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## Minutes - Final Board of Supervisors

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Monday, June 23, 2014

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

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### SPECIAL MEETING

#### CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 a.m.

*The Solano County Board of Supervisors met on the 23rd day of June 2014 in special session in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers at the Solano County Government Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California at 9:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors Hannigan, Spering, Thomson, Vasquez and Chair Seifert. Chair Seifert presided. Also present were County Administrator Birgitta E. Corsello and County Counsel Dennis Bunting.*

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 5 - Linda J. Seifert, James P. Spering, John M. Vasquez, Erin Hannigan and Skip Thomson

#### SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

*This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors continued with the Salute to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.*

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*Chair Seifert asked if there were any changes to the agenda. County Administrator Birgitta Corsello noted that there were no changes and stated that the Board and public had been provided with several documents including the original budget document, the supplemental budget document, two errata sheets with corrections and a supplemental attachment H regarding nonprofits, as well as the PowerPoint presentation.*

**On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Hannigan, the Board approved the agenda of the Solano County Board of Supervisors for June 23, 2014 as submitted. So ordered by 5-0 vote.**

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Conduct a noticed/published hearing to consider adoption of the FY2014/15 Recommended Budget

- a. County Administrator's presentation of the FY2014/15 Recommended Budget
- b. Recommendations for consideration and action regarding the FY2014/15 Recommended Budget including technical adjustments proposed at this hearing
- c. Selection of budget units for discussion and Board of Supervisor members' comments
- d. Public Comment of the FY2014/15 Recommended Budget
- e. Board discussion of budget units selected for discussion by functional area
- f. Continue FY2014/15 Recommended Budget Hearings as needed until conclusion
- g. Adopt the Budget and Position Resolutions for FY2014/15 and other recommendations included in the Supplemental Budget Report

Attachments:     [A - Summary of Supplemental Adjustments](#)  
[B - Supplemental Adjustments](#)  
[C - Federal and State Budget Update](#)  
[D - Budget Summary Update](#)  
[E - Position Allocations](#)  
[F - Position Resolution](#)  
[G - Budget Resolution](#)  
[H - Appendix](#)  
[CORRECTED Position Allocation Report Summary - FY 2014-15 Adopted B](#)

## **PRESENTATION OF THE FY2014/15 RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

*County Administrator Birgitta Corsello provided the Board with an overview of the FY2014/15 Recommended Budget including information on budget instructions for departments, revenues, expenditure assumptions, recommended and supplemental budgets by category, budgeted positions, workforce changes since FY2005/06 and new mandates.*

*Assistant County Administrator Nancy Huston provided the Board with an overview and information on labor costs vs Revenue Recovery Rate.*

*In response to comments and questions from Chair Seifert regarding the labor costs and Revenue Recovery Rate, Ms. Huston noted that the analysis shown was a rate of change from FY2008/09 to now.*

*Ms. Corsello continued to provided the Board with an overview and information on property tax analysis, General Fund contributions to other*

*funds, total public safety budget and positions, the jail population trend, total Health and Social Services budget and positions, Affordable Care Act impacts on Solano residents, General Fund budget and positions, General Fund reserves and fund balances and the age of the County workforce.*

*Ms. Huston provided the Board with an overview and information on employer retirement rate costs.*

*Chair Seifert asked if there was a way to factor the retirement cost into the analysis of the cost per employee in order to capture the full cost the County incurs for employees. Ms. Huston noted that the total cost to the County is slated to approximately double from the current \$32 million to approximately \$54 million by FY2019/20.*

*Ms. Corsello commented that staff has begun to start looking into the question of what the County can afford in regards to salaries, benefits, and retirement contributions for employees. She noted that this analysis will continue to be conducted next year. She also noted that staff had come up with some guidelines for pension policy strategies that were going to be presented to the Board. She noted there were no new mandates in FY2014/15, however work was still being done to implement previous year mandates. She also commented on the recovery of the economy and instability of revenue streams.*

*Supervisor Vasquez commented on the need to decided on a policy to address the pension issue and asked that pension funding strategies be discussed at the end of the budget hearing.*

*Supervisor Sperring commented on funding strategies for pensions.*

*Ms. Huston commented on percentage rates for pensions. Supervisor Sperring commented that it would be helpful to have a chart showing those rate percentages.*

*Ms. Corsello continued to provide the Board with information on items not included in the budget, pending issues and exposures, and recommended Board actions.*

*Chair Seifert thanked staff for the work on the budget presentation. She then noted for the record that the public hearing had been opened.*

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

*Supervisor Hannigan thanked staff for the work on the budget. She then commented on properties coming off of Prop 8 and asked how many properties would remain. County Administrator Birgitta Corsello noted that approximately 30,000 residential units would remain.*

*Supervisor Hannigan asked for the number of beds available once the new jail came online. Assistant County Administrator Nancy Huston noted there would be a total of 362 new beds and a total of 1,443 beds available.*

*Supervisor Hannigan commented on a question from Chair Seifert regarding how much of the reserve is liquid and could be used to pay off debts. Ms. Huston noted that staff had looked at information that morning to come up with the total of advances and longer term receivables from the General Fund. Auditor-Controller Simona Padilla-Scholtens noted receivables and commitments in the General Fund total approximately \$105.6 million, of which all are considered cash except the \$28.6 million in receivables.*

*In response to comments by Ms. Corsello regarding the reserves and long term receivables, Ms. Padilla-Scholtens noted that the loan receivable that is non-spendable is shown on Schedule 4, page E-6 of the Recommended Budget which identifies all of the obligated fund balances. She further noted that all of the \$105.6 million except for the loan receivable of \$28.6 million, of which the majority was \$18.5 million for the General Fund loan to the pension obligation bond fund to save on interest rate, \$2.83 million was for the Nut Tree Airport, \$3.95 million was for the Fairgrounds project, \$0.88 million was for the Regional Transportation Fund, \$0.78 million was for Mission Solano and \$150,000 was for Vacaville Opportunity House.*

*In response to a question from Supervisor Spering regarding the unfunded pension liability policy strategies, Ms. Huston commented on work being done to look at unfunded liability percentages and strategies. Ms. Padilla-Scholtens noted that the Pension Advisory Committee identified issues that would be coming in the near future including new financial reporting requirements for next year and the increase in CalPERS liability. She further noted that the committee brainstormed ways to maximize payments or prepayments and that those were included in the funding strategies.*

*Ms. Corsello noted that the pension obligation bonds were issued for a fixed period of time to be recovered in a fixed amount annually as shown in the budget and charged against all funding sources. She further noted that the unfunded pension liability is a funding issue in addition to the repayment of the pension obligation bond and retirement costs. She noted that the options are limited because of the market conditions.*

*Supervisor Spering commented that he wanted to make sure that the conversation about how to address the unfunded pension liability included knowing what the County's ability to pay was and what the impact of the strategies would be on this ability to pay.*

*In response to comments from Chair Seifert, Ms. Padilla-Scholtens noted that CalPERS is always two years behind in reporting and that the \$414 million number came from their June 30, 2012 report.*

*Supervisor Spering commented on the economy and the need to put a long-term policy in place to address funding the unfunded pension liability obligation.*

*Ms. Padilla-Scholtens noted that the Pension Advisory Committee had*

*contacted CalPERS and was working with them on possible options to pay more to bring down the liability.*

*Supervisor Vasquez commented on pension obligations in 2004 and methods to pay those obligations. He suggested looking at creating an account within the County treasury for addressing pension liabilities.*

*Ms. Padilla-Scholtens noted that one of the strategy options from the Pension Advisory Committee was to establish a 115(P) Trust Fund to reduce the liability on the face of the balance sheet, which is a restricted irrevocable trust.*

*Supervisor Vasquez commented that he'd like to see a strategy that included a minimum percentage that would be contributed to that fund.*

*Chair Seifert commented on the new financial reporting requirements from GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) and noted that it will make a difference in what the financial picture of the County looks like. She noted that financial picture hasn't really changed and there should be an effort to make sure people understand that. Ms. Padilla-Scholtens noted that nothing has actually changed other than the way the reporting was required to be done and that it was important that the public and stakeholders understand that it doesn't reflect a deterioration in financial standing, but is only a change in the look of the financial report.*

*Chair Seifert commented on how the new financial reporting will look and the importance of how that will affect the County's credit rating.*

*Supervisor Vasquez commented on the County's credit rating and the need to address upfront how the unfunded liability will be addressed through set policies.*

*Ms. Padilla-Scholtens noted that all of the CalPERS counties state-wide will be dealing with the same issues as well and will have to work with CalPERS regarding the financial reporting and funding perspectives.*

*Chair Seifert invited members of the public to submit a request to speak card and turn it in to the clerk in anticipation of the public comment period.*

## **RECESS**

*This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m. All members were present and Chair Seifert presided.*

## **SELECTION OF BUDGET UNITS FOR DISCUSSION**

*The following budget units were selected for further discussion:*

1870 - Department of Information Technology, 6550 - Sheriff/Coroner, 1815 - Fairgrounds Development Project, 1100 - County Administrator, 1150 - Assessor/Recorder, 1500 - Human Resources, 6650 - Probation, 7500 - Health and Social Services, 5800 - Veterans Services, 3100 - Fleet Management, 5500 - Office of Family Violence Prevention, 2350 - Solano County Fair and 1903 - General Expenditures

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Seifert invited members of the public to address the Board on issues pertaining to the FY2014/15 Recommended Budget. The following comments were received:

A) George Guynn, Jr., commented on the length of the budget hearing, length of speaking time for the public, balanced budgets and structural deficits, overspending and taxes on retirement.

B) Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, commented on the distribution of the PowerPoint presentation and areas of the budget including the budget summary, statistics, budget goals and objectives, HomeAcres Loan Program, Schedule 8, various components of the Board of Supervisors budgets, the County Administrator budget, the Auditor-Controller budget, the Tax Collector/County Clerk budget, the County Counsel budget, the Human Resources budget, Conference Center reservations and the Department of Information Technology budget.

C) Benito Delgado-Olson, Executive Director of K to College, commented on the financial needs of the K to College program.

In response to questions from Chair Seifert, Mr. Delgado-Olson noted that the amount of funding needed was \$37,708 as shown in the request letter. He further noted that the agency had not requested funding from any school district before and commented on the needs of homeless children outside of school supplies.

D) Shannon Barkley, Board Chair of SafeQuest Solano, commented on the financial needs of SafeQuest Solano.

In response to Mr. Tipton's questions regarding Homeacres Loan Program, Director of Resource Management Bill Emlen noted that the restricted funds shown are outstanding loans in the program. Ms. Corsello noted that these loans are deferred principal loans over the last fifteen years that were granted to income eligible residents in the program. Ms. Corsello also commented on funds available to future qualified residents in Fund 120.

Chair Seifert noted that public outreach had been previously completed regarding the Homeacres Loan Program with little or no response from the public. Mr. Emlen confirmed and noted that the program's qualifications will need to be reevaluated. Chair Seifert commented in support of reevaluating the program.

Chair Seifert commented on the need to address homelessness more

*aggressively.*

*Principal Management Analyst Ron Grassi commented on the CAP (Community Action Partnership) Solano Joint Powers Authority and the focus of that group to address homelessness.*

*Chair Seifert noted that housing is only one issue surrounding homelessness.*

*In response to a request from Ms. Corsello, Interim Director of Health and Social Services Patrick Duterte commented on different organizations and programs that were focused on working together to address homelessness.*

*Supervisor Hannigan commented on an ad-hoc committee she established in Vallejo over the last year to address homelessness. She noted that the committee had been meeting with city officials and other agencies to collaborate and address some of the identified needs.*

## **DISCUSSION OF SELECTED BUDGET UNITS**

### ***Budget Unit 1100 - County Administrator***

*Supervisor Thomson commented on court revenues being down significantly and noted that he has been told that judges have quit asking for income verifications. He asked Ms. Corsello if she had had any communication with the courts about this.*

*County Administrator Birgitta Corsello noted that she meets quarterly with the presiding judge and noted that judges are finding that the ability to pay fines cannot be met by individuals coming before them, resulting in a waiver of fees. She further noted that law enforcement agencies are still in recovery and activity is still down.*

*In response to Supervisor Thomson's questions concerning recovery of court costs, Ms. Corsello noted that recovery of costs is part of the meeting discussion and that Principal Management Analyst Ian Goldberg was tracking the court revenues monthly.*

### ***Budget Unit 1150 - Assessor/Recorder***

*Supervisor Thomson commented on last year's budget discussion to add a Real Property Appraiser position and asked about the hiring of a limited-term Auditor Appraiser instead. Assessor/Recorder Marc Tonneson noted that a Senior Real Property Appraiser was hired and then the additional approved position was a limited-term Auditor Appraiser.*

*Assistant Assessor/Recorder Kathy Dossa noted that the position of Senior Real Property Appraiser was vacant and then filled. She further noted that the limited-term Auditor Appraiser was approved to be added by the Board.*

*Supervisor Thomson noted that the county needed to be ready when the real*

estate market turned around and asked that a new position for a Property Appraiser in the Assessor/Recorder's Office be added as originally intended with a mid-year report back from the Assessor/Recorder.

Ms. Corsello commented that the limited-term position could be converted to a full time position.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on the discussion that he recalled a similar conversation from last year.

Chair Seifert commented that she also remembered the issue being the ability to address the amount of appeals. She further commented on real estate development and current appeals.

Supervisor Thomson commented that the market would be gearing up and that there is a need for an appraiser to assist with the workload in the Assessor/Recorder's office so that potential revenues are captured.

Supervisor Spering asked about the request from last year and Mr. Tonneson noted that the request had originally been for two Senior Appraisers but that it had been negotiated down to one and changed to an Auditor Appraiser.

Supervisor Thomson clarified that his request is to change the the limited term-position to a permanent position and to add one more position for a Property Appraiser.

Supervisor Thomson asked for an update on the status of current appeals.

Mr. Tonneson commented on the biggest issue being with Genentech and provided the Board with background information on the status of that appeal.

Chair Seifert asked County Counsel Dennis Bunting if there was anything the County could do to force the resolution of the appeals. Mr. Bunting commented on the status of the appeal process with Genentech. He then commented that scheduled hearings with the Assessment Appeals Board will force the issue in most cases. He further noted that the cost of litigation and trying a case is not a recoverable cost and that it was in the best interest of the County to try to negotiate a settlement.

Supervisor Thomson commented that the Assessor/Recorder needs to be aggressive about this issue.

Chair Seifert commented that there was a need for legislation to address time limits or regulations surrounding this issue. Mr. Tonneson noted that there was not legislation being worked on for this. Mr. Bunting commented on previous litigation cases in other counties.

#### **Budget Unit 1500 - Human Resources**

Supervisor Thomson commented on conversations he had with police chiefs regarding recruiting for positions before they became vacant and asked if

*that had been looked at for the County.*

*Human Resources Director Marc Fox noted that the County does occasionally recruit for positions before they become vacant. He noted that Deputy Sheriff and Correctional Officer positions are recruited for as vacancies occur.*

*Ms. Corsello commented that a position cannot be recruited for until the Board approves the position and it is funded. She further noted that because of legal reasons, the recruitment request is on hold until something in writing is submitted from the employee.*

*Supervisor Thomson noted that the City of Fairfield is able to recruit ahead of time and commented on the amount of overtime in the Sheriff's Department he felt was due to this issue.*

*Sheriff Tom Ferrara commented on recruitments, noting the holdup to be background checks and the length of time it takes to process them. He further noted that he'd like to be able to recruit from the Police Academy before the students leave to go elsewhere. He then commented on the economy and amount of applicants his office had been receiving.*

*Supervisor Thomson noted that he would like to see a process that reduces the overtime and gets recruitments processed more quickly.*

*Mr. Fox noted that his office would work with the Sheriff and other departments on this.*

*Sheriff Ferrara noted that he had a large amount of employees on sick leave or out on injury which was where a majority of the overtime was being incurred.*

*Supervisor Vasquez thanked the Sheriff for requesting two full time resident deputies.*

#### ***Budget Unit 3100 - Fleet Management***

*Chair Seifert commented on the number of fuel efficient vehicles and asked for an update on those.*

*Director of General Services Mike Lango noted that approximately 100 vehicles in the fleet were hybrid eligible. He further noted that of those, 38 vehicles were hybrids currently and another 12 more were coming later.*

#### ***Budget Unit 2801 - Fouts Springs***

*Chair Seifert asked to pull the budget for Fouts Springs and requested an update on the status of that facility.*

*Mr. Lango provided the Board with an update of the decommissioning process of the facility.*

#### ***Budget Unit 1870 - Department of Information Technology***

*Supervisor Hannigan commented on the Geographic Information System (GIS) regarding identification of fire hydrants and aerial imagery to assist the Office of Emergency Services and first responders. She further commented that she would like to see GIS used more broadly for services throughout the county across the departments and cities to help with pinpointing needs.*

*Chief Information Officer Ira Rosenthal commented on the need to have a project plan in place. He further noted that the department provided analysis and mapping tools to acquire, use and improve data. He commented that the missing piece of being able to expand on the use of the GIS for services and programs was the lack of people from those programs and services that could provide input and direction as to what information was needed.*

*Supervisor Vasquez commented on the City of Riverside's robust GIS system and tracking issues.*

*Ms. Corsello commented on the countywide GIS system, and noted that the county is a partner with other agencies and cities. She further noted that various depts have layers of information from this system. Lastly, she noted that an effort to begin to look at system functionality and had just been introduced to the department heads the previous week.*

*Mr. Rosenthal commented on the department's portfolio of tools and analysis.*

*Chair Seifert commented on the budget report for the department with regards to the list of activities and worked being done.*

## **RECESS**

*This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. All members were present and Chair Seifert presided.*

## **DISCUSSION OF SELECTED BUDGET UNITS**

### ***Budget Unit 1815 - Fairgrounds Development Project***

*Supervisor Hannigan requested to reconvene the committee that was made up of Supervisor Spering, Hannigan and members of the Vallejo City Council in order to review the project and future plans.*

*Chair Seifert noted that it had been some time since the Board had received a quarterly report and asked that staff bring a report to the Board.*

### ***Budget Unit 5500 - Office of Family Violence Prevention***

*Chair Seifert asked for an update on the Family Justice Center regarding the goal of the center to be self-sustaining.*

*District Attorney Don DuBain commented that the expenses for the center are on track and that the goal had been exceeded in gathering contributions. He further commented on grants received for staffing of the center.*

*Chair Seifert commented on the appearance of a decline in grant funding for the center.*

*Principal Management Analyst Ian Goldberg noted that the grant funding will not be shown in the report until the funding is actually received, normally in September or October.*

*Chair Seifert commented on the need to stay on top of this project and asked that a regular update be provided to the Board.*

*Mr. Goldberg noted that the pilot program was slated to end June 30, 2015 and noted that staff can bring an update to the Board at 3rd Quarter.*

#### **Budget Unit 6550 - Sheriff/Coroner**

*Supervisor Hannigan asked whether there could be consolidation and collaboration between the department dispatch functions to create a central dispatch.*

*Sheriff Ferrara noted that this was about regional coverage and commented that dispatch was the hardest position to fill because of the difficulty of the job, training requirements and retention.*

*Supervisor Hannigan asked about consolidating dispatch between the county and cities and commented on economy of scale and collaboration between the agencies.*

*Sheriff Ferrara commented that potential issues would be a lack of a location and that the police departments are not as interested in consolidating.*

*Supervisor Vasquez commented on previous history of radio inoperability and costs.*

*Emergency Operations Manager Don Ryan commented on discussions with fire chiefs concerning the cost of a new center and commitment needs from agencies.*

*Supervisor Vasquez commented on past experiences with these issues.*

*Supervisor Hannigan noted that she was not talking about consolidating fire or law enforcement but only the dispatch services.*

*Supervisor Thomson commented on recent fires and noted that radio interoperability is creating issues. He further commented in agreement with the need to look at consolidated dispatch in some form.*

Supervisor Vasquez noted that the issue will be getting the other cities onboard and sharing the cost.

Chair Seifert commented on management of the radio frequencies.

Chair Seifert asked about delays in security services for the college.

Sheriff Ferrara noted that there was resolution of employment issues at the college and commented that there would be news coming soon about the contract for security services at the college.

#### **Budget Unit 6650 - Probation**

Supervisor Thomson commented on the need to have a policy in place that allows the probation staff to be armed and asked for an update on this issue.

Director of Probation Chris Hansen noted that the consultant working on this issue is on board and that there would be a recommendation and status update coming in the next few months.

He further noted that the County Administrator is also on board with the current situation.

Ms. Corsello noted that employees were not being placed in harm's way deliberately and commented on current protocols, training and equipment provided to parole staff to improve safety.

Supervisor Thomson asked about the number of counties that did not arm probation officers in California. Mr. Hanson noted that six counties currently did not arm probation officers.

Supervisor Sperring commented on the need to also have extensive training on how to deal with the person or situation in addition to arming the officers.

#### **Budget Unit 2910 - Resource Management**

Supervisor Vasquez thanked staff for all the work done in the past year, including unplanned work and commented on the Planning work plan.

Chair Seifert commented on unplanned projects that came up and thanked staff for their work.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on tree maintenance and diseased trees in the county right of way.

Assistant Director of Resource Management Terry Schmidtbauer commented on actions taken to notify property owners about diseased trees and noted that he would work on a plan to address the issues of diseased tree removal.

#### **Budget Unit 7000 - Parks and Recreation**

Supervisor Vasquez commented on an additional staff request to expand

hours in seasonal periods.

Park Services Manager Dan Sykes noted that the requested position is for additional Park Ranger Assistant to provide additional evening hour coverage for Lake Solano Park and additional hours of use for Lynch Canyon.

#### **Budget Unit 7500 - Health and Social Services**

Chair Seifert commented on cuts during the recession and whether those cuts were coming back now. She further asked for a review of the programs that lost county funding during the recession.

Interim Director of Health and Social Services Patrick Duterte commented on reduction of services during the recession and noted that many of the cuts were from administration.

Chair Seifert noted that many programs were cut during the recession.

Mr. Duterte noted that the cuts were prioritized based on impact to the community. He noted that his staff had looked at the current budget and were being cautious because of the economy. He further noted that the department would be looking at whether it was the appropriate time to bring back any programs or not.

#### **Budget Unit 5800 - Veterans Services**

Supervisor Thomson commented on the increased demands on the Veterans Office recently. He further commented on revenues that office brings in to the county and the need to increase staffing to meet demands.

Director of Veteran Services Ted Puntillo noted that the Veterans Office had recently served over 73 people in one day in the office. He further commented on revenues projected to be received in the next month or so and indicated that he was hoping to hire a limited term position with that.

In response to a question about the number of volunteers in the Veterans Office, Mr. Puntillo noted that he has volunteers serving in different areas.

Supervisor Thomson asked the County Administrator to look at whether or not another position could be justified.

Ms. Corsello commented on additional funds the Veterans Office would be receiving and also commented on office space needs and noted that both pieces would be looked at.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on housing and prevention services needed by veterans.

Ms. Corsello noted that an update would be coming forward at the end of July or early August as soon as funding could be verified and a space

*solution worked out.*

***Budget Unit 2350 - Solano County Fair***

*Chair Seifert commented that she no longer needed to pull this budget unit for discussion.*

***Budget Unit 1903 - General Expenditures***

*Chair Seifert noted that an approval of the budget would include the request for funding from non-profits that were being recommended for approval in the budget recommendations from staff.*

*SafeQuest and Lift 3*

*Supervisor Thomson asked what Lift 3 does and how it differed from SafeQuest.*

*Ms. Corsello noted that the Manager of the Office of Family Violence has been out of the office and that the County Administrator's Office staff has been working directly with the District Attorney staff to provide information on these programs.*

*Mr. Goldberg noted that Lift 3 operates domestic violence shelters and services, which are funded by marriage license fees and battered women shelter fees.*

*Supervisor Thomson commented on the competitive bidding process being a concern to Lift 3, reference the Welfare and Institutions Code and asked who the shelter providers were in the county.*

*Mr. Goldberg noted that Lift 3 is a provider that is approved by the county, as well as SafeQuest. He further noted that Lift 3's contract ends on June 30, 2014 and that the agency would be required to go through the bidding process.*

*Supervisor Thomson commented on the history between the county and SafeQuest and noted that the bidding process should be fair.*

*Mr. Goldberg commented on the history and continued fairness of the bidding process. He further noted that SafeQuest has communicated a willingness to participate in the bidding process.*

*Mr. Goldberg then commented on a separate option in the budget recommendation to fund a contract with SafeQuest for sexual assault services and noted that moving forward with this option would require staff to bring back a contract for this at a later date.*

*Supervisor Spering commented that both SafeQuest and Lift 3 provide good services and supported the competitive process. He further commented on concerns that there was plenty of room for both of them without duplication of services.*

*Chair Seifert asked why a bidding process was still coming forward when the contract expired on June 30, 2014.*

*Mr. Goldberg noted delays due to the Office of Family Violence Manager being out of the office and further noted that the District Attorney' Office was pushing forward on the bidding process as quickly as possible in the interim.*

*Mr. Goldberg noted that clients are evaluated on a case by case basis and referrals are made to SafeQuest and Lift 3 depending on the client's needs, even though the primary contractor is Lift 3.*

#### *The Leaven*

*Supervisor Vasquez requested that The Leaven's request for \$15,000 in funding be added back in.*

*Principal Management Analyst Ron Grassi noted that correspondence is included in the packet that would indicate that a contribution for funds would be an ongoing allocation and not a one-time contribution.*

*Supervisor Vasquez noted that he would like the request to be added and voted on by the Board.*

*Ms. Corsello noted that staff did not recommend the request because the type of services The Leaven offers are also provided for by other programs currently being supported.*

*Supervisor Hannigan noted that The Leaven has opened two new sites in Vallejo that were not reflected in the staff report.*

*Chair Seifert noted that additional funds should be equally distributed across the districts if the program is located in all districts, however The Leaven was asking for funding specifically for Vacaville.*

*Supervisor Thomson commented in support of The Leaven's work but noted that the funding request should go through a process.*

*Chair Seifert commented in agreement with the request going through a process and noted that the specific funding request from The Leaven was for a specific site in Vacaville instead of a broad request over all of the districts.*

#### *K to College*

*Supervisor Hannigan commented on the request from K to College and asked for an explanation of the staff recommendation.*

*Mr. Grassi noted that the recommendation for the K to College funding was set up as a match or challenge grant of funding as the agency has a number of contributions for supplies and in-kind donations.*

*Ms. Corsello noted that K to College has asked for the full \$22 per child which included funding for dental and medical items and services that are already funded by the county and provided to children in Vacaville, Fairfield and Vallejo. She further noted that there were a variety of nonprofits that did not ask for funds that supply backpacks and school supplies and other items to all children already. She then commented on the value of giving them a pilot and challenging them to see what they can match and noted that the request was for an ongoing annual contribution and not a one-time request.*

*Supervisor Hannigan commented on dental service and asked for information on the back pack program. Executive Director First 5 Solano Christine Arrostuto noted that K to College provided free backpacks to the Pre-K academies last year but that they would not be conducting a backpack partnership this year.*

*K to College representative Benito Delgado-Olson commented on the backpack program in the previous year. He further commented on sponsored legislation for funding in the future and noted that the current request is a one-time request for funding.*

*Supervisor Hannigan asked about the focus of the program on homelessness and housing challenged children in the schools.*

*Mr. Delgado-Olson noted that the program focuses on children in homeless situations.*

*Ms. Arrostuto commented on the research conducted by K to College over the last year to develop the contents of the backpacks.*

*Supervisor Hannigan noted that she was in support of the one-time request for \$37,708.*

*Supervisor Vasquez commented on requests for funding and the supervisors' understanding of what is needed in their districts. He further commented on The Leaven's request and noted that it was a program needed in Vacaville in a high poverty area. He then commented on one-time requests and the Board's responsibility to make a decision to support the health and welfare of the community.*

*Chair Seifert commented on the requests for funding and suggested the creation a dedicated budget unit with a set amount of funding to address the non-profit requests.*

*Supervisor Sperring commented that K to College should be given the recommended amount to challenge them to fundraise and find additional funds instead of the full amount or perhaps to cap the amount at the full amount requested and reduce it by however much they are able to raise. He then commented in agreement to the idea of creating a set amount of funding in which non-profits would compete for. Lastly, he commented on homelessness and the need for better data in order to make good decisions.*

Supervisor Hannigan noted that she would support a decision to provide an up-to amount and commented on school supplies being expensive for families. She then commented on her experiences with one-time requests that continued to ask for funding every year. She noted that she would agree with providing K to College with funding up to the \$37,708 and commented on this service being a safety net service.

Chair Seifert suggested having staff come back with a recommended dollar amount and preliminary process on how to do this before next year.

Supervisor Thomson noted that the Board is trying to do the right thing, and suggested that staff should perhaps reevaluate this and bring back a revised recommendation.

Supervisor Vasquez commented that the Board's role is to help constituents and noted that it had taken more time to discuss the non-profit requests than the rest of the budget.

Chair Seifert noted that the direction from the Board was to ask staff to look at a pool or pot of funding to address these issues and to come back to the Board but that the Board take a vote on the current request and recommendation before them.

#### **Budget Unit 1004 - Board of Supervisors - District 4**

Supervisor Vasquez requested that the funding level for contributions to non-County agencies be increased from \$2,500 to \$5,000 within each district's budget. He noted that the position of Board Aide has not changed in the last 25 years and commented on the increase in responsibilities for that position. He then requested that a half-time Board Aide position be added to each district budget.

Supervisor Spering asked if all of the supervisors had to accept the request in their budgets.

County Counsel Dennis Bunting noted that the request would need to be approved by a vote of the Board, however once approved, each Supervisor could then determine if they would like to accept the increase in their budget or not.

Supervisor Spering noted that he did not want the increases to be in his budget.

Supervisor Thomson noted that he did not need the increases in his budget.

Chair Seifert commented on the difficulty of these kinds of recommendations during tough times and noted that there are high expectations of the Board Aides to cover meetings and workload when the supervisor is unavailable. She then commented on the need for an increase in staffing for the supervisors' offices.

*Supervisor Spering commented that he was in support of the additional position but noted that he did not need it in his office.*

*Ms. Huston asked which supervisors would be accepting the increase in funds in order to calculate the additional costs. Chair Seifert directed staff to calculate the additional cost on the assumption that all supervisors would be taking the increase.*

*Mr. Grassi asked for clarification on the pool of funding discussed for non-profit requests and it was the consensus of the Board to have staff look at this option and bring a recommendation back for the future.*

*Ms. Corsello commented on the Assessor/Recorder's request for additional positions last year and provided the Board with that department's current staffing information in response to Supervisor Thomson's initial question about positions previously approved and added.*

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

*Chair Seifert asked Ms. Corsello whether the Board needed to continue discussion on pension funding strategies. Ms. Corsello noted that earlier discussion indicated a need for further follow up and work on this issue. Supervisor Thomson suggested a separate time to address the pension obligation issue.*

*It was the consensus of the Board to have a separate study session in the future on this matter.*

*Chair Seifert asked staff to provide a list of what the current requests for funding were that needed to be voted on.*

## **RECESS**

*This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed at 3:31 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m. All members were present and Chair Seifert presided.*

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

### ***Budget Units 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004 and 1005 - Board of Supervisors***

*There was a consensus of the Board to add \$2,500 to the charitable contributions to all district budgets.*

*There was a consensus of the Board to add a 0.5 FTE Board Aide position to all district budgets.*

*Supervisor Hannigan, Supervisor Vasquez and Chair Seifert opted to add these additions to their budgets. Supervisor Thomson and Supervisor Spring opted out of adding these additions to their budgets.*

***Budget Unit 1903 - General Expenditures***

*There was a consensus of the Board to add up to \$25,000 for SafeQuest Solano.*

*There was a consensus of the Board to add up to \$37,708 for K to College.*

*There was a consensus of the Board to add \$15,000 for The Leaven.*

***Budget Unit 1150 - Assessor/Recorder***

*There was a consensus of the Board to convert the current limited term position to permanent position and add \$97,386 for an additional position of Senior Appraiser for real property.*

**ADOPTION OF THE FY2014/15 SOLANO COUNTY BUDGET**

***On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Hannigan, the Board:***

***A) Adopted and authorized Chair Seifert to sign Resolution No. 2014-110 adopting the Budget for the County of Solano for the 2014/15 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$857,012,457 which included; the FY2014/15 Recommended Budget and Supplemental Budget adjustments total of \$856,679,722; Addition of \$157,641 for the Board of Supervisors' charitable contributions and addition of a 0.5 FTE Board Aide to Districts 1, 2 and 4; Addition of \$25,000 to SafeQuest Solano; Addition of \$37,708 to K to College; Addition of \$15,000 to The Leaven; and Addition of \$97,386 for a Senior Appraiser position in the Assessor/Recorder's Office. (See Resolution Book)***

***B) Adopted and authorized Chair Seifert to sign Resolution No. 2014-108 amending the List of Numbers and Classifications of Positions Within Solano County reflecting allocated positions included in the Recommended and Supplemental Budgets. (See Resolution Book)***

***C) Adopted and authorized Chair Seifert to sign Resolution No. 2014-109 amending the List of Numbers and Classifications of Positions Within Solano County reflecting deletions and additions recommended in the FY2014/15 Recommended Budget as modified by the Supplemental Budget for FY2014/15. (see Resolution Book)***

***D) Authorized the Director of Human Resources, with the concurrence of the County Administrator, to make technical changes to the Position***

***Allocation List.***

***E) Authorized the County Administrator to delete positions that have been vacant for over six months, in accordance with the 2011 Budget Reduction Strategy of eliminating or freezing vacant positions and only filling positions that are "Mission Critical" to the organization, and to accordingly direct the Director of Human Resources to make technical changes to the Position Allocation List as needed.***

***F) Authorized the County Administrator, assisted by the Auditor-Controller, to draw down:***

***i. Committed Fund Balance - Deferred Maintenance by \$3,265,000 to fund the various projects in the Accumulated Outlay Fund; and***

***ii. Committed Fund Balance - Unfunded Employee Leave Payouts by \$800,000 to fund employee leave payouts that cannot be absorbed within the departmental budgets; and***

***iii. Committed Fund Balance - Employer CalPERS Rate Increases by \$2 million.***

***G) Authorized the Auditor-Controller, with the concurrence of the County Administrator, to make adjustments after the close of the Budget Hearings and the end of the fiscal year as needed and where applicable to balance the FY2014/15 Adopted Budget.***

***H) Authorized the Auditor-Controller, with the concurrence of the County Administrator, to transfer appropriations within a fund to cover FY2013/14 year-end close-out if justified, subject to the transfer(s) not increasing the total appropriation within the fund.***

***I) Authorized the Auditor-Controller to apply year-end available fund balance as an Operating Transfer Out to the Library Contingency (BU 9304) in the following Budget Units: Library Zone 1 (BU 6150), Library Zone 2 (BU 6180), Library Zone 6 (BU 6166), and Library Zone 7 (BU 6167).***

***J) Authorize the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations in the Department of Child Support Services Operations Division (BU 2488, subobject 0002312) by the available year-end fund balance.***

***K) Authorize the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations in the East Vallejo Fire Protection District (BU 9814, subobject 0002245) by available year-end fund balance.***

***L) Authorize the Auditor-Controller, with the concurrence of the County Administrator, to increase the following:***

***i. Committed Fund Balance - Deferred Maintenance by \$2,673,106;and***

*ii. Committed Fund Balance - Employer CalPERS Rate Increases of \$5 million.*

*M) In the event, the General Fund's year end fund balance exceeds the amount needed to balance the FY2014/15 Budget, as may be authorized by the Board of Supervisors following Budget Hearing deliberations, authorize the County Administrator to direct the Auditor-Controller to:*

*i. Increase the General Fund Committed Fund Balance for the Employer CalPERS Rate up to \$5 million;and*

*ii. Increase the General Fund Committed Fund Balance for Deferred Maintenance up to \$5 million;and*

*iii. Increase the General Fund Committed Fund Balance for General Fund Reserves up to \$5 million; and*

*iv. Partially or wholly payoff the outstanding principal balance of the General Fund Loan for Pension Obligation Bonds.*

*N) Authorize the County Administrator to sign all agreements and/or contract amendments resulting from the Board's approval of the Supplemental Budget requests.*

*So ordered by 5-0 vote.*

**ADJOURN:**

*This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 4:07 p.m. to the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on June 24, 2014 at 8:30 a.m., Board Chambers, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California.*

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LINDA J. SEIFERT, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk of the  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanette Bellinder, Chief Deputy Clerk