

Monday, June 10, 2013

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts, met in regular session at 9:00 AM.

PRESENT: Supervisors: Frank R. Mecham, Bruce S. Gibson, Adam Hill, Debbie Arnold and Chairperson Paul A. Teixeira

ABSENT: None

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS LED BY CHAIRPERSON PAUL A. TEIXEIRA.

Public Comment Period:

1. This is the time set for members of the public wishing to address the board on matters other than scheduled items.

Mr. Eric Greening: comments on the previous San Luis Obispo County Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Meeting and their discussion regarding Steinberg's Senate Bill (SB) 731 and suggests the Board schedule this matter on the agenda. **No action taken.**

Hearings:

2. Budget Hearings for the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Proposed Budget. The County's Proposed and Supplemental Budget documents can be viewed at the following link:
<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/admin/Budget.htm>

Mr. Dan Buckshi – County Administrative Officer: states there is a structural gap and, as a result, there are recommendations to scale back services. Further, outlines the purpose, overall approach, and order of review for Budget Hearings.

Mr. Greg Schulte – Assistant County Administrative Officer: presents and discusses an overview of the County Budget; states the County received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget award for the second year in a row; highlights the budget approach and framework; the 7 Year Pain Plan; the projected 2.2 million dollar gap; the proposed \$494.8 million dollar budget for all funds; the Supplemental Budget document; sources of funding and where the money goes; assumptions; the strategic approach; staffing implications; service level impacts; the State budget, including the status of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) proposal; Sequestration and the U.S. budget; recommendations; and next steps after Budget Hearings. Further, thanks Department Heads and staff, the Auditor-Controller's Office and the Administrative Office for their participation and hard work in preparing the budget.

Board Members: question how the County covers pension and benefit costs for the added positions funded by Federal or State government sources; discuss issues relating to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) proposal, including the potential impacts to the budget and how adjustments will be made to the budget; comment on the Airport's continued deficit and how it will be addressed; the status of the \$50,000 suggested for the economic analysis related to the Diablo Canyon; comment on the expansion at the Meridian Fire Station; question the Intergovernmental revenues for Federal and Other; and the sequestration implications to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, with Mr. Buckshi and Mr. Dana Lilley – Planning and Building responding.

Chairperson Teixeira: opens the floor to public comment.

Ms. Kelley Sutherland (handout), Ms. Jeannette Watson (handout) and Ms. Andrea Seastrand: speak, with Mr. Buckshi responding to Ms. Sutherland's concerns regarding debt and how it is presented in the Proposed Budget; states in addition to the information contained in the Budget, there is a comprehensive overview of debt as part of the third quarter financial report but there are options to structure future Budgets differently. Further responds to Ms. Watson's issues regarding parcel taxes and Ms. Seastrand's questions regarding the economic development strategy.

Land Based Budgets:

- This is the time set for the Land Based Budgets.

Mr. Greg Schulte – Assistant County Administrator: presents and overview on Land Based Budgets.

Board Members: address issues relating to the impacts from the growing population of ground squirrels; the Bait Program and alternative ground squirrel control solutions, with Mr. Martin Settevendemie - Agricultural Commissioner responding. Further, the Board directs the Ag Commissioner to work with private sector suppliers to make the bait available at the lowest cost possible instead of reinstating a program that was dismantled; speak with the Cattleman’s Association and the Farm Bureau to find out what they are specifically looking for; and come back at a later time. Furthermore, Board Members question the structure of the debt service payment for the Vineyard Drive Interchange Project; with Mr. Dan Buckshi – County Administrator and Mr. Dave Flynn – Public Works responding.

Chairperson Teixeira: opens the floor to public comment.

Mr. Eric Greening: speaks.

Board Members: question the work settlement accounts that are decreasing maintenance accounts; and the costs to replace equipment outlined on page C-30 of the proposed budget book; and the status of road infrastructure conditions, with Mr. Will Clemens, Mr. Flynn – Public Works and Mr. Paavo Ogren – Public Works Director responding.

The Board tentatively approves the Land Based Budgets for Fund Centers: 141 – Agricultural Commissioner; 142 - Planning and Building; 290 - Community Development; 405 - Public Works; 201 - Public Works Special Services; 245 - Roads; and 248 - Road Impact Fees and Special Districts, as presented by the County Administrative Office and outlined in the Supplemental Document.

Motion by: Bruce S. Gibson

Second by: Adam Hill

SUPERVISORS	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Teixeira, Paul A. (Chairperson)	x			
Gibson, Bruce S. (Vice-Chairperson)	x			
Mecham, Frank R. (Board Member)	x			
Hill, Adam (Board Member)	x			
Arnold, Debbie (Board Member)	x			

Mr. Greg Schulte - Assistant County Administrator: addresses a correction on page A-50 to the proposed budget book, under Financing Sources, the Intergovernmental Revenues listed for “Federal” and “Other” are transposed. The amount for “Federal” should read \$55,333,093 not \$7,845,054 and the amount for “Other” should read \$7,845,054 not \$55,333,093. Further, states they will be correcting those figures for the final budget.

Public Protection Budgets:

- This is the time set for Public Protection Budgets.

Board Members: question the prospects on continued funding from (AB 109) Public Safety Realignment; and the waste management programs, with Mr. Dan Buckshi – County Administrator and Mr. Paavo Ogren – Public Works Director responding.

Chairperson Teixeira: opens the floor to public comment without response.

The Board tentatively approves the Public Protection Budgets for Fund Centers: 137 - Animal Services; 134 - Child Support Services; 143 - Contributions to Court Operations; 140 - County Fire; 132 - District Attorney; 138 - Emergency Services; 131 - Grand Jury; 139 - Probation; 135 - Public Defender; 136 - Sheriff-Coroner; and 130 - Waste Management, as presented by the County Administrative Office and outlined in the Supplemental Document.

Motion by: Frank R. Mecham

Second by: Bruce S. Gibson

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Teixeira, Paul A. (Chairperson)	x			
Gibson, Bruce S. (Vice-Chairperson)	x			
Mecham, Frank R. (Board Member)	x			
Hill, Adam (Board Member)	x			
Arnold, Debbie (Board Member)	x			

Health & Human Services Budgets:

- This is the time set for Health & Human Services Budgets.

Board Members: comment on the complexity to how this functional area is structured in the proposed budget book; discuss various options regarding a detox center; the elimination of the Public Health Nurse; and question the status of the Veterans Treatment Court Program, with Mr. Dan Buckshi – County Administrator, Mr. Jeff Hamm – Health Agency Director and Mr. Dana Cummings – Veterans Services Officer responding.

Chairperson Teixeira: opens the floor to public comment.

Ms. Soma Margason and Ms. Mary Bianchi - Model of Care Partner Oversight Committee (MOCPOC) and The Friends of Martha’s Place: speak.

Supervisor Mecham: questions what the “New Office of Traffic Safety Grant” is, with Mr. Frank Warren – Behavioral Health Department responding.

The Board tentatively approves the Health & Human Services Budgets for Fund Centers: 166 - Behavioral Health; 350 - County Medical Services Program; 375 - Driving Under the Influence; 351 - Emergency Medical Services Fund; 184 - Law Enforcement Medical Care; 183 - Medical Assistance Program; 160 - Public Health; 180 - Social Services; 182 - CalWORKs; 181 - Foster Care; 185 - General Assistance; and 186 - Veterans Services, as presented by the County Administrative Office and outlined in the Supplemental Document.

Motion by: Bruce S. Gibson

Second by: Adam Hill

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Hill, Adam (Board Member)	x			
Arnold, Debbie (Board Member)	x			

Closed Session Items:

- 3. The Board announces they will be going into Closed Session regarding:

I. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Gov. Code, §54956.8.) It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session to have a conference with its Real Property Negotiator concerning the following: 1. Property Description: 1720 Bishop, San Luis Obispo; Parties with whom negotiating: Child Development Center; Instructions to Negotiator will concern: Price, Terms and Conditions.

(ADDED PER ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA. REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT HAVE BEEN SATISFIED AS THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED PRIOR TO THE 72-HOUR NOTICING REQUIREMENT.)

II. PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code, section 54956.9.) It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session concerning the following items:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation (Government Code, section 54956.9(a).)

(Formally initiated) 2. San Luis Obispo County Deputy County Counsel Association, et al. v. San Luis Obispo County Pension Trust Board, et al.(CV100425); 3. County of San Luis Obispo v. San Luis Obispo Government Attorneys’ Union (LA-CO-123-M PERB); 4. County of San Luis Obispo v. San Luis Obispo Deputy County Counsel Association (LA-CO-124-M PERB).

III. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Gov. Code ' 54957.6.) It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session to have a conference with its Labor Negotiator Tami Douglas-Schatz concerning the following: Name of employee organizations are: 5. SLOCPPOA; 6. SLOCEA-Public Services, Supervisors, Clerical; 7. Deputy Sheriff’s Association; 8. DAIA; 9. Sheriffs’ Management; 10. SLOCPMPOA; 11. DCCA; 12. SLOGAU.

Chairperson Teixeira: opens the floor to public comment without response.

Thereafter, pursuant to the requirements of the Brown Act, County Counsel reports out on the items discussed during Closed Session as follows: no report required as no final action was taken and the Board goes into Open Public Session.

Community Services Budgets:

- This is the time set for Community Services Budgets.

Board Members: address various financial concerns with the Airport and Library and establishing a strategic plan for both, with Mr. Craig Piper - Airport Services, Mr. Brian Reynolds – Library Director and Mr. Dan Buckshi – County Administrator responding.

Chairperson Teixeira: opens the floor to public comment without response.

The Board tentatively approves the Community Services Budgets for Fund Centers: 425 - Airports; 215 - Farm Advisor; 331 - Fish and Game; 427 - Golf Courses; 377 - Library; 305 - Parks; and 330 - Wildlife and Grazing, as presented by the County Administrative Office and outlined in the Supplemental Document.

Motion by: Frank R. Mecham
Second by: Bruce S. Gibson

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Mecham, Frank R. (Board Member)	x			
Hill, Adam (Board Member)	x			
Arnold, Debbie (Board Member)	x			

Fiscal and Administrative Budgets:

- This is the time set for Fiscal and Administrative Budgets.

Chairperson Teixeira: opens the floor to public comment.

Mr. Tom Dawson and Ms. Elsa Dawson: request a fully outlined dollar figure of the County’s total debt, with Mr. Dan Buckshi responding to Ms. Dawson. Further Mr. Jim Erb– Auditor Controller, states debt figures are projected in the annual financial statements.

The Board tentatively approves the Fiscal and Administrative Budgets for Fund Centers: 104 - Administrative Office; 275 - Organizational Development; 109 - Assessor; 107 - Auditor-Controller; 100 - Board of Supervisors; 110 - Clerk-Recorder; and 108 - Treasurer, Tax Collector and Public Administration, as presented by the County Administrative Office and outlined in the Supplemental Document.

Motion by: Bruce S. Gibson

Second by: Adam Hill

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Arnold, Debbie (Board Member)	x			

Support to County Departments:

- This is the time set for Support to County Departments.

Supervisor Mecham: questions the reason for eliminating the two positions in the maintenance division; and comments on the number of eliminations of lower level positions rather than higher level positions; with Mr. Dan Buckshi – County Administrator responding.

Chairperson Teixeira: opens the floor to public comment without response.

Mr. Buckshi: speaks to the deferred Court mainframe costs.

The Board tentatively approves the Support to County Budgets for Fund Centers: 111 - County Counsel; 113 - General Services Agency; 407 - Fleet Services; 114 - Information Technology; 406 - Reprographics; 112 - Human Resources; 105 - Risk Management; and 408 – 412 - Self Insurance, as presented by the County Administrative Office.

Motion by: Bruce S. Gibson

Second by: Adam Hill

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Gibson, Bruce S. (Vice-Chairperson)	x			
Mecham, Frank R. (Board Member)	x			
Hill, Adam (Board Member)	x			
Arnold, Debbie (Board Member)	x			

Financing:

- This is the time set for Financing.

Supervisor Arnold: asks for an explanation to the \$350,000 decrease in supplemental property tax revenues; and questions how the anticipated \$20 million to \$25 million of sales tax, attributed to the solar projects, ties into the budget, with Ms. Teresa Andrews-Hurliman – Auditor Controller’s Office and Mr. Dan Buckshi responding.

Chairperson Teixeira: opens the floor to public comment.

Ms. Andrea Seastrand: speaks.

Supervisor Mecham: comments on the Board’s discretionary funds and how it’s used in San Diego County.

The Board tentatively approves the Financing Budgets for Fund Centers: 266 - Countywide Automation Replacement; 277 - Debt Service; 267 - General Government Building Replacement; 102 - Non-Departmental Revenues-Other Financing Use; 101 - Non-Departmental Revenues; 413 - Other Post Employment Benefits; 392 - Pension Obligation Bonds; 247 - Public Facility Fees; and 268 - Tax Reduction Reserve, as presented by the County Administrative Office.

Motion by: Frank R. Mecham

Second by: Bruce S. Gibson

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Mecham, Frank R. (Board Member)	x			
Hill, Adam (Board Member)	x			
Arnold, Debbie (Board Member)	x			

Capital and Maintenance Project:

- This is the time set for Capital and Maintenance Projects.

Chairperson Teixeira: opens the floor to public comment without response.

The Board tentatively approves the Capital and Maintenance Projects Budgets for Fund Centers: 230 - Capital Projects; and 200 - Maintenance Projects, as presented by the County Administrative Office.

Motion by: Adam Hill

Second by: Bruce S. Gibson

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Teixeira, Paul A. (Chairperson)	x			
Gibson, Bruce S. (Vice-Chairperson)	x			
Mecham, Frank R. (Board Member)	x			
Hill, Adam (Board Member)	x			
Arnold, Debbie (Board Member)	x			

On motion duly made and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts, does now adjourn to Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

I, **JULIE L RODEWALD**, County Clerk-Recorder and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio clerk of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held Monday, June 10, 2013, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts.

JULIE L RODEWALD, County Clerk-Recorder and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: /s/ Annette Ramirez, Deputy Clerk-Recorder

DATED: June 24, 2013