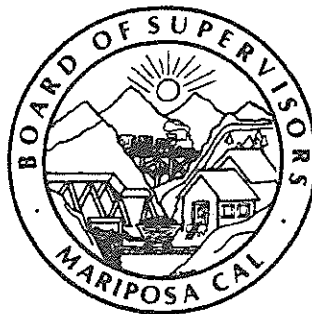


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by: Kue
Mariposa Superior Court
September 12, 2017

The Honorable Michael A. Fagalde
Assistant Presiding Judge
Mariposa County Superior Court
5088 Bullion Street
Mariposa, CA 95338

Re: Response to the Mariposa County 2016-2017 Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge Fagalde:

It is once again the pleasure of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to respond to the findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury. We do so with gratitude for the time, dedication and professional demeanor of the individuals that comprise this year's Jury. Accordingly:

Adult Detention Facility

1. The Board of Supervisors agrees with the findings of the Grand Jury regarding the condition of the facility, staffing levels and availability of medical personnel.
2. The Board of Supervisors agrees that some deferred maintenance, including the replacement of machinery, needs to be addressed. We are pleased to have approved a Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget that allocates additional funds to this purpose and to be able to consider additional dollars during our annual balancing adjustments later this month. The Board also agrees that the means for a potential expansion of the adult detention facility should continue to be explored.
3. The Board of Supervisors agrees that staffing levels at the adult detention facility should continue to be monitored relative to the inmate population.
4. The Board of Supervisors agrees that the need for funds based on medical and mental health diagnoses and length of inmate stays should continue to be reviewed.

Board of Supervisors and Grand Jury Outside Audit

1. The Board of Supervisors agrees with all four findings in this matter.
2. The Board of Supervisors agrees that a request for proposals should be developed prior to the audit of Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
3. The Board of Supervisors agrees that increased consideration should be given to outside auditors other than Smith and Newell, provided the proposals received reflect a similar quality of services and value to the taxpayer. As this has been an issue in the past, and as uncertain as we all are about the future, the Board suggests that prohibiting a particular bidder who has provided excellent quality to date may not be in the best long-term interests of the County.
4. The Board of Supervisors agrees that greater participation from the Grand Jury would provide additional transparency for the people of Mariposa and other beneficial securities for the audit process.

Treasurer – Tax Collector

1. The Board of Supervisors agrees with all findings and recommendations on this matter and has directed staff to begin drafting such an ordinance.

Mariposa County Tourism Bureau and Business Improvement District

1. The Board of Supervisors agrees that transparency is an essential part of good government and goes to great lengths to ensure openness with the community. While the Board agrees with the findings, it notes that financial reporting, though perhaps inadequately reviewed, has been taking place on an annual basis.
2. Because the Board and the Yosemite/Mariposa County Tourism Bureau are interested in maintaining the highest level of compliance with all requirements of state code and contracts entered, the Tourism Bureau is currently working with a certified public accountant to provide an updated, reviewed copy of their financial reports per our current agreement.
3. The new county administrative officer (CAO), who was not involved with the Grand Jury investigation, is working to incorporate the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) into the county budget process. It is anticipated that these funds will be noted in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget following the balancing adjustment process.
4. Mariposa County and the Tourism Bureau are in discussions about any agreements that may be necessary for both the current TBID Management Plan and the anticipated renewal that will take effect in 2018.
5. All of the aforementioned steps addressing Grand Jury findings and recommendations will be completed prior to entering a new agreement with the Tourism Bureau and before any additional payments are made from the County general fund.

6. Prior to our receipt of this report, the Board directed staff to obtain quotes for a Return on Investment (ROI) study to ensure that the services provided by the Bureau are consistent with the level of the funding provided by the County. Additional consideration will need to be given to the recommendation to include the TBID in this study. All contracts for services are subject to the availability of funds.

Continuity Committee: Technical Services Department

1. The Board of Supervisors does not agree with the finding that the physical facility that houses the County's technical equipment is "inadequate" nor the assertion that there is a leaky roof in the computer room. While the facility may not be ideal, it is secure and sufficient for current County needs. The Board also notes that the need for this space is diminishing as the County shifts more programs to "the Cloud".
2. The Board agrees with the remaining findings, but notes that through Fiscal Year 2016-2017, which was passed in October 2016, the Board had saved \$381,051 in the Technical Services Reserve Fund (446).
3. The Board of Supervisors agrees with Recommendation 2 and recently allocated an additional \$185,000 to the Technical Services Reserve Fund with the approval of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget. The total savings in that fund is now \$566,051. In addition, State and federal funding sources have also been identified that would allow the replacement of the development services and financial system software to begin as early as Spring 2018. The County will continue to explore funding options, including financing possibilities, which will allow for the upgrade of other aging systems.

Continuity Committee: Mariposa County Landfill

1. The Board of Supervisors agrees with the first finding, except to note that the \$34 million cited would be for a new landfill and not to line the remaining cells.
2. The Board agrees that upgrading the current bailer could lead to additional revenue, depending on market prices for the resold material, but also asserts that more analysis is needed to determine whether such a purchase would ultimately benefit the County.
3. The Board agrees with the approximate quantities of waste being processed and that, like most County operations, additional staff and equipment would likely yield greater productivity. Because manual sorting options also exist, additional analysis is needed to determine whether additional staff and equipment would ultimately benefit the County.
4. The Board agrees that a review of the landfill rate structure is necessary and ongoing.
5. The Board agrees that the County was working to receive grant funding at the time of the Grand Jury investigation. County departments are encouraged to pursue grant funding where possible to reduce the cost to local taxpayers.

6. The Board of Supervisors agrees with the recommendation to stay engaged with discussions regarding the landfill's future.

Yosemite West Wastewater Treatment Facility

1. The Board of Supervisors agrees with all findings and recommendations. The Board notes that the business of the Yosemite West Wastewater Treatment Facility is clearly delineated in all public meetings and minutes in an effort to reduce or eliminate any confusion that may exist.

This concludes the responses of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to the FY 2016-2017 Grand Jury report. The Board of Supervisors is pleased with the progress that has been made and recognized on a number of issues and is grateful to the Grand Jury for the opportunity to address and improve the aspects of county government operations as discussed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marshall Long". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marshall Long, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors



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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-615

MEETING: September 12, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Final Response to 2016-17 Grand Jury Report

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the Response of the Board of Supervisors to the 2016-2017 Mariposa County Grand Jury Final Report; Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Response; and Direct the County Administrative Officer to Transmit the Response to the Presiding Judge of the Mariposa County Superior Court.

The California Penal Code requires the Board of Supervisors, as the governing body of a public agency subject to the Grand Jury's reviewing authority, to comment to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to the matters under the control of the governing body within ninety days after the Grand Jury submits its Final Report.

Please see the attached response. For reference, the complete Grand Jury Final Report for 2016-17 is also attached.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board of Supervisors has responded to the Grand Jury Final Report in previous years.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Approve the draft response with revisions.

ATTACHMENTS:

16-17 Grand Jury Report(PDF)
Grand Jury Response FY16-17 (DOCX)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended


Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer 9/7/2017

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey