DEPARTMENT: Administration

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the remodel of the Rock House with Sund-Pelosso funding at a cost not to exceed $119,000; Authorize Public Works to develop plans and specifications for the remodel and to bring them back for Board approval; Approve the relocation of the District Attorney from the Lind House to the Rock House and the Sheriff Investigators from the Rock House to the Lind House once the remodel is complete.

Please see attached staff report.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? ( X ) Yes ( ) No  Current FY Cost: $119,000
Budgeted In Current FY? ( X ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $119,000
Additional Funding Needed: $0
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue 4/5’s vote
Transfer Between Funds 4/5’s vote
Contingency 4/5’s vote
( ) General ( ) Other

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Staff Report

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 03-314 Ord. No. _____
Vote – Ayes: 5 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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
( ) Requested Action Recommended
( ) No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: ________________

Revised Dec. 2002
TO: RICH INMAN, County Administrative Officer  
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
SUBJECT: REMODEL OF THE ROCK HOUSE AND RELOCATION OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND SHERIFF INVESTIGATORS  
Resolution No. 03-314

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on August 26, 2003

ACTION AND VOTE:

11:50 a.m. Authorize the Remodel of the Rock House with Sund-Pelosso Funding at a Cost not to Exceed $119,000; Authorize Public Works to Develop Plans and Specifications for the Remodel and to Bring Them Back for Board Approval; Approve the Relocation of the District Attorney from the Lind House to the Rock House and the Sheriff Investigators from the Rock House to the Lind House Once the Remodel is Complete (County Administrative Officer)

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held relative to the request and whether a Local Area Network (LAN) was available, and relative to the funding for the remodel of the Rock House. Bob Brown, District Attorney, provided input, and he advised that the office above Sierra Stationers has been closed and the storage unit company has been notified that their agreement will not be renewed, and these actions will generate a cost savings. (M)Parker, (S) Stetson, Resolution 03-314 was adopted authorizing the remodel of the Rock House and the relocation of the District Attorney and the Sheriff Investigators as recommended; and direction was given for clarification to be obtained from the State Controller’s Office relative to the use of the funds/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director  
Bob Brown, District Attorney  
Jim Allen, Sheriff  
Mary Hodson, Administrative Analyst  
Ken Hawkins, Auditor  
File
To: Board of Supervisors

From: Mary Hodson, Administrative Analyst

Subject: Rock House

Recommendation:
Authorize the remodel of the Rock House with Sund-Pelosso funding at a cost not to exceed $119,000; authorize Public Works to develop plans and specifications for the remodel and bring them back for Board approval; and approve the relocation of the District Attorney from the Lind House to the Rock House and the Sheriff Investigators from the Rock House to the Lind House once the remodel is complete.

Background:
The County was granted approval by the State to receive reimbursement for the prosecution and associated costs of the Cary Stayner trial (Sund-Pelosso case) once the threshold was met. The County Auditor was able to obtain monthly advances to help offset the costs to the county. These monthly advances were deposited into an interest bearing trust fund and transferred to the Sund-Pelosso budget unit on a reimbursement basis in order to keep the net-county cost at zero.

At the onset of the investigation in 1999 of the Sund-Pelosso case both the Sheriff and the District Attorney began using the Rock House as their base of operations. These two departments continued to occupy the building through the duration of the trial, which concluded in 2002. To date, the Sheriff continues to house four Investigators, while the District Attorney maintains office space for his Investigator, the Statutory Rape Vertical Prosecution (SRVP)/Victim Witness Advocate, and a Deputy District Attorney III.

Discussion:
Currently the District Attorney houses his staff in three separate buildings – the Lind House – prosecution staff, Child Advocacy Center – Victim Witness Coordinator, and the Rock House – prosecution staff and SRVP/Victim Witness Advocate. Housing all of the District Attorney’s employees in one location would improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the department. To this end the District Attorney has proposed moving his staff to the Rock House which has more square footage than the Lind House. The Rock House meets the needs of the District Attorney. It is in close
proximity to the Courthouse, provides a secure location, and has the necessary computer wiring to connect to law enforcement information, the Internet, as well as the county’s computerized network. Another added feature is the basement that can be used to archive old case records and eventually eliminate the need for rental of off-site storage.

Before the District Attorney may move his staff into the Rock House, it should first meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards. Staff from the Public Works department identified the necessary remodel work and estimates that it will cost approximately $97,000 to complete the necessary modifications. This includes making the bathroom compliant with Americans with Disability Act (ADA), installing a security entrance, HVAC and electrical upgrades/repairs, window replacement, noise barrier for library air conditioning units, floor plan adjustments, and painting and carpeting of the interior.

Ken Hawkins, County Auditor has contacted the State Auditor/Controller regarding the County receiving reimbursement for rent during the months that the Rock House was occupied for the Sund-Pelosso trial and was successful in obtaining $119,000 as rent reimbursement. This money has been transferred into the Sund-Pelosso budget unit allowing the remodel of the Rock House to be fully funded at no net county cost.

In order to maintain a conference/library room in the Rock House, it will be necessary to house the Victim Witness/SRVP employees (2) in the Child Advocacy Center. Both of these are grant funded programs and have the ability to pay for rent. The Child Advocacy Center is approximately 800 square feet and capable of providing sufficient office space and the necessary privacy and proximity to the Courthouse that these programs require.

The Sheriff has agreed to relocate his Investigators to the Lind House, which is a county-owned building. It is still in close proximity to the Courthouse and Sheriff’s main office, and has the required computer wiring.

Financial Impact:
There will be no cost to the County for the remodel of the Rock House or the relocation costs of the District Attorney and the Sheriff. If the Board approves this action, adjustments will be presented with Final Budget Adjustments. Savings will be realized in the District Attorney’s budget unit for rent and will be accounted for at midyear when the relocation has been accomplished.

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