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**Action Summary
Expanded Budget and Capital Committee #8
October 14, 2008
4 p.m.**

Present: 15 Legislators: Burbank, Chock, Dennis, Herrera, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, Proto, Robertson, Shinagawa, Sigler, Stevenson, Hattery (arrived at 4:07 p.m.); Randall (arrived at 4:12 p.m.); McBean-Clairborne (arrived at 4:31 p.m.)

Call to Order

Mr. Shinagawa called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. (12 members present).

Soil and Water Conservation District

Mr. Hattery arrived at 4:07 p.m. (13 members present).

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, to earmark \$35,000 in the Contingent Fund (3.6% of Cost of Living increase for staffing).

Mr. Randall arrived at 4:13 p.m. (14 members present).

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 13; Noes – 1 (Herrera). MOTION CARRIED.

Alternatives-to-Incarceration (ATI)

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne arrived at 4:32 p.m. (15 members present).

Mr. Proto raised the subject of ATI program evaluations. There was a lengthy discussion of the ATI Incarceration programs that ended with a suggestion by Ms. Chock to plan a presentation for the full Legislature on the County's ATI programs. Ms. Mackesey requested that presentation include information on the recidivism rate.

Department of Probation and Community Justice

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Ms Robertson, to revisit and amend OTR No. 48 – Systems Analyst position, in the amount of \$60,217 one-time funding to Target funding.

Ms. Kiefer asked Ms. Jayne to let her know how much the tax levy would be if the owner of an average house were to pay \$1 more a month in taxes next year.

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 3 (Burbank, Kiefer, and Robertson); Noes – 12. MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, to revisit and amend OTR No. 48 – Systems Analyst position, in the amount of \$60,217 one-time funding to two-year funding.

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 8 (Burbank, Dennis, Herrera, Kiefer, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Robertson, and Shinagawa); Noes – 7 (Chock, Hattery, Koplinka-Loehr, Proto, Randall, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

District Attorney

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Mr. Dennis, to add \$25,000 in one-time funding to the District Attorney's budget for Article 26 responsibilities, one-time funding with the new account not subject to Rollover.

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 7 (Dennis, Hattery, Proto, Randall, Robertson, Shinagawa, and Sigler); Noes – 8 (Burbank, Chock, Herrera, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, and Stevenson). MOTION FAILED.

Human Rights Department

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Ms. Herrera, to approve one Paralegal Aid Position in the amount of \$28,903 as target funding with \$23,533 in Rollover funds to be used to offset this in 2009. MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN with the intention of re-presenting this at the October 15, 2008 meeting following the receipt of information on staffing levels from 2004 to date, including interns, and a history of professional services funding and caseload data from Ms. Martel-Moore and Ms. Jayne.

Highway Materials

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Dennis, to approve \$200,000 in one-time funding for Highway materials.

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 2 (Dennis and Kiefer); Noes – 13. MOTION FAILED.

Budget Update

Mr. Squires distributed and reviewed information on sales tax receipts.

Recess

Mr. Shinagawa declared recess from 5:47 p.m. to 6:02 p.m.

Mr. Stevenson was excused at 5:47 p.m. (14 members present)

Finance Department

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, to approve OTR No. 78 in the amount of \$56,249 as Target funding to maintain current staffing levels at 40 hours per week and to return \$73,856 (TILOR) in Rollover to the General Fund. MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN with the intention of re-presenting it tomorrow following additional information being provided by Ms. Robertson.

Office for the Aging

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Proto, to earmark \$30,000 in the Contingent Fund to be used for the purpose of rent expenses if needed. MOTION WITHDRAWN with the intention of being brought forward following meetings to be held this week.

Ms. Robertson asked for an update on the 2008 Contingent Fund.

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Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee (WDIC)

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne distributed a 2008 WDIC update and 2009 budget needs document.

It was MOVED by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, seconded by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, to approve a total of \$40,000 in multi-year funding to support WDIC expenses including training, education, and marketing.

There was a understanding that a decision will be made at a later date as to which department this funding and responsibilities will be located.

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 9 (Burbank, Chock, Herrera, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, McBean-Clairborne, Robertson, and Shinagawa); Noes – 5 (Dennis, Hattery, Proto, Randall, and Sigler). MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Pottorff, TC Legislature Office