

Special Meeting – Budget Hearings September 10, 2012

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 10, 2012, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Marty Fortney presiding, Linda Arcularius, Susan Cash, Rick Pucci, and Richard Cervantes. Supervisor Cervantes provided the invocation and Supervisor Cash led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 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 2012-2013 Budget Message. Mr. Carunchio provided the Board with a hard copy of the Budget Message PowerPoint presentation, along with copies of the Addendum and Errata Sheet, 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 discussion regarding fund balance, the funding for the County of Inyo's senior services, the ICGold Program, deferred maintenance, geothermal royalties and Coso taxes. The Auditor-Controller, Ms. Leslie Chapman certified the fund balance at \$3,833,348 noting this was a 3.75% increase over last year and was directly related to the fact that this is the first time in three years the Philips factor, which establishes the amount LADWP owes the County has increased. The County Administrator recommended that the additional \$150,000 that is realized from the certified fund balance being higher than that estimated in the Budget, be either put in Contingencies or Reserves.
- Departmental Budgets** The Board reviewed the Departmental budgets discussing several budgets with Department Heads including the Water Director, the Treasurer, the Sheriff, the Public Works Director, the Agricultural Commissioner, the District Attorney, and the County Administrator regarding specific budgets under the Department Heads' preview.
- Recess/
Reconvene** The Chairperson recessed the special meeting at 12:20 p.m., to reconvene at 1:00 p.m., with all Board Members present, except Supervisor Cervantes who was absent, to continue budget discussions.
- Departmental Budgets** The Board continued its discussion with the previously noted Department Heads concerning their respective budgets.
- Budget Adoption** The Board reviewed the budget message, discussing debt service, the need to fund the OPED Trust, and whether to increase contingencies or place the additional \$150,000 realized in fund balance in reserves. The Board thanked the County staff for its work in continuing to provide services at current levels despite the diminishing revenues.

Moved by Supervisor Cervantes and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to

- A) adopt the FY 2012-2013 Department Budgets as recommended and amended by the County Administrator, and to place the \$150,000 realized from the increase in the certified fund balance in the OPED Trust;
- B) authorize and direct the County Administrator and Auditor Controller to approve and make payments greater than \$10,000 to the Inter-Agency visitor Center and Tri-country fairgrounds as provided for in the Advertising County Resources budget;
- C) authorize and direct the County Administrator to develop and execute contracts with all Grants-in-Support program funding recipients identified in the Grants-in-Support Budget; and
- D) Set the adoption of the Final Budget for September 25, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously, with Supervisor Cervantes absent.

Adjournment The Chairperson adjourned the FY 2012-2013 Budget Hearings at 3:35 p.m.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

by: _____
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant