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MINUTES
September 3, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER - SPECIAL MEETING

Chair Woodrow called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors with Supervisors David Griffith, Ron Hames, Charles Dobson, and Terry Woodrow present. Supervisor Irvin Jim was absent.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1. **Adopt a resolution setting the appropriation limit County Service Area #1 operating funds for FY2024/2025 at $708,337 - Director of Finance**

MOTION David Griffith / SECOND Ron Hames adopting Resolution No. R2024-53 setting the appropriation limit County Service Area #1 operating funds for FY2024/2025 at $708,337 - Director of Finance.
AYES: Charles Dobson, Ron Hames, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;
ABSENT: Irvin Jim;
MOTION PASSED.

2.2. **Adopt resolution setting the appropriation limit for Alpine County operating funds for 2024/2025 at $8,493,270 - Director of Finance**

MOTION David Griffith / SECOND Ron Hames adopting Resolution No. R2024-54 setting the appropriation limit for Alpine County operating funds for 2024/2025 at $8,493,270 - Director of Finance.
AYES: Charles Dobson, Ron Hames, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;
ABSENT: Irvin Jim;
MOTION PASSED.

3. INTRODUCTION - GENERAL BUDGET OVERVIEW: CAO AND DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND PROCUREMENT

CAO Nichole Williamson provided a review of the 2024-2025 Budget Memorandum; explained that the Recommended Budget, as amended, would be set for approval by the Board on September 17, 2024; Final Budget needed to be approved and submitted to the State Controller by October 2, 2024. Williamson explained that the Recommended Budget included $47 million in expenditures, offset by $42 million in revenue and $5.4 million in existing fund balances, which balanced the budget. General Fund portion was $21 million in expenditures, offset by $18 million in revenue and a use of $2.7 million in General Fund reserves; added that the County should consider adopting a formal policy on reserve funding and spending.

Williamson reported on the state and county fiscal climate; at state level, revenues were volatile and fluctuated; at county level, property tax revenues were not sufficient to cover all County costs; new sources of revenue needed to be identified in order to maintain current services.

Williamson reported that the County's greatest expenditure, aside from capital improvement projects, was staff salaries and benefits; On July 1, 2024, the County implemented a $750,000 annual salary/benefit increase for non-public safety employees; its associated health insurance costs were not yet known but would likely be significant.

Williamson addressed what constituted "Miscellaneous Professional Services" in prior years and going forward, e.g., fire recovery costs and contracted professional services including County Counsel and Public Health Officer.

Economic Development Director JT Chevallier addressed recovery and economic development initiatives; during the past fiscal year, the Economic Development Department assisted with the production and promotion of the Market at Markleeville; collaborated with the Central Sierra Economic Development District and produced a new 5-year economic development strategy for the County. Chevallier announced that, for the first time, Alpine County joined with eastern Sierra entities including Mono and Inyo Counties to develop an additional economic development strategy for the region, funded by Rural Counties Representatives of California. Chevallier said the California Jobs Program had made recent strides based on guidance from the State regarding grant procurement; the "Are You Alpine" campaign commenced in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce; the redevelopment of Turtle Rock Park continued with assistance from the Community Development Department; a non-motorized trails Master Plan was in the works, in tandem with the Towns and Trails Initiative and the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership, and also drawing heavily from the local community.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON RECOMMENDED BUDGET

See Open Public Hearing below.

5. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Executive Director of Arts and Culture Alpine County (ACAC) January Riddle requested $5,000 in ACAC funding for FY24-25, the same amount received in FY23-24. In response to CAO Nichole Williamson, Riddle said that funding would be spent mostly on program costs, e.g., library art shows, art walk on Death Ride Day.
Alpine Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) President Aaron Johnson requested continued financial support of $60,000 plus an additional $30,000 that had been granted in recent years for a total of $90,000 in funding for FY24-25. Funding would be used for Alpine County economic marketing, efficiency evaluations of Chamber activities, website upgrades, and staffing.

5.1. **NON-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS**
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CAO Nichole Williamson presented the recommended FY24-25 budget for Non-Departmental Budget Units. In response to Supervisor Hames' question about $0 in budgeted Timber Tax revenues, Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer reported that none of the Timber Production Zones (TPZs) was actively producing, thus no Timber Tax revenues were being received; the Timber tax was only levied on private land, not public Forest Service land, as Leitenbauer confirmed.
In response to Supervisor Griffith's question regarding Grand Jury insurance, Williamson confirmed that allocation would exist irrespective of whether Alpine County maintained a grand jury.
Williamson reported that AB109 funds would be paying for the Public Defender contract in FY24-25; was an eligible use of the Public Safety Realignment Funds.
Regarding funding for Bear Valley Solid Waste Assessment, Williamson reported speaking with Supervisor Woodrow about zeroing-out the $1,000 transfer-in; Supervisor Woodrow agreed the item should be cut.
In response to Supervisor Griffith's question about why Eastern Alpine Fire Department funds weren't combined with Woodfords Fire Department funds, given the recent amalgamation of the entities, Williamson responded that the Board could give direction for that purpose; Griffith said that should occur before next year's budget process. Leitenbauer and Budget and Procurement Director Matt McSorley agreed.
In response to Supervisor Griffith's comment, McSorley confirmed that $30,000 of interest would be incorporated into the next budget version. Williamson reminded that Cal OES advanced the County $1,000,000 post-Tamarack Fire, and interest had accumulated from that sum; Williamson was unsure whether Cal OES would demand that money back. Supervisor Griffith asked whether the County received any Fire Rescue reimbursement funds during FY23-24; Leitenbauer said the County still maintained the $1,000,000 Cal OES sum, and that Cal OES had been very slow to process claims; McSorley confirmed that no reimbursement was received for FY23-24. Alpine County Wildfire Projects Coordinator Clint Celio clarified that Fund 389 was independent of the Tamarack restoration funds; related to work performed at Turtle Rock Park and other areas under the Cal OES program; Leitenbauer confirmed that was correct. Deputy Director of Community Development Ethan Gray commented that this fund was a combination of insurance and CAL OES reimbursement. Williamson anticipated having to return much of those funds to Cal OES.

5.2. **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

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CAO Nichole Williamson reviewed changes to the budget versus FY23-24; District Attorney (15%) and Victim Witness Coordinator (80%) salary allocations changed, resulting in savings to County of nearly $100,000. Regarding the transfer-in of $96,920, $50,000 would be funded by AB109.

Regarding Victim Witness Fund 294, Williamson reported increases for Elected Officials and Victim Witness Coordinator due to allocation shifts above.

5.3. **PROBATION**

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Acting Chief Probation Officer Brian Lowry presented the recommended FY24-25 Probation budget. Budget and Procurement Director Matt McSorley commented that one goal was to reduce the impact of Probation on General Fund spending; AB109 money would be utilized where appropriate. Responding to Supervisor Woodrow, McSorley confirmed that such was the reason for the increase of transfers-in. CAO Nichole Williamson reported that the Board could direct changes to effect a $76,000 transfer using a combination of YOBG and SB678 funds; the Board agreed by consensus.

Supervisor Hames commented that AB109 money probably would not be long term; Williamson responded that AB109 was Public Safety Realignment Funds; didn't believe a mechanism existed for the State to take back realignment funds.

5.4. **SHERIFF / BEAR VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY / FIRE & EMS**

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Alpine County Sheriff Tom Minder and Fiscal and Administrative Supervisor Natalie Scott presented the budget.

Fund 149-149: In response to Supervisor Griffith, Scott confirmed that the budget reduced Phone/Internet expenses by $3,000 and Repairs and Overhauls expenses by $17,000.

Scott reported that the Jail budget had increased from $55,000 to $100,000. CAO Nichole Williamson added that AB109 funds were utilized for the increase. Sheriff Minder explained that the Superior Court issued numerous 365-day sentences during the past year, which resulted in higher FY23-24 spending than budgeted, thus the requested increase.

In response to Supervisor Griffith, Scott reported that the increase in requested funding for Miscellaneous Professional Services was largely due to the $20,000 cost of training associated with grant procurement; also $22,000 was included for new structures for patrol vehicles. Budget and Procurement Director Matt McSorley agreed that the funding for new structures should be moved to Capital Assets. Responding to Supervisor Woodrow, Scott commented that about $85,000 of the $136,000 budgeted for Communications Equipment was for replacing a microwave near Leviathan.

Fund 605: Responding to Supervisor Hames, Minder reported that there was no fund to pay for new batteries at Hawkins Peak, and that alternatives were being considered to save the County from having to replace all batteries at once at an expense of about $1,000,000. Responding to Supervisor Griffith, Minder commented that the batteries were in Year 11 of a 20-year lifespan.

Fund 162: Scott reported that State grant funding was procured for $10,000, greater than the $7,190 listed in the recommended budget; Stipends would again be provided to certain workers at a budgeted annual cost of $25,000.

Fund 382: In response to Supervisor Woodrow, Scott confirmed that the $30,500 increase for Small Tools and Miscellaneous Equipment reflected a reallocation of money from Repairs and Overhauls.

Fund 165: Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer commented that PERS Retirement Miscellaneous needed to be moved to Safety.

5.5. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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Community Development Director Sam Booth presented the budget to the Board. Regarding Buildings and Grounds Fund 119, Booth explained that the increase in Road Administration & 5% Cost reflected expenses that would be charged to the Buildings and Grounds team from the Roads Department for utilization of heavy machinery, etc.; Booth said it would be OK to reduce that line-item to $0. Responding to Supervisor Griffith, Booth stated that doing so would result in $13,000 less revenue for the Roads Department.
In response to Supervisor Woodrow, Booth reported that the increased expenditure for Pest Control reflected new contracts on a Countywide basis; that the increase for Small Tools & Miscellaneous Equipment was for new tables at Turtle Rock Park; that the increase for Solid Waste Removal reflected increased transfer station costs with

Douglas Disposal and an increased annual dump fee. Supervisor Woodrow noted that a hatchet was applied to the budget of Maintenance for Structures/Grounds. In response to Supervisor Woodrow, Booth commented that the decreased revenues for Rental Income reflected a redistribution of some of those funds.
Regarding Community Development Agency Fund 175, Booth requested that Miscellaneous Revenues be increased from $70,081 to $429,919 due to $500,000 LATA grant; correspondingly requested to increase expenses on Miscellaneous Professional Services from $201,181 to $564,264.
Economic Development Director JT Chevallier commented that $1,000,000 in reauthorization funds from the grant should be allocated to Federal Grant revenues and Miscellaneous Professional Services augmented accordingly; Budget and Procurement Director Matt McSorley clarified that there was an off-setting line-item for State and Forestry Expenses. CAO Nichole Williamson asked whether the administrative/indirect portion of expenses should be subtracted from that amount; McSorley responded in the affirmative. Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer confirmed that administrative/indirect costs should be moved to the CAO's budget; McSorley intended to use the 10% de minimus rate. Williamson commented that the additional $1,000,000 should be added without yet accounting for indirect costs; those would be removed midyear; the Board agreed by consensus.
Regarding Fund 176, in response to Supervisor Woodrow, Booth confirmed that planning fee revenues had increased largely as a result of action taken towards short-term rentals.
Regarding Building Official Fund 209, in response to Supervisor Griffith's comment about making the department self-sufficient, Booth stated that the Community Development Departments planned to perform a fee study for building; County Counsel Charles McKee spoke about this concept; said that taxpayers would be on the hook if the department were not self-sufficient.
Regarding Fund 220, Supervisor Griffith commented that the County should fund more road positions in future budgets.
Regarding County Road Improvement Fund 221, Leitenbauer commented that the $500,000 Principal Repayment was related to the Hot Springs Road bridge construction loan from RCRC. In response to Supervisor Hames, Booth stated the Heritage Park Restoration had no funds appropriated for FY24-25 due to uncertainty about the project time; it would be possible to appropriate money midyear if needed and appropriate.
Regarding Transportation Trust LTF Fund 595, Booth commented that there were no expenditures budgeted for Services and Supplies; internal process would dictate when those funds are allocated during FY24-25.

5.6. **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH**

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Budget and Procurement Director Matt McSorley reviewed the structural changes to the recommended budget; new standalone Fund 272 created for Future of Public Health Funding; created new Fund 279 for California Home Visitation Program; created new Fund 211 to track Proposition 56 and Proposition 99 Tobacco Control Program; revenue would transfer out of old tobacco funds into this single fund.

Regarding County Emergency Services Fund 160, in response to Supervisor Woodrow, CAO Nichole Williamson commented that many of the Uncollectible Ambulance bills are for people who lived out of the area; didn't make sense to hire a collection agency to collect about $9,000; Alpine County's agreement with East Fork required repayment of those funds.
Regarding Environmental Health Fund 205, Williamson noted that revenues of $15,000 were far shy of the planned expenses; County didn't have enough volume for the program to pay for itself.
Regarding Tobacco Ops Fund 211, Williamson highlighted $300,000 in revenues; 50% each from Propositions 56 and 99.
Regarding Social Services Assistance Fund 187, in response to Supervisor Hames, Williamson didn't know where in the County the Cafeteria was but promised to investigate.
Regarding Social Services Fund 210, Williamson requested that Position #1 re Fiscal & Administrative Supervisor be zeroed-out; doubted potential recruitment for FY24-25. Responding to Supervisor Woodrow, Williamson reported that the Transfer-In reflected a required County share of all social services programs, which varied dramatically depending on the time-code study and its share of costs between federal, state, and local revenues. In response to Supervisor Griffith, Williamson confirmed those funds came from Realignment Funding, not the General Fund.

5.7. **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

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Regarding Mental Health Fund 203, CAO Nichole Williamson explained that the County needed $613,000 of Realignment to balance the budget due to changes with reimbursements.
Regarding Drug & Alcohol Fund 204, $189,000 of Realignment Transfer-Ins was required to balance.

Regarding MHSA Fund 377, Williamson reported on uncertainty about Proposition 1; advised that the Actual 23-24 be copied for the Recommended Budget; Proposition 1 guidance was expected shortly.

5.8. **BOS/CAO/PERSONNEL/COUNSEL**

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Regarding Fund 101, Supervisor Griffith commented that during FY23-24 a supervisor had gone over budget for District Expenses; funds were reallocated from others' District Expenses to cover the difference. Supervisor Griffith suggested that, instead of increasing District 4 expenditures for FY24-25, the Board should instead be able to transfer-in unused funds from other supervisors' budgets, as before.

Regarding CAO Fund 102, CAO Nichole Williamson reported that the $50,000 in revenues for State/Private Forestry Grants reflected reimbursement for Economic Development Director JT Chevallier's time working on special projects.
Regarding County Counsel Fund 141, Williamson reported that $25,000 was budgeted for Extra Help for hiring individuals to assist in updating the County Code; recommended increasing Travel budget to $5,000; the Board agreed by consensus.
Regarding Self Insurance Fund 730, Supervisor Griffith asked how many Sheriff's deputies utilized the program; Williamson reported not knowing the exact number.
Regarding Information Technology Fund 731, Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer commented that good cyber IT systems minimized insurance premiums. Supervisor Griffith reported that best practices suggested 2-3% of the County budget should be spent on IT; Alpine County was at about 1%.

5.9. **LIBRARY/MUSEUM/ARCHIVES**

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Library/Museum/Archives Director Rita Lovell presented the budget. Regarding the County Library, Lovell confirmed with CAO Nichole Williamson that an additional $10,000 in revenues needed to be applied to the State Grant line-item in Fund 194 to reflect incoming FY24-25 funds from a past state grant. Budget and Procurement Director Matt McSorley suggested the off-setting expenditure would be applied to Special Department Other, to which Lovell commented that a new fund might be appropriate. Lovell noted an additional $3,000 in grant revenues was received in June 2024; Williamson commented that the added $13,000 in funds needed to be appropriated but was unsure of where to do so. Fiscal Consultant Craig Goodman informed the Board that each fund account code referred to a specific definition in the State Controller manual; advised against creating new accounts that weren't needed. In response to Williamson, Lovell confirmed that the expenditures for eBook Purchases (CLSA) should be $4,000 instead of $5,000. Lovell reported that $5,000 in Local/County Grant funds for FY23-24 weren't expended; Williamson noted those monies were already received so only an off-setting expenditure was needed. Goodman commented that a line-item reflecting the $10,000 expenditure (off-setting $5,000 in fund balance and $5,000 in revenue) would be required. Supervisor Griffith commented that staff should discuss this item and report back to the Board at a later time. Williamson noted that the appropriation could be made at any regular Board meeting; it needn't be determined before the FY24-25 budget was approved. Finance Director Klaus Leitenbauer agreed, commenting that the recommended budget needn't change. Speaking on the Maintenance Agreement-PC/Software fund, Lovell noted that only $4,000 was budgeted but annual PC license renewals cost $7,000; Williamson indicated there would be a $3,000 increase for that expenditure.

Regarding the County Museum, Lovell asserted that the Office Supplies fund could be reduced from $1200 to $700. Williamson commented that the OPEB fund should be $0.

5.10. **COUNTY CLERK**

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County Clerk Teola Tremayne presented the budget.

Regarding County Clerk Fund 104, Miscellaneous Professional Services increased because it budgeted for the codification of the new code. Regarding Elections Fund 116, Office Supplies expenditures increased due to upcoming purchase of bulk envelopes for ballots. Responding to Supervisor Griffith, Tremayne confirmed that the $18,500 in Election Equipment expenditures should be zeroed-out. Regarding LAFCO Fund 179, Tremayne identified rolled-over line-items from FY23-24 and noted that Conference Registration expenditures increased due to rising costs. In response to Supervisor Woodrow, Tremayne confirmed that stipends were budgeted for possible meetings. Responding to Supervisor Griffith about Fund 214, Tremayne commented that funds from parking-enforcement contractors were deposited into the General Fund, not Fund 214.

5.11. **FINANCE**

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Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer presented the budget.

Regarding Auditor-Controller Fund 105, Leitenbauer reported that Chief Deputy Auditor (Position #2) was not being funded in FY24-25. Responding to Supervisor Griffith, Leitenbauer reported that it was not appropriate to reallocate Miscellaneous Professional Services expenditures, which covered the Department's fiscal consultants for FY24-25, to fund a new Chief Deputy Auditor.

Regarding Central Services OMB Fund 107, Budget and Procurement Director Matt McSorley explained the increase in expenditures for Phone and Internet reflected rising costs and license fees for emails accounts, Adobe subscriptions, etc.

5.12. **ASSESSOR/RECORDER**

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Alpine County Assessor/Recorder Donald O'Connor presented the budget.
Regarding the Assessor's budget, Postage expenditures increased due to cost of postage; Miscellaneous Professional Services expenditures increased because of a planned appraisal of Bear Valley Ski Resort; the Conference Registration fund and the Travel fund increased due to increased costs.
Regarding the Recorder's budget, the Conference Registration fund and the Travel fund had biggest increases, reflecting increased costs.

5.13. **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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Budget and Procurement Director Matt McSorley presented the budget. McSorley explained that Fund 601 reflected the cost of replacing two Sheriff vehicles, one of which would be covered by insurance. Supervisor Griffith commented that, regarding Hawkins Peak, some of the funds were for maintenance rather than capital investment. McSorley responded that it was appropriate for both to live in Fund 601.

5.14. **OTHER BUDGET UNITS**

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Regarding Chamber of Commerce Fund 206, CAO Nichole Williamson reported that, in addition to annual appropriations, the County was also paying for utilities utilizing the Buildings and Grounds budget. Supervisor Griffith commented that the Board should fund the Chamber at their requested level, including the $30,000 in added funding that had been awarded in recent years for a total of $90,000. In response to Williamson, Economic Development Director JT Chevallier provided additional background on the supplementary $30,000 that had been appropriated; suggested that funding should be tied to a scope of work agreement with the Chamber to provide more accountability. Supervisor Griffith responded that the Chamber agreement dated back to 2006; needed updates and accountability. In response to Supervisor Dobson, Williamson responded that the County could revisit the additional $30,000 appropriation midyear, after the TOT tax was voted upon. County Counsel Charles McKee commented that, in future years, the agenda should incorporate all non-County entities that received County funds into a single line-item. Williamson commented that, instead of fixed dollar amounts, the County could choose to appropriate funding at a percentage level, so the Chamber would receive more during good years and less during leaner years.

Fiscal Consultant for Finance Craig Goodman said one option was to increase the

contingency fund budget by $30,000, allowing for an easy transfer to the Chamber if/when desired.
Supervisor Griffith commented that the County had saved more than $30,000 over the course of reviewing the recommended budget, so the money was available. Williamson noted that $65,000 was recommended; transferring-in an additional $25,000 would get the Chamber to the requested total of $90,000. The Board agreed by consensus to adopt that approach.

Regarding Fish & Game Fund 330, Williamson reported that a transfer-in of $10,000 had already been awarded to fund fish planting through October 1, 2024; F&G was aware this was an advance of whatever the Board chose to appropriate for FY24-25. Fish & Game Commission member Donald O'Connor requested $50,000 total in FY24-25 appropriations, same as FY23-24; $10,000 of which had already been awarded. Funding would be directed for hunter safety classes, fish planting, and kids' fishing days. McSorley asked how much it would cost to fund fish plants through the end of the calendar year; O'Connor couldn't provide an exact number. Recognizing $21,500 in savings, Leitenbauer commented that the budget could fund the $5,000 request made by Alpine County Arts & Culture, to Supervisor Hames' point, and appropriate the difference of $16,500 to F&G, for a total of $26,500 in FY24-25 appropriations, which would allow for increases if additional monies were identified; the Board agreed by consensus.

5.15. **SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

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Regarding Transportation Commission Fund 361, Community Development Director Sam Booth reported that LTF Allocations were zeroed-out versus $20,000 in FY23-24. Responding to Supervisor Hames, Booth noted the increase in Miscellaneous Professional Services reflected the expense side of the Overall Work Program and updates to the Regional Services Plan.
Regarding Transit Services Fund 700, the increase in appropriations for State 5311-Funds Transit reflected grant procurement; LTF Allocations were zeroed-out.
Regarding CSA #1 Fund 580, Supervisor Woodrow asked whether the Current Secured amount was accurate and up-to-date; Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer responded that the amount reflected property tax revenues, which according to County Assessor Donald O'Connor would increase by 4% in FY24-25. Responding to Supervisor Woodrow, Budget and Procurement Director Matt McSorley confirmed that the Room Tax appropriation reflected costs for the full fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2024, and McSorley agreed that the General Programs expenditure should be changed to reflect the same amount; McSorley speculated that an interest apportionment hadn't been captured yet.

Supervisor Griffith recommended that the County allocate up to $21,000 to fund the Class and Compensation Study for unrepresented employees that were 10% below market value; the Board agreed by consensus. Williamson commented that the $21,000 wouldn't be appropriated for any single budget; depending on type of position and department.

Supervisor Woodrow closed the public hearing.

6. CONTINUATION

The Board did not continue the Budget Hearing to September 4, 2024.

6.1. **Approve recommended budget, as amended, and set for placement on the next agenda for final adoption.**

MOTION Hames / SECOND Griffith approving the recommended budget, as amended and discussed by consensus, and placing it on the next agenda for final adoption.
AYES: Charles Dobson, David Griffith, Ron Hames, Terry Woodrow;
ABSENT: Irvin Jim;
MOTION CARRIED.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned to the next regular meeting of Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 9:00 AM at Alpine County Government Center, 99 Water Street, Markleeville, California.

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Terry Woodrow, Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Alpine, State of California

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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