

Monday, June 08, 2015

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, Lynn Compton and Chairperson
Debbie Arnold

ABSENT: None

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS LED BY CHAIRPERSON DEBBIE ARNOLD.

Public Comment Period:

1. This is the time set for members of the public to address the Board on matters that are not scheduled on the agenda.

Dr. C. Hite: presents a video concerning funding to the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo (HALSO).

Ms. Linde Owen: addresses the Los Osos Wastewater Project, its financial status, and need for oversight; requests an update on the ARB Lawsuit; and comments on the Los Osos Water Conservation Program.

Mr. Ben DiFatta: speaks to City, County, and Community Services District (CSD) managers and their high salaries.

Mr. Eric Greening: comments on the Estrella Warbirds Museum; and the approved NBS Contract for Proposition 218 funding mechanisms and proceedings for the formation of the Paso Robles Water District. **No action taken.**

Budget Hearings:

2. Budget Hearings for the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Budget.

Mr. Dan Buckshi - County Administrative Officer: provides overview of the budget hearing schedule and reviews the budget process.

Ms. Emily Jackson - County Administrative Office: presents the County's Vision, Mission Statement, and Organizational Values as the core foundation to the development of the budget; states the County received the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 4th consecutive year; reviews the overall 2015/16 budget: the approach - having a balanced budget with public safety as the top priority; the budget's formation - meeting all legal mandates, debt service requirements and developing a "status quo" baseline of the for all departments; the key points - being structurally balanced with a solid financial footing and methodically growing; the numbers - the proposed budget is \$564 Million, a 3.4% increase from last year; the total General Fund budget is \$465 Million, a 5.6% increase from last year; highlights the funding sources and allocations by functional area; outlines staffing levels, 58 positions added for a total of 2,637.25 positions, a 3% increase from last year; addresses the purpose of the Supplemental Budget document, with 11 technical adjustments and 1 "at issue item"; speaks to the financial security, stating contingencies are now back at 5%; and reviews programs and services, states 95 Budget Augmentation Requests (BAR) were received with only 66 recommended for approval, for total expense of \$12.2 Million with a total General Fund amount of \$4.1 Million; and provides a brief summary and update of the State Budget. Furthermore, recommends the Board review and discuss the proposed budget; direct staff to prepare the 2015/16 final budget resolutions; and authorize the Auditor-Controller, Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Public Administrator to make loans between funds for cash flow purposes.

Board Members: question the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding that is no longer available; the potential impacts to the General Fund from State and Federal mandates and the reimbursement process; comments on the methodical approach to the Budget; and the redefined budgetary relationship between Counties and the State, with Mr. Buckshi and Ms. Jackson responding.

Chairperson Arnold: open the floor to public comment.

Mr. Mike Brown - Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business; Mr. Eric Greening; Dr. C. Hite - Rural Community Workshop; Ms. Eva Ulz - History Center of San Luis Obispo; Mr. James Papp - Jack House Representative; Mr. Thomas Brown; and Ms. Donna Gallagher (handout): speak. **No action taken.**

Land Based Budgets:

This is the time set for the Land Based Budgets.

Ms. Emily Jackson - County Administrative Office: presents an overview of the Land Based Budgets, with Mr. Wade Horton, Mr. Dave Flynn, Mr. Mark Hutchinson, and Mr. Will Clemens - Department of Public Works presenting a brief summary of their department’s budget.

Board Members: address comments and concerns regarding: the State Gas Tax; implementation of water use violation fines; staffing and repayment for the Los Osos Bridge Loan; the timeline for the Oceano Route 1 at 13th Street Storm Drain Project; and the repayment and loan interest rate for the Vineyard Drive Interchange Project in Templeton, with Mr. Flynn, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Clemens, and Mr. Dan Buckshi – County Administrative Officer responding.

Chairperson Arnold: opens the floor to public comment.

Mr. Eric Meyer; Mr. Jeff Buckingham; Mr. Clint Pearce; Mr. Mike Manchak – Economic Vitality Corporation (EVC); Ms. Judy Mahan – SLO HotHouse Director and Cal Poly Small Business Development Center; Mr. Eric Greening; and Mr. Mike Brown – Coalition of Labor, Agriculture, and Business (COLAB): speak.

Board Members: address Cal Poly HotHouse’s request and the Avila Beach Area Plan.

On motion by Supervisor Adam Hill, seconded by Bruce S. Gibson, to tentatively approve the Land Based Budgets; to allocate \$200,000 to the Cal Poly SLO HotHouse; and encourage a seat for the County Administrative Officer (CAO) to their board’s committee, is discussed.

Chairperson Arnold: recommends this type of allocation be revisited annually, with the motion maker and second responding.

Mr. Buckshi: clarifies the motion.

The Board tentatively approves the Land Based Budgets for Fund Centers: 141 – Agricultural Commissioner; 142 - Planning and Building; 290 - Community Development; 405 - Public Works; 430- Los Osos Wastewater System; 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. Furthermore, directs staff to allocate \$200,000 to the Cal Poly SLO HotHouse from General Fund Contingencies.

Motion by: Adam Hill

Second by: Bruce S. Gibson

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

Public Protection Budgets:

This is the time set for the Public Protection Budgets.

Ms. Emily Jackson - County Administrative Office: presents an overview of the Public Protection

Budgets, with Sheriff Ian Parkinson presenting a brief summary of his department’s budget (documents).

Board Members: question the financial impacts from the closure of Lake San Antonio; the tracking of vehicle miles traveled; the fluctuations with priority calls; overtime hours and vacancies within the Sheriff’s Department, with Sheriff Parkinson responding.

Chairperson Arnold: 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.

Motion by: Frank R. Mecham

Second by: Adam Hill

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

Closed Session:

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL. ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code, section 54956.9.) It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session concerning the following items: (1) Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: Two; (2) Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: Two.

PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code, section 54956.9.) It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session concerning the following items: Existing Litigation (Gov. Code, section 54956.9(a)). (Formally initiated.) (3) ARB, Inc. v. County of San Luis Obispo; (4) Los Osos Community Services District v. Golden State Water Company, et al.; (5) Bay Area/Diablo Petroleum Co., et al. v. County of San Luis Obispo, et al.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code, section 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 employee organizations: (6) San Luis Obispo Government Attorney’s Union (SLOGAU); (7) San Luis Obispo County Employees Association – Trades and Crafts (SLOCEA-T&C); (8) Deputy County Counsel’s Association (DCCA); (9) Sheriffs’ Management; (10) San Luis Obispo County Probation Peace Officers’ Association (SLOCPPOA); (11) Deputy Sheriff’s Association (DSA); (12) District Attorney Investigators’ Association (DAIA); (13) San Luis Obispo County Probation Managers’ Peace Officers’ Association (SLOCPMPOA); (14) San Luis Obispo County Employees Association – Public Services, Supervisors, Clerical (SLOCEA – PSSC); (15) Unrepresented Management and Confidential Employees; and (16) Association of San Luis Obispo County Deputy Sheriffs (ASLOCDS).

(Added Closed Session, per the addendum to the agenda. PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code, section 54956.9.) It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session concerning the following items: Existing Litigation (Gov. Code, section 54956.9(a)). (Formally initiated.) (17) County of San Luis Obispo v. San Luis Obispo Government Attorneys’ Union (PERB No. LA-CO-123-M); (18) County of San Luis Obispo v. San Luis Obispo Deputy County Counsel Association (PERB No. LA-CO-124-M). All requirements of the Brown Act have been satisfied as this notice was posted prior to the 72 hour noticing requirement.)

Chairperson Arnold: 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.

Health and Human Services Budgets:

This is the time set for the Health and Human Services Budgets.

Ms. Emily Jackson - County Administrative Office: presents an overview of the Health and Human Services Budgets, with Mr. Jeff Hamm – Health Agency Director, Ms. Anne Robin – Behavioral Health Administrator, and Ms. Penny Borenstein – Health Officer, presenting a brief summary of their department’s budget. Further, Ms. Jackson states there is an “at-issue item” to add 1.00 FTE Assistant Veterans Service Officer to the Department of Veterans Services; reviews the “at-issue item” process and why the Administrative Office was recommending the Board’s approval of the Budget Augmentation Request (BAR), with Mr. Dana Cummings – Veterans Services Officer, addressing the “at-issue item” and asks the Board to re-consider the recommendation by the Administrative Office.

Board Members: question the Veterans Services office workload; the appointment backlog; the 126% increase in the number of clients served in the last three years; what the role and responsibilities of the Assistant Veterans Services Officer (AVSO) would be; and asks if the strategic plan can be available for review prior to the adoption of the final budget, with Mr. Cummings, Ms. Jackson, and Mr. Dan Buckshi - County Administrative Officer responding.

Chairperson Arnold: opens the floor to public comment.

Mr. Kevin Boan; Lieutenant Colonel James Stitt; Mr. John Plunkett; Mr. Greg Shearer; Mr. Joe Brocato; Mr. Tim Haley; Mr. Ron Waltman; Mr. Gary Kirkland; Mr. Mike Brown – Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business (COLAB); District Attorney Dan Dow; and Ms. Andrea Seastrand: speak.

Ms. Jackson: outlines three options regarding the “at issue item” for the Board to consider.

Board Members: state they want to review the strategic plan prior to consideration and see data on how Veteran Services is currently operating; and question the timeframe for this type of request, with Mr. Buckshi responding and Mr. Cummings, affirming his commitment to have the strategic plan ready by the adoption of the final budget.

Supervisor Gibson: states his appreciation regarding the amount of analysis put into the recommendations for Health Services.

Chairperson Arnold: questions the 99% increase outlined for Fund Center 181 - Foster Care, with Ms. Jackson and Mr. Lee Collins – Department of Social Services Director responding.

The Board tentatively approves the Health & Human Services Budgets for Fund Centers: 166 - Behavioral Health; 375 – Driving Under the Influence; 351 - Emergency Medical Services Fund; 184 - Law Enforcement Medical Care; 350 - Medical Indigent Services 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. Further, directs staff to bring back an analysis of the Veterans Services request upon completion of the strategic plan and its review by the Administrative Office.

Motion by: Frank R. Mecham

Second by: Bruce S. Gibson

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

Community Services Budgets:

This is the time set for the Community Services Budgets.

Ms. Emily Jackson - County Administrative Office: presents an overview of the Community Services Budgets, with Mr. Chris Barnickel - Library Director, presenting a brief summary of his department’s budget.

Chairperson Arnold: 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 Recreation; and 330 - Wildlife and Grazing, as presented by the County Administrative Office and outlined in the Supplemental Document.

Motion by: Bruce S. Gibson

Second by: Lynn Compton

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

Fiscal and Administrative Budgets:

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

Ms. Emily Jackson - County Administrative Office: presents an overview of the Fiscal and Administrative Budgets, with Mr. Jim Erb - Auditor-Controller, Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Public Administrator, presenting a brief summary of his department’s budget.

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

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 Administrator, as presented by the County Administrative Office.

Motion by: Adam Hill

Second by: Frank R. Mecham

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

Support to County Department Budgets:

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

Ms. Emily Jackson - County Administrative Office: presents an overview of the Fiscal and Administrative Budgets.

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

A motion by Supervisor Bruce S. Gibson, seconded by Supervisor Adam Hill, to tentatively approve the support to County Department Budgets and the Supplemental Document, is discussed.

Chairperson Arnold: addresses the request by the History Center for an additional \$29,000, with Ms. Jackson and Mr. Guy Savage - Assistant Administrative Officer responding.

Supervisors Gibson and Hill: state they are not in support of the requested increase.

The Board tentatively approves the Support to County Budgets for Fund Centers: 111 – County Counsel; 113 - General Services; 407 - Fleet Services; 114 - Information Technology; 112 - Human Resources; 105 - Risk Management; and 408 – 412 - Self Insurance, 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
Arnold, Debbie (Chairperson)		x		
Compton, Lynn (Vice Chairperson)		x		
Mecham, Frank R. (Board Member)		x		
Gibson, Bruce S. (Board Member)	x			
Hill, Adam (Board Member)	x			

The motion fails.

The Board tentatively grants the request by the History Center for an additional \$29,000 to the recommended amount of \$71,000, for a total amount of \$100,000 to come out of General Fund Contingencies. Further, the Board tentatively approves the Support to County Budgets for Fund Centers: 111 – County Counsel; 113 - General Services; 407 - Fleet Services; 114 - Information Technology; 112 - Human Resources; 105 - Risk Management; and 408 – 412 - Self Insurance, as presented by the County Administrative Office and outlined in the Supplemental Document.

Motion by: Frank R. Mecham

Second by: Lynn Compton

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

Financing Budgets:

This is the time set for the Financing Budgets.

Ms. Emily Jackson - County Administrative Office: presents an overview of the Fiscal and Administrative Budgets, with Mr. Guy Savage - Assistant County Administrative Officer, presenting a brief summary of the budget for the Countywide Automation.

Supervisor Mecham: questions if the public safety radio communications equipment will improve areas with no service, with Mr. Savage and Mr. Daniel Milei - Information Technology Director responding.

Supervisor Gibson: comments on the Tax Reduction Reserves, with Mr. Dan Buckshi – County Administrative Officer responding.

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

The Board tentatively approves the Financing Budgets for Fund Centers: 266 – Countywide

Automation Replacement; 277 - Debt Service; 267 - General Government Building Replacement; 103 - Non-Departmental -Other Expenditures; 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 and outlined in the Supplemental Document.

Motion by: Frank R. Mecham

Second by: Bruce S. Gibson

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

Capital and Maintenance Project Budgets:

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

Ms. Emily Jackson - County Administrative Office: presents an overview of the Fiscal and Administrative Budgets, with Mr. Guy Savage - Assistant County Administrative Officer, presenting a brief summary of the Capital and Maintenance Project Improvements.

Chairperson Arnold: 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 and outlined in the Supplemental Document.

Motion by: Bruce S. Gibson

Second by: Adam Hill

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

I, **TOMMY GONG**, 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 08, 2015, 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.

TOMMY GONG, County Clerk-Recorder and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

DATED: September 8, 2015