

Special Meeting – Budget Hearings September 12, 2011

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session to conduct Budget Hearings at the hour of 9:00 a.m., on Monday, September 12, 2011, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Susan Cash presiding, Linda Arcularius, Rick Pucci, and Marty Fortney. Supervisor Cervantes was absent and joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

- Public Comment** The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one from the public wishing to address the Board.
- Budget Message** The County Administrator presented the FY 2011-2012 the Budget Message. Mr. Carunchio provided the Board with a hard copy of the Budget Message PowerPoint presentation, along with copies of the Addendum & Errata Sheet, and the 2nd Addendum, and proceeded with the overview of this year's budget. He highlighted many of the differences between last year's Board approved budget and this year's CAO Recommended Budget, noting the reasons for the changes. He thanked the Auditor-Controller, Ms. Leslie Chapman and the Budget Analyst, Ms. Randi Chegwidan, for their tremendous support in preparing this year's budget and acknowledged and thanked the Department Heads for their efforts to control departmental spending with little impact to the services they provide. The Board and Mr. Carunchio discussed various items identified in the budget message, including a lengthy discussion regarding fund balance, its importance and the hazards associated with continuing to depend on fund balance to balance the budget.
- Departmental Budgets** The Board reviewed the Departmental budgets discussion several budgets with Department Heads including the Coroner, the Agricultural Commissioner, the Water Director, the Sheriff, the Public Works Director, Director of Child Support Services, Health and Human Services Director, the District Attorney and the County Administrator regarding specific budgets under the Department Heads' preview.
- Recess/
Reconvene** The Chairperson recessed the special meeting at 11:45 a.m., to reconvene at 1:00 p.m., with all Board Members present to continue budget discussions.
- Departmental Budgets** The Board continued its discussion with the previously noted Department Heads concerning their respective budgets.
- Recess/
Reconvene** The Chairperson recessed the budget hearings at 3:10 p.m., to reconvene the hearings at 3:20 p.m. with all Board Members present.
- Budget Adoption** The Board continued their departmental budget review, noting that the County's budget is balanced without using furloughs, lay-offs, or reduced services. The Board acknowledged that the budget is balanced without knowing the impacts of State budget actions as a result of unrealized State revenues and does include over \$689,000 of general fund dollars for the Senior Program.

Moved by Supervisor Cervantes and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to adopt the FY 2011-2012 Department Budgets as recommended and amended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the FY 2010-2011 Budget Hearings at 3:35 p.m., on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: KEVIN D. CARUNCHIO
Clerk of the Board*

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Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant