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Minutes - Final Board of Supervisors

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John R. Knight, District I
James R. Sweeney, District III

Suzanne Allen de Sanchez, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Gayle Erbe-Hamlin, Chief Administrative Officer Louis B.
Green, County Counsel

Monday, August 24, 2009

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

9:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Present: 5 - Supervisor Knight, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Nutting, Supervisor Briggs
and Supervisor Santiago

DEPARTMENT MATTERS

1. [09-1022](#) Chief Administrative Office recommending the Board take action on any related recommendations or discussion relative to managing the County Budget in the current fiscal year, or subsequent fiscal years including possible amendments to the proposed budget for 2009/2010. (Refer 8/11/09, Item 29)

PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Copeland RE: Retirement enhancements. In support of early retirement program as presented today. Should also include a PERS enhancement to entice more people to take an early retirement.

T. Holcomb RE: PERS Retirement incentive. CAO has provided good. Also the alternatives including 2 years retirement incentive is advantageous in two ways 1) no cost to County for two years and 2) after two years the cost is equal to the other types of reductions. Keep as many tools on the table as possible. Net County Cost is over stated. There is 2.2 million less than stated due to Special Districts' payments that are deposited into Department 15. Revenue Taxation Code 95.3 D states how these funds can be used. Constituents should be able to see the funds and where they are used.

C. Paine RE: Managers Association supports what J. Copeland said. Timeline for securitization implementation.

S. Coach RE: EDC Employees Association RETirement encentives offered more broadly. Health trust or cash give more flexibility to Departments. Dpartment Heads list of employees who should be exempt from Early Retirement.

B. Johnston RE: Future deficite needs to be better explained. Review of regulations. Need to see where we can reduce our regulation. Need to stop giving money to bleeding departments. Review what we can provide services. Workjshops of what people in the community want. Resources to sustain through the low times.

J. Harn RE: Health Savings sccount option. Should offer cash only.

A motion was made by Supervisor Knight, seconded by Supervisor Briggs, as follows:

- 1) Direct departments to submit a specific plan to achieve their Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 targets by September 4, 2009;**
- 2) Provide Direction to develop proposals for changes in fees primarily focused on the three specific departments to meet their tiered targets noting that fee increase request must be included with specific plans and with analysis of the needs and requirement of the regulation;**
- 3) Conceptually authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to actively explore securitization option with full assessment of risks and benefits; and**
- 4) Authorize the use of additional funds in appropriations for contingency to provide safety net for economic uncertainties.**

Yes: 5 - Knight, Sweeney, Nutting, Briggs and Santiago

2. [09-1016](#) Human Services Director providing an update to the Board on the status of the El Dorado Center move of the Human Services Department. (Refer 7/28/09, Item 26)

FUNDING: Federal, State, Realignment and Accumulated Capital Outlay (ACO) Funds.

This matter was Received and Filed.

CLOSED SESSION

3. [09-1105](#) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: **Public Employee Performance Evaluation:**
Title: Chief Administrative Officer.
No Action Reported.

ADDENDUM**DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

4. [09-1126](#) Chief Administrative Office providing an update on Public Defender/Indigent Defense and recommending the Board take action on any related recommendations or discussion relative to managing these programs' budgets in the current or subsequent fiscal year including possible amendments to the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT

L. Roth RE: Currently a resolution for the Pilot Program will be coming to the Board in September.

J. Clark RE: Conflict Counsel member Okay with the 10% reduction but not with a reduction of the number of conflict attorneys. This could cost more as \$70/hr attorneys will be used.

P. Pallance RE: Conflict Counsel from the Lake. Okay with the 10% reduction. Reducing the Department from 10 to 7 and then making the 7 take a 10% reduction. The information presented by the County show that in El Dorado County 1 in 25 citizens is a criminal while in Nappa County it is only 1 in 38. How do we look at how people are charged in El Dorado County compared to other Counties.

J. Castellanos RE: Conflict Counsel from the Lake. What drives the indigent defense. Federal Government gives funds for certain levels of specific types of arrests. There is not more justice because there are more arrests. Just more expense.

V. Pierson RE: The conviction rate is much better than 3 years ago. Don't set every case for trial. Cannot be defending more cases than District Attorney is trying.

M. B. Flack RE: Conflict Attorney. Hiring experts has been falling on the County. Death Penalty trials have higher costs.

A motion was made by Supervisor Santiago, seconded by Supervisor Nutting, as follows:

- 1) Reduce the compensation by 10%;**
- 2) Reduce the size of the conflict panel after analysis and return to the Board for final decision at the Budget Hearings; and**
- 3) Continue Pilot Program for ability to pay.**

Yes: 5 - Knight, Sweeney, Nutting, Briggs and Santiago

ADJOURNED AT 3:40 P.M.