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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

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TO: JANET HOGAN, County Administrative Officer
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Mining and Mineral Museum; Res. 99-102

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on March 23, 1999

ACTION AND VOTE:

Consideration of Contract Extension with Ed Hardy for Consultant Services Relating to the Mining and Mineral Museum and Budget Action (Administration)

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held. Janet Hogan, County Administrative Officer, advised that the contract would need to be funded from General Fund Contingency and that action would require a 4/5ths vote. Supervisor Pickard reviewed the history of the project and options that he feels the Board has. Supervisor Reilly requested that written material be provided for consideration for these types of agenda items. Jay Pawlek, Transportation and Air Quality Specialist, provided input relative to the relationship Ed Hardy has established and the need for continued liaison with the State Department of Conservation and legislators for this project. Ed Hardy provided input relative to the commitment from the State, advised that he would like to have comments on the draft Business Plan, and urged the Board to continue with the project. Discussion was held relative to extending Ed Hardy’s contract and as to whether to include performance standards, and relative to the status of response from the State to the County’s request for assurances relative to the Request for Proposal process. Discussion was held with Ed Hardy relative to fundraising efforts.

(M)Parker, (S)Reilly, Res. 99-102 adopted approving extension of contract with Ed Hardy from March 15, 1999 to June 30, 1999, with addendum to include commitment to obtain six months funding for the operation of the Mining and Mineral Museum and the costs of the consultants contracts (approximately $115,000); transferring funding from General Fund Contingency for the contract extension; and directing that the letter of recomittal that was approved to be submitted to the State Department of Conversation on March 16, 1999, be sent with the deletion of the reference to requesting written assurance that the Request for Proposal (RFP) issue is taken off the table. Discussion was held. Ed Hardy advised that the wording in the draft letter to the Department of Conservation is agreeable with the State. Motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second, to send the letter without deleting the reference to the RFP process.
Motion was restated: letter to be sent to the State Department of Conservation as written; contract with Ed Hardy to be extended from March 15, 1999, to June 30, 1999, with addendum to the contract outlining expectations, including commitment to obtain $115,000 in funding by June 30, 1999, for the Mining and Mineral Museum operations plus the cost of the contract extension, and authorization was given for the Chairman to sign the contract extension; and direction was given for the funding to be transferred from General Fund Contingency/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: Steve Hayes, Visitors' Bureau Director
    Jeffrey G. Green, County Counsel
    Garry R. Parker, District IV Supervisor
    Ken Hawkins, Auditor
    Sarah Williams, Interim Planning Director
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**ACTION REQUESTED:** (Check all that apply)

- [x] Budget appropriation by Board of Supervisors (4/5ths Vote Required): Amending the total amount available in the county budget, or in any one fund of the budget, or transferring appropriation from Contingencies;

- __ Transfer by Board of Supervisors (3/5ths Vote Required): Moving existing appropriations from one budget to another, or between categories within a budget unit; __

**JUSTIFICATION:** BOS authorized contract extension for Ed Hardy to work on Mining & Mineral Museum project; extension effective March 15, 1999 through June 30, 1999; action taken 3/23/99

**DEPT HEAD SIGNATURE**

**APPROVED BY RES NO. 99-102 CLERK**

**DATE**

3-23-99

**VISITORS' BUREAU**

**AUDITOR'S USE ONLY**

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Budget Revision Form Revised 11/95
March 23, 1999

Mary D. Nichols
The Resources Agency of California
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: March Request for Reaffirmation of County Commitment to Museum

Dear Ms. Nichols:

Mariposa County’s desire and commitment to retain the California State Mining and Mineral Museum within its boundaries remains intact. As you know Mariposa County has been diligently pursuing methods to enhance the Museum and relocate it to a more marketable and financially stable location. In February, 1998 Mariposa County retained Applied Development Economics to identify possible locations for relocation of the Mining and Mineral Museum within Mariposa County and to study the financial feasibility of the Museum in the desired location. Based upon these results and the County’s firm commitment to retaining the Museum, Mariposa County committed $60,000 to contract with Ed Hardy and John Plaxco to develop a Business Plan for the Museum and to undertake fundraising. The development of the Plan and fundraising are occurring diligently. In addition, Mariposa County initiated a budget request that resulted in an additional $50,000 going to the Department of Conservation to support the continued operation of the museum.

Further during the 1998/99 budget hearings Mariposa County allocated $24,400 to pay the Museum rent through June 30, 1999. To further aid the County’s initial commitment the California State Mining and Mineral Museum Association (CSMMMA) has committed all of its current finances (approx. $37,000) and all future revenues to keep the Museum open and operating in Mariposa County. Consultants working for Mariposa County have raised an additional $45,000 in donations to the CSMMMA to be used for operation of the Museum in Mariposa County. Fundraising continues and will help to further pay for Museum expenses.

To further demonstrate its continuing commitment and resolve to retain the Museum in Mariposa County, on December 15, 1998 the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution once again demonstrating its commitment to making adequate funding available to retain the museum within Mariposa County and operating through June 30, 1999. On March 16, 1999 the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors reaffirmed its commitment to retaining the Museum within Mariposa County by adopting a resolution restating its financial commitments and firm resolve expressed in its December 15, 1998 resolution.

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Due to the Department of Conservation’s letter of January 29, 1999 which states “the Department will initiate a Request for Proposal process within the next month or so” time has been lost. Energy was shifted towards having the decision to initiate a Request for Proposal withdrawn. This has hampered the County’s fundraising efforts.

Thank you for accepting and attending the very positive meeting, hosted by Senator Jim Costa on Monday, March 15, 1999. We appreciate you and Pat Meehan, Deputy Director of the Department of Conservation, taking the time to view the site plans and building renderings for the proposed new Mining and Mineral Museum in Mariposa County. It has been reported to us that you, with agreement from Pat Meehan, responded to the County’s concerns over the RFP by saying that the State is not writing an RFP and at this time does not plan to write an RFP for location of the California State Mining and Mineral Museum. We also understand that you support the need for economic development in Mariposa County and recognize that tourism is a logical component of this economic development. Your recognition of the important role of the Museum to the tourist economy of Mariposa and endorsement of its retention within Mariposa County is encouraging.

Mariposa County’s resolve and commitment to the retention of the Mining and Mineral Museum in Mariposa County remain unchanged. This letter of recommitment responds to Pat and your concerns that Mariposa again demonstrate commitment to the project. We eagerly await your written response confirming that the RFP is off the table and that you are actively supporting retention of the Mining and Mineral Museum in Mariposa County. Your confirmation will allow us to pursue the development of the improved museum site and necessary fundraising with renewed vigor.

We welcome your visit to Mariposa County and are confident that it will only serve to strengthen your resolve to work with Mariposa County to make this museum a success. Should you have any questions please contact Jay Pawlek at (209) 966-5151.

Sincerely,

Bob Pickard,
Chairman

Cc: Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Officer
Pat Meehan
Jim Costa
Rick Lehman
Glenn Sutherland
Ed Hardy
March 23, 1999

VIA FAXMILE ONLY TO 966-3147

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
P.O. Box 784
Mariposa, CA 95338

Re: Herb and Joan Gloor
Proposed Mineral Exhibit Project at Hwy. 140 and Hwy 49 North

Dear Board:

As you may know, this office represents Mr. and Mrs. Gloor regarding the above matter. Pursuant to your request, I will outline what actions our clients are willing to take to assist in the above proposed project.

First, the Gloors are willing to donate real property for the "footprint" of the Mineral Exhibit to the appropriate entity pursuant to the preliminary plans. They are also willing to sell the balance of their real property to the appropriate entity for market value in order to facilitate the development of the project.

As you may know, the original proposal was for the Gloors to obtain a long term lease on the VFW property and to develop the project themselves. Due to circumstances out of the Gloors control, the cost of the proposed project far exceed the original estimates, making it economically impossible for them to go forward.

It is our clients' hope that this proposed project will ultimately be developed and they will assist in any reasonable way to bring it to completion.

Very truly yours,

ALLEN, POLGAR, PROIETTI, FAGALDE & WALTON

FDW/cjb