TO: DENNIS PATRICK, Technical Service Director, Data Processing

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Waiver of Formal Bid Process for the Purchase of a File Server for Public Works, in the Amount of Approximately $5,050.00, and Network Switches in the Amount of Approximately $4,105.18

Resolution 00-421

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on December 5, 2000

ACTION AND VOTE:

Resolution Authorizing Waiver of Formal Bid Process for the Purchase of a File Server for Public Works, in the Amount of Approximately $5,050.00, and Network Switches in the Amount of Approximately $4,105.18

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held. (M)Balmain, (S)Stewart, Res. 00-421 adopted.

Mike Bird commented on the data processing changes being requested for the Public Works Department after the Special Projects Coordinator left. He expressed concern with the proposal to take out the existing system and install a new one and with the process for doing so. He stated he feels the bidding procedures are being circumvented, and he urged that the matter be referred to the Grand Jury for investigation.

Discussion was held. Jeff Green, County Counsel, advised that, based on the information he has reviewed, the proper procedures are being followed. Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: Ken Hawkins, Auditor
    Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director
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Resolution authorizing waiver of formal bid process for the purchase of a File Server for Public Works, in the amount of approximately $5,050.00, and network switches in the amount of approximately $4,105.18. The File Server is a Titan from Computrend; the switches are Netgear by Bay Networks.

The following are the reasons for this action:

1. File Server: We have two Titan Servers in Data Processing already. They both have "hot swappable" hard drives and redundant "hot swappable" power supplies. They have the same type of controller cards, network cards and hard drives. By purchasing another Titan, we can continue to maintain only one (1) set of spare parts for all three machines.

2. File Server: The price of the Titan is competitive; if fact, it is less expensive than similar servers that we have received quotes on; one from Dell and the other from Gateway. I have attached copies of the quotes with adjustments to equal the hardware involved.

3. Switches: We are using Netgear switches already and have spare switches in case of failure.

4. Switches: These are units that can be easily priced from several vendors, and hence formal bidding will not yield significantly different prices.

5. Both: Time is of the essence at Public Works. We need to get the equipment in ASAP.

The Board has already approved the expenditure of up to $5,558.82 for the Server, and $4,105.18. for the switches.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has historically waived the formal bid process when there are sufficient reasons for doing so.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Spend more money on a server and more money on spare parts, with no additional benefits.