RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-91

MEETING: March 1, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mary Hodson, CAO

RE: Catheys Valley Branch Library Letter of Intent

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Letter of Intent for a Grant Proposal Regarding the Catheys Valley Branch Library, and Authorize the County Administrative Officer to Sign the Letter of Intent. The Catheys Valley Friends of the Library are preparing a grant proposal to assist with the construction costs of a branch library in Catheys Valley on property owned by the Mariposa County Unified School District and that is currently being used by the Sierra Charter School. A letter of intent from Mariposa County supporting this project will increase the likelihood of the grant proposal being successful.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On June 2, 2015, the Board received a presentation on the Catheys Valley Branch Library and gave direction to the County Librarian to proceed with assisting the Catheys Valley Friends of the Library with this project. Additionally, the Board approved using $50,000 from the Library Donation Fund to pay for the cost of a project manager for this project.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the Letter of Intent. Individual Board members may write their own Letters of Intent, which may not carry the full weight of a letter endorsed by the entire Board.

ATTACHMENTS:
CV Branch Library Letter of Intent (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson, CAO 2/18/2016
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier
March 1, 2016

Re: Letter of Intent

To Whom It May Concern,

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors supports placing a Mariposa County Catheys Valley Branch Library in a new building on the Mariposa County Unified School District’s (MCUSD) elementary school site in Catheys Valley.

The Catheys Valley Friends of the Library first presented a plan for this to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on June 2, 2015. By consensus, the Board gave direction to Mariposa County Librarian Janet Chase-Williams and the Catheys Valley Friends of the Library Committee to proceed with plans for a Mariposa County Catheys Valley Branch Library.

The next step of this process is to secure an Agreement between Mariposa County and the MCUSD. Drafts of the Agreement have been reviewed and details are currently being worked out. Finalizing the precise language in the Agreement to the satisfaction of both parties will take more time, but the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors has every intention of signing an Agreement with MCUSD for a Catheys Valley Branch Library as soon as possible with the goal of breaking ground for the project in 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (209)966-3222 or via email at mhodson@mariposacounty.org.

Sincerely,

MARY HODSON
County Administrative Officer

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