RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:


BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Funding for the Child Support Budget is from State (1/3) and Federal funds (2/3). This funding has not been increased for five years. However, in that time, salary, benefits and costs have continued to increase. For the 2008/2009 year our salary and benefits for 8.5 employees equals 91% of the allotment provided to us from the State. This is up from 78% for the current year and we will be receiving about $22,000 less in allocation. We must cut staff to balance our anticipated allotment for 2008/2009. To lose the office assistant position will be a burden on the rest of the staff. This action is only requested because of lack of funding, not due to a workload decrease. The employee and the department have been notified of this proposed action. This position is covered by Merit System Services and the staff of Merit System has been involved in ensuring that the proper lay-off procedures are followed.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve lay-off and give alternative direction


Budgeted In Current FY? (x) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded

Amount in Budget: $ ______________

Additional Funding Needed: $ ______________

Source:

Internal Transfer ________ 4/5's vote
Unanticipated Revenue ________ 4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds ________ 4/5's vote
Contingency ________ 4/5's vote

( ) General ( ) Other

CLERK’S USE ONLY:

Res. No. 22595 Ord. No. ______
Vote – Ayes: ______ Noes: ______
Absent: ______

[ ] Approved [ ] Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: ______

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: ________________
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

[ ] Requested Action Recommended
[ ] No Opinion
Comments:

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CAO: ________________________

Revised Dec. 2002
TO: DEBBIE WALTON, Child Support Services Director
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Approve Lay-off of the Child Support Office Assistant Position Effective July 1, 2008
Due to Cuts in State and Federal Funding to Child Support’s 2008/2009 Budget

RESOLUTION 08-195

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on May 20, 2008

ACTION AND VOTE:

Debbie Walton, Child Support Services Director;
Approve Lay-off of the Child Support Office Assistant Position Effective July 1, 2008 Due to Cuts in State
and Federal Funding to Child Support’s 2008/2009 Budget

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Debbie Walton. The Board concurred with the County
Administrative Officer sending a letter to the Governor, legislators, CSAC, RCRC, and others as
appropriate objecting to the State’s funding level for this program. (M)Aborn, (S)Fritz, Res. 08-195 was
adopted approving the recommended action, with the understanding that if funding is restored that the
position will be restored/ Ayes: Aborn, Turpin, Fritz, Pickard; Excused: Bibby.

Cc: Chris Ebie, Auditor
    Sandi Laird, Personnel
    Richard J. Benson, CAO
    File
October 10, 2008

Honorable Senator Dave Cogdill
State Capital, Room 3048
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Cogdill:

As is the case with the State and most other counties in California, Mariposa County is grappling with increased demands to provide services while revenues remain static or decline. While this situation is not uncommon, it has become especially pronounced in the area of Child Support Services. For the past several years funding levels have remained absolutely static even though there has been an increase in costs due to inflation and other factors. Earlier this year there was an administrative decision regarding allocation of costs for printing services which had the effect of reducing funding for Mariposa and most other counties. This action caused Mariposa County to lay off an employee.

Child Support Services Departments throughout the state provide a valuable and needed service to the citizens who rely on child support payments from absent parents. Funding reductions only make it more difficult for those who have the responsibility to raise their children. Child Support Services also help to lessen demand on the other state and county agencies which provide financial assistance.

The Board of Supervisors has asked me to bring this concern to your attention. Understanding the many demands on the state budget, we ask that you and your colleagues monitor the funding made available for Child Support Services and not allow this valuable program to be made ineffective through a lack of funding.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

RICHARD J. BENSON
County Administrative Officer

cc: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
    Debra Walton, Child Support Services