RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No___)

Resolution authorizing staff to negotiate an agreement and for the Chairman to execute same upon County Counsel review for DuPertuis-Scott Architects to perform a feasibility study to evaluate and determine the feasibility of property purchase and construction of a new County Library and approve the proposed expenditure of $3200 for the study from the Library Building Fund in the Capital Improvement budget. The study would look at the feasibility and costs for 4 preselected sites which would be determined with input from the Library Building Committee.

The county has previously used this architect and he has been deemed qualified by prior county process. The Public Works Director concurs with the recommended architect and the expenditure.

There is currently a fund balance of $601,188.34 in the Library Building Fund (this does not include the LSCA grant award). The LSCA grant award of $296,473 from the State Library may be in jeopardy without some action from the county in the next few months. The Library project as originally proposed - a joint use facility of 10,000 square feet in a modular building on a site owned by the School District- faces a shortfall of at least several hundred thousand dollars. The modular concept has received a negative response from the State and community reaction against a modular building has increased significantly.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without the feasibility study, the County will not have a true concept of available options and the costs of these options. This work must be completed before any future application for State financial assistance will be considered.
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: MAURIE HOEKSTRA, Librarian

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: NEW LIBRARY BUILDING; RES. 97-316

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on August 5, 1997

ACTION AND VOTE:

Maurie Hoekstra, Librarian;
Resolution Authorizing Staff to Negotiate an Agreement and for the Chairman to Execute Upon County Counsel Review for DuPertuis-Scott Architects to Perform a Feasibility Study to Evaluate and Determine the Feasibility of Property Purchase and Construction of a New County Library and Approve the Proposed Expenditure of $3,200 for the Study from the Library Building Fund in the Capital Improvement Budget

BOARD ACTION: Maurie Hoekstra reviewed the status of the this project and advised that the Friends of the Library agreed at a meeting held on Monday for the expenditure to be paid from the Library Building Fund for this agreement. Mike Edwards, Public Works Director, and Maurie Hoekstra noted the six potential sites that have been brought to their attention for further review. Discussion was held relative to reviewing these sites and consideration of whether any County property sites were available and other options, and relative to use of the Building Fund. Craig Scott advised that he would be willing to meet with the Committee and look at all six sites to help prioritize four sites for review. (M)Parker, (S)Reilly, Res. 97-316 adopted/Ayes: Unanimous. Further discussion was held concerning expenditures from the Building Fund. Mike Edwards advised of their routine procedures for handling expenses for capital improvement projects, and he advised that there expenses associated with this project during the coordination of the proposed site with the School District. (M)Balmain, (S)Parker, to direct that no funding be disbursed from the Library Fund without Board approval, was withdrawn by maker after second was withdrawn. Direction was given to staff to review the intended use of the Library Building Fund and bring the matter back to the Board for further review.

cc: Mike Edwards, Public Works Director
    Janet Hogan, County Administrative Officer
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