



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**SPECIAL MEETING - BUDGET
AUGUST 24, 2010**

Mono County Courthouse, Bridgeport, CA 93517

9:03 a.m. Meeting called to Order by Chairman Hunt.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Farnetti.

*Break: 10:00 a.m.
Reconvene: 10:10 A.M.
Break: 11:06 a.m.
Reconvene: 11:17 a.m.
Lunch: 12:16 p.m.
Reconvene: 1:15 p.m.
Break: 3:22 p.m.
Adjourn: 3:38 p.m.*

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mary Booher

Update on Budget Committee, tiers, mandated services:

- Powerpoint handed out (copy kept in file folder for today)
- Tier 1: Mandated Services; Tier 2: Essential Services; Tier 3: Beneficial Services (Locally identified priorities); Tier 4: Discretionary Services
- Went over the different Tiers for various departments (for specifics see handout)

Marshall Rudolph:

- Discussed whether certain functions are mandated or not; i.e. whether they belong in Tier 1 or not.
- If not mandated, as is the case with certain functions, if we do choose to do it we get a lot of reimbursement from the State.
- Discussion regarding Mental Health mandates.
- Explained that he rephrased how some of these mandates were previously listed.
- Feels this list is useful but still in a bit of flux.

Board Comments:

- Very impressed with this information, might be extremely useful for other counties.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

1a) Continue Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget Workshop

Continue budget discussion from Monday, August 23, 2010.

Brian Muir: couple clean ups from yesterday

- Rural Cops Balance: \$110,103
- Contingency: \$378,293 as of today.

REVIEW OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP):

Kelly Garcia:

- Went over the proposed Capital Improvements.

Board Comments:

- Decided to defer several Capital Improvement Projects including (but not limited to): water line project, RC Track in Chalfant, Substation, lighting, landscaping, Benton restroom. This will free up some additional monies for other things.

SOLID WASTE UPDATE:

Mary Booher:

- Helped Board see an “apples to apples” comparison; updated revenues, etc.

Board Comments:

- Supervisor Peters: Suggested no more than \$60 tipping fee; run a 10 year amortization and make general fund contribution
- Supervisor Farnetti: Need to cover the deficit. Sit down with Town first, then come back?
- Supervisor Hazard: suggested future media involvement.

Brian Muir:

- Budget: no change in operational status = revenue shortfall of \$853,000, will show in enterprise fund budget as additional revenue; \$1.2 million loan to enterprise fund for 10 years, additional \$400,000 and put in contingency fund; actual resolution of \$853,000 will be after meeting with the Town.

ROAD FUND UPDATE:

Jeff Walters

- Handout detailing Policy Items 1 and 2 and balanced budget options.
- Answered general questions from Board regarding options.

Board Comments:

- This is a question of basic service and what absolutely needs to be done.
- Take A87 out of this equation?
- Concerned with how much they might end up having to take out reserves.
- Policy Item Option #2 or fully fund and adjust at mid year?
- Three members are in favor of #1, two for #2.

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ACTION: Move forward with Policy Item #1 = \$582,011 General Fund Contribution making the Public Works Department whole; revisit at mid-year.

Hazard/Peters 4-1 against: Farnetti

Dave Wilbrecht:

- A87 costs do not vanish unless you reduce staff.
- Has been discussing merging Public Works and Planning. We also have a Building Official vacancy that's being handled by restructuring. Also a vacancy in Assessor's office.
- Go with Policy Item #1 and come back at mid-year to preserve delivery of service.

POLICY ITEMS:

Roberta Reed (spreadsheet detailing/updating Policy Decisions, copy kept in file folder for today):

Final Policy Item Review & Prioritization

General Comments:

- Community Center Lighting Requirements: could be liability issue; not make the centers available at night? Make decision about one facility. Use CSA powers first. CAO recommendation: defer until mid-year budget, they will come back with more info.
- Can Public Works utilize surplus sale as revenue for their department?
- Rental Space for Social Services – check to see if Sheriff's current space might work for her.
- Increase first responder to \$125,000, insure that extra \$25,000 goes to small districts/departments that qualify for audit exemption. Brian to administer.

The Board considered policy items individually and funded them as follows:

Board of Supervisors

- General Fund Contingency: \$780,000 (400K for Solid Waste)

Operating Transfers

- Additional Support for 1st Responders: \$25,000
- Mono County RCD Contributions: (\$0, currently has funds available)
- Support for Non-County Agencies and Organizations: \$92,000

Lunch Recess

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Discussion - Fire Districts:

Mike Booher, Chief Bridgeport Fire:

- Letter he gave to Board dated 8/19/10 regarding \$8,000 given to High-Sierra Pre-Hospital Education. He's asking, on behalf of the Mono County Chiefs Association to be the recipient and administrator of these funds and to use them for either EMT 1 OR First Responder training.
- Fire Chiefs throughout the County discussed their budgets/current needs

Board Comments:

- Disheartened to hear that money is not being spent the way it was intended.
- Approved \$125,000 – extra \$25,000 this year should go to small districts. (first responder or EMT?)
- Board is very supportive of the first responders, fire districts, etc. Will continue to utilize all lobbyist efforts to get additional support.
- \$8,000 annual money to go directly to Fire Chiefs giving them discretion on training.

Brian Muir:

- What they charge towards the admin. fee is the cost of doing the work.
- County is just acting as the agent.
- Districts are going to have to absorb the tax admin. fee.

1b) Budget Workshop Continued

Final Policy Item Review & Prioritization (Continued):

The Board considered policy items individually and funded them as follows:

Capital Improvement Plan

- Community Center Lighting Requirements: Lighting study/defer
- Old Substation Demolition: Board up now, review at mid-year
- Engineering for EMS Station in Chalfant: \$40,400
- Remodel Health Department WIC Offices: \$20,000
- Social Services Civil Rights Compliance Upgrades: \$30,000
- Sheriff's Offices Restroom ADA: \$7,000 (Rural Cops, note 25K prior year)

Discussion - Hammil Valley regarding EMS Station in Chalfant:

- Money for engineering is needed, can do for a little over \$40,000.
- The engineering will put infrastructure in place for possible later needs.
- Board is mostly supportive; Supervisor Bauer is not.

County Administrative Officer – HR

- Reclassify FTS I/II to Animal Control Program Coordinator: \$26,500
- Child Welfare Division Assistant for SIP Plan: \$60,288 (Social Services Fund)
- Amend Management Comp Policy for Asst. Clerk/Recorder: \$5,767

Economic Development

- Add Integrated Recreation Access Points to County Website: \$23,816
- County-wide Economic Development Analysis: \$0 (SBC to present additional info)

Discussion - Economic Development Analysis/Supervisor Peters:

- Recently realized in looking at Conway Ranch, despite having \$600,000 to 800,000 of infrastructure in place there are *still* issues; what we really need is a strategic economic development plan for the entire county.
- Sierra Business Council wants to take all information already acquired regarding economic development, use it and *then* add to it.
- SBC has committed to helping county recoup \$100,000 contribution through corporate sponsors, etc. Hiring a third party advisor was recommended.
- Wants to convince Board to allocate \$100,000 and commit to put into place the missing piece to the planning in the county for economic development.

Additional Board Comments:

- Doesn't want to use additional reserve monies for that.
- Maybe entertain this mid-year?
- Thinks we are already being very active in economic development; not very impressed with some of the planning processes in place.
- Board would like to see how the plan would translate into action.
- Maybe sustainable grant approved yesterday could be used for this?

Dave Wilbrecht:

- There is going to be a huge investment in the county for digital 395.
- We have to prepare for that and take the money out of wherever we need to.

Mary Boher:

- Possible money in CDBG grant? About \$35,000? But on hold right now.
- Town is also eligible for that same grant; could be eligible for same activity.

Brian Muir:

- Reminded the Board what their policy is regarding contingency funds.

Public Works/Road/Solid Waste/Motor Pool

- Public Works - Commercial Ride-On Lawnmower; Defer
- Public Works – Crowley Lake Entry Water Line: \$0
- Public Works – Chalfant Radio Control Racetrack: (will be handled within Facilities)
- Public Works – Jail Computer Room Fire Suppression: \$27,000 (Rural Cops)
- Road – Additional General Fund Alternative #1: \$582,011
- Solid Waste – Short-Term Loan: \$1,080,000

- Motor Pool (Paramedics) Ambulance Replacement: \$85,000 Motor Pool Budgeted
- Motor Pool (Sheriff) Seven Ford Expeditions: \$205,000 Motor Pool Budgeted
- Motor Pool (PW Facilities) 4x4 Pickup: \$45,000 Motor Pool Budgeted
- Motor Pool (Road) 4x4 Pickup: \$42,000 Motor Pool Budgeted
- Motor Pool (Road) Mechanic's Truck: \$46,000 Motor Pool Budgeted

Social Services

- Rental space for increased staffing and visitation/children's area: \$36,505 Social Services fund/mid-year review.

Amount remaining in general reserve: \$2,210,926 which will earn interest during the year.

BUDGET WRAP UP:

Brian Muir:

- The Board used about 1/2 of the reserves.
- We need to be motivated to solve Solid Waste issue THIS year. If we get in the same spot next year, we'll blow through all the reserves.
- Next steps, he'll have a budget document out by end of the week. Second meeting of September will be budget hearings.
- May be some minor changes in fund balance; if there is anything remotely material, he'll disclose that.
- Is open to changing the packet and procedure for the future.
- He'll move forward with the outside requests now.

ADJOURNMENT 3:38 p.m.

BYNG HUNT
Chairman

ATTEST:

SHANNON KENDALL
Sr. Deputy Clerk of the Board

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