RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

(8) Waive first reading and introduce Ordinance 

(6) Waive second reading and adopt Ordinance increasing the Transaction and Use Tax by ½ of 1% for the benefit of the John C. Fremont Hospital District for a 20 year period and placing the Ordinance before the electorate of Mariposa County and approve the Indemnity Agreement between the John C. Fremont Healthcare District and the County of Mariposa.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The voters of Mariposa County approved a ½ of 1% increase of the Transaction and Use Tax for the benefit of the John C. Fremont Healthcare District on March 7, 2000, becoming effective on July 1, 2000. That increase will expire by its own terms on June 30, 2004.

Since the voters of Mariposa County did not approve a ½ of 1% increase of the Transaction and Use Tax for the benefit of the John C. Fremont Healthcare District on March 2, 2004 they are requesting that the Board adopt another Ordinance to allow them to place the measure back on for the November 2004 ballot.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes ( ) No Current FY Cost: $ Annual Recurring Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $ Additional Funding Needed: $
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue
Transfer Between Funds
Contingency
( ) General ( ) Other

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Proposed Ordinance
Expenditure Plan
Indemnity Agreement

CLERK'S USE ONLY: Res. No.: 04-231
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:

CAO: __________

Revised Dec. 2002
TO: TOM GUARINO, County Counsel
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE TRANSACTION AND USE TAX BY ONE-HALF (1/2) OF ONE-PERCENT (1%) FOR THE JOHN C. FREMONT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
Resolution No. 04-231

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on May 25, 2004

ACTION AND VOTE:

Tom Guarino, County Counsel;

Tom Guarino advised that the following matters were placed on the agenda by his office as has been the past practice, and that he asked the John C. Fremont Healthcare District and the Mariposa County Unified School District to give a presentation on their requests.

A) PUBLIC HEARING to Waive First Reading and Introduce an Ordinance Increasing the Transaction and Use Tax by One-Half (1/2) of One Percent (1%) for the Benefit of the John C. Fremont Healthcare District for a Twenty Year Period and Placing the Ordinance Before the Electorate of Mariposa County and Approve the Indemnity Agreement Between the John C. Fremont Healthcare District and the County of Mariposa

BOARD ACTION: The public portion of the hearing was opened and input was provided by the following:

Elnora George, Chief Executive Officer of the John C. Fremont Healthcare District, provided input on their request for the sales tax to keep the hospital in operation. She reviewed the improvements that were made in the last four years with the sales tax that was received, and she reviewed the planned improvements for the future.

Suzette Prue, Chair of the Board for the John C. Fremont Healthcare District, advised that the hospital has been declared economically fragile according to a report just issued by the California Healthcare Association, and she noted that it is a Critical Access Hospital. She explained these designations, and she asked for the Board’s support of this request.

Candy O’Donel-Browne, member of the Board for the John C. Fremont Healthcare District, presented a “question and answer” position paper on Measure “G”, the sales tax ballot measure.
The public portion of the hearing was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. Tom Guarino responded to a question from the Board as to whether the Ordinance and Indemnity Agreement meet the requirements and have his recommendation for approval. (M)Pickard, (S)Bibby, first reading was waived and the Ordinance was introduced as recommended; and Res. 04-231 was adopted approving the Indemnity Agreement. The Clerk of the Board read the title of the Ordinance into the record. Ayes: Unanimous. The hearing was closed.

cc: Mary Hodson, Deputy County Administrative Officer
    Ken Hawkins, Auditor
    Marjorie Wass, Tax Collector
    Elnora George, John C. Fremont Healthcare District File