DEPARTMENT: Administration  BY: Mike Coffield, CAO  PHONE: 966-3222
RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___  No X___)

Adopt this Resolution authorizing use of the Courthouse for the Olson party wedding on January 8, 1994. The attached letter gives the justification for this recommendation.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Courthouse has been used for weddings many times in the past. The Superior Court Judge has approved this ceremony on the specified date and stated that as long as there is no conflict with court dates, he has no objection. Future use of the Courthouse for weddings should be handled on a case-by-case basis.

This event is covered by our Special Event Liability Insurance at a cost of $40 to the Olson party.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not allow the wedding to take place in the Courthouse. This would be an action contrary to current practice.

COSTS:  ( ) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY $________
B. Total anticipated costs $________
C. Required additional funding $________
D. Internal transfers $________

SOURCE:  ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required
A. Unanticipated revenues $________
B. Reserve for contingencies $________
C. Source description: Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: $________

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 98-594  Ord. No. __________
Vote - Ayes: __________  Noes: __________
Absent: ___  Abstained: ___
Approved: ( )  Denied: ___
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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:

Recommended ______  Not Recommended ______
For Policy Determination ______  Submitted with Comment ______
Returned for Further Action ______

Comment: __________

A.O. Initials: __________

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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE COFFIELD, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUBJECT: USE OF COURTHOUSE FOR WEDDING - OLSON PARTY

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,
ADOPTED THIS Order on November 23, 1993

ACTION AND VOTE:

Recommendation Concerning Request for Use of Courthouse for Wedding Ceremony (County Administrative Officer)
BOARD ACTION: Following discussion, (M)Baggett, (S)Taber, Res. 93-594 adopted making the Courthouse available for the Olson wedding ceremony only (no food or beverage to be allowed) on January 8, 1994, under Judge McMechan's supervision; with cleaning deposit and usage fee to be required commensurate with that required for the Masonic Hall; and with requirement that special event liability insurance be obtained/Ayes: Baggett, Balmain, Parker, Taber; Noes: Erickson.

CC: Judge McMechan, Superior Court
Jim Evans, HCD
Jeff Green, County Counsel
Judge LaRoche, Justice Court
File
November 18, 1993

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Mike Coffield, Administrative Officer

Re: Use of Courthouse for Olson Party Wedding

The following is the response to the Board's request for additional information relating to the request from Mrs. Lois Olson regarding use of the Courthouse on January 8, 1994 for the wedding of her daughter.

The Board referred this matter to the Administrative Officer and County Counsel to explore the legal aspects of the requested use, economic feasibility of obtaining insurance for the event during regularly schedules working hours, and to seek input from the County judges.

We have determined that there is no legal prohibition to allowing marriages in the Courthouse either during or after normal work hours. Many marriages have been conducted in the Courthouse in the past. We have the availability to sell applicants the required insurance very reasonably. For this size group, the cost to Mrs. Olson would be $40.

We discussed the request with Judge McMechan. He was familiar with the request and thought it a very worthy one. He intends to be in the Courthouse on January 8, 1994 to conduct legal research, and he is most willing to assist the Olsons in any way they wish, either by performing the ceremony or simply providing some County "supervision" so that they are able to use the facility outside of normal work hours. While the needs of the Court will always prevail over the use of the facility, the judges are certainly willing to continue to review such requests with the Board on a case by case basis.
4115 S. Plainsburg Rd.
LeGrand, CA 95333
November 2, 1993

Board of Supervisors
Mariposa County
Mariposa, CA

Dear Supervisors,

This letter is to request permission to use the Court Room of the Mariposa County Courthouse for the wedding ceremony of my daughter, Sally, on Saturday, January 8, 1994, from approximately 10:45 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. The ceremony would be performed by Sally's father, my husband, who was ordained by the United Methodist Church some years ago. The wedding would be attended by about 30 family members. Some pictures would be taken by family but there would be no professional wedding photographer.

Sally, who will be 27 yrs old this month, has always been interested in history and historical places. This is evidenced by her having traced her ancestry, with her grandmother's help, back to the Revolutionary War and becoming a young member of the D.A.R. Her room is filled with historical pictures and items and dozens of history books. She has a very strong desire to be married in an historic ceremony performed by her father and in such a rare and meaningful place. She is sewing a turn of the century dress to be married in and one for her sister to wear as maid of honor.

If you should grant us permission to be a part of the history of this building and it to become a part of our history, we would be most appreciative. We expect to pay a fee for its use. We would also expect to treat it with the utmost respect it deserves and would most willingly comply with any measures you require to protect and preserve this unique building.

Respectfully,

Lois E. Olson

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