorder, addressed the new computer system for Elections; staffing for Superior Court; how cuts in one department affects other departments; and status of the new data imaging system in the Recorder's Office. CAO Harrington indicated that there is some confusion regarding the computer system for Elections. It was his understanding that it would be purchased through one of the Clerk's Trust funds, not from the Computer Trust Fund. Varni advised that said system cannot be purchased through the Recorders Automation Fund. Discussion followed.

(95-41F, I, 305) CAO Harrington summarized previous discussions asking Board members how they want to proceed. Dell'Orto wants a projection of next year's budget, specifically personnel costs, and Bailey wants figures on reduction of office hours. Discussion followed re: job-sharing. Dell'Orto suggested the possibility of placing revenues from increases in TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) and sales tax into the Sheriff's budget to offset expenditures. Staff was directed to assimilate the necessary information and submit it to the Board for review during continued final budget hearings at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 1995.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to consider this day, the Board adjourned to a Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 25, 1995, and will reconvene at 1:30 p.m. in continued Final Budget Hearings for Fiscal Year 1995/96.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

CLERK