

Special Meeting – Budget Hearings September 7, 2010

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session to conduct Budget Hearings at the hour of 10:15 a.m., on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Richard Cervantes presiding, Linda Arcularius, Susan Cash, Beverly Brown, and Marty Fortney.

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 2010-2011 the Budget Message. Mr. Carunchio provided the Board with a hard copy of the Budget Message powerpoint presentation and proceeded with the presentation. 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 Chegwidde, 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.

**Recess/
Reconvene** The Chairperson recessed the Budget Hearings at 12:00 p.m., to reconvene 2:00 p.m., with all Board Members present.

**Departmental
Budgets** The Board reviewed the Departmental budgets questioning several Department Heads, including the District Attorney, the Sheriff, the Director of Health and Human Services, and the Farm Advisor regarding specific 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.

The Board continued their departmental budget review, noting a \$60,000 correction that was needed in the District Attorney's budget, and other minor document shredding costs that needed to be corrected in several budgets. The Board indicated their inability to approve those budgets under the purview of the Public Works Director until they had an opportunity to speak with the Department Head, who was unavailable due to medical reasons. The Board noted that the County's budget is balanced without using furloughs, lay-offs, or reduced services. The Board noted the variety of items that were not funded this year, i.e., deferred maintenance needs, the new Agricultural Commissioners storage facility, personnel reclassifications, etc. The Board acknowledged that the budget is balanced without knowing the impacts of State budget actions and does include over \$500,000 of general fund to keep the Senior Programs operational.

Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to continue the FY 2010-2011 budget hearings to September 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Brown to adopt the FY 2010-2011 Departments Budgets as recommended and amended by the County Administrator, including those budgets identified on the index pages 1 through 69, 181 through 533 and excluding Road and Public Works Department Budgets pages 78 through 181 of the index, with direction that these budgets be considered on September 14, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recess/
Reconvene** The Chairperson recessed the budget hearings at 3:30 p.m., to reconvene the hearings at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 with all Board Members present.

Budget Hearings Continued The Board continued its consideration of the FY 2010-2011 County budget by reviewing those budgets under the purview of the Public Works Director, identified as pages 78 through 181 of the Budget Index. The Board and Mr. Pedersen discussed several budgets, with Mr. Pedersen responding to questions from the Board regarding allocations of State Highway Users Tax, Prop 42 and Road fund balance, as well as staffing recommendations and status.

Adoption of FY 2010-2009 Budget Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Fortney to adopt the FY 2010-2011 Budget as recommended by the County Administrator and amended as noted by the County Administrator, including the those budgets identified on pages 78 through 181, set the adoption of the Final Budget for September 21, 2010. 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*

by: _____
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant