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County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

Special Meeting – Budget Hearings September 2, 2015

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session to conduct Budget Hearings at the hour of 9:05 a.m., on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center, in Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci and Mark Tillemans. Denelle Carrington, Sr. Management Analyst in the County Administrator's Office, 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 2015-2016 Budget Message. Mr. Carunchio provided the Board with a hard copy of the Budget Message PowerPoint presentation, 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 members of his budget team including the Auditor-Controller, Ms. Amy Shepherd, and Ms. Denelle Carrington, Sr. Management Analyst, for their support in preparing this year's budget and acknowledged and thanked the Department Heads for their efforts to control departmental spending with as little impact as possible to the services they provide. He also said that this year's budget has preserved the savings established last year in the SIP (Separation Incentive Plan). Mr. Carunchio talked about this year's increase in revenue predictions noting that LADWP's Philips Factor formula was almost 6% higher than last year. He noted that the CAO recommended budget as presented is balanced and totals \$94.7 million which represents the highest County spending plan ever presented for approval. The Board and Mr. Carunchio discussed various items identified in the budget message. The Auditor-Controller certified the fund balance as \$3,654,123. The County Administrator explained the fund balance exceeded the amount used to balance the budget and presented suggestions for how to budget the \$124,334 excess.

Departmental Budgets The Board discussed how they were going to proceed with regard to the adoption of the individual budgets. The Board thanked the Budget Team for the budget, noted that this is a spending plan that can be changed at any time, with Board approval. The Board considered the Budget as a whole and upon the request of a Department Head and a Board Member, the Clerk-Recorder's budgets (pgs. 371 through 390), the Probation Juvenile Institutions budget (pg. 219 through 224), the Sheriff's Kitchen Services budget (pgs. 57 through 59), the Sheriff's Jail General budget (pgs. 38 through 43); and the Public Works Deferred Maintenance budget (pgs. 115 through 117), were pulled for further discussion. Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve all Fiscal Year 2015-2016 individual budgets noted on the Consent Agenda for today's meeting (see attached schedule), excluding those budgets noted above. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess/Reconvene The Chairperson recessed the special meeting at 10:15 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 10:30 a.m., with all Board Members present.

Departmental Budgets	The Board heard from the Clerk-Recorder who questioned the authorized strength in her Department and asked that she be authorized to fill a full-time position instead of a B-PAR position. She justified the request by explaining that the workload in her office warrants a full-time position. The County Administrator explained that in order to help maintain SIP savings, the Clerk-Recorder and Auditor-Controller had been given a choice of having a shared position which resulted in each Department having a half-time position, or filling the vacancies within their respective offices with a B-PAR position which equates to 29 hours a week. The Board went on to discuss the Probation and Sheriff's Departments' budget as they pertained to the consolidation of the kitchen operations. Supervisor Griffiths asked about possibly including the Laws Museum Depot Roof project in the Deferred Maintenance budget. The Public Works Director, the Board, and staff discussed the inclusion of this project in the Deferred Maintenance budget. The Board took no action to change the CAO recommended budget for the following budgets: Clerk-Recorder's budgets (pgs. 371 through 390), the Juvenile Institutions budget (pg. 219 through 224), the Sheriff's Kitchen Services budget (pgs. 57 through 59), the Sheriff's Jail General budget (pgs. 38 through 43); and the Public Works Deferred Maintenance budget (pgs. 115 through 117).
Recess/ Reconvene	The Chairperson recessed the special meeting (Budget Hearings) at 11:25 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 11:36 a.m., with all Board Members present.
ACR and GIS Budgets	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the CAO Recommended Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Advertising County Resources Budget and Grants and Support Budget (pgs. 537 through 544). Motion carried unanimously.
Budget Adoption	<p>The County Administrator noted a \$20,000 correction in the Jail General budget which results in the Board having \$144,334 in additional revenue to appropriate in order to Balance the budget. The Board and Mr. Carunchio reviewed the options for distributing the funds. The Board talked about putting \$100,000 in the OPEB Trust, and putting the balance into contingencies.</p> <p>Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) adopt the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget as recommended by the County Administrator, to include, in addition to those budgets already acted upon, the following budgets: Clerk-Recorder's budgets (pgs. 371 through 390), the Juvenile Institutions budget (pg. 219 through 224), the Sheriff's Kitchen Services budget (pgs. 57 through 59), the Sheriff's Jail General budget (pgs. 38 through 43); and the Public Works Deferred Maintenance budget (pgs. 115 through 117); and including the \$20,000 correction to the Jail General Budget; B) direct that the use of Fund Balance certified by the Auditor-Controller which is in excess of the amount used to balance the budget, plus the above noted correction, or \$144,334, be allocated as follows: \$100,000 to the OPEB Trust, and \$44,334 to General Fund Contingencies; C) authorize and direct the County Administrator and Auditor Controller to approve and make payments greater than \$10,000 to the Inter-Agency Visitor Center, Cal Expo Exhibit, and Tri-Country Fairgrounds as provided for in the Advertising County Resources budget; D) 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 E) Set the adoption of the Final Budget for September 8, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Hearings at 11:47 a.m.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

by: _____
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant

INYO COUNTY 2015-2016 BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE

Administrative Center, Independence
September 2, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m. & continuing as necessary

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