



**Child Support Services  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** June 20, 2017

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Timothy F. Wall    PHONE: 713-5707				

**SUBJECT:** Approve an agreement with the California Department of Child Support Services

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with the California Department of Child Support Services regarding the use of an extra help attorney in an amount not to exceed \$27,521 effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign two original copies of the Agreement in blue ink.

**SUMMARY:**  
The California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) is requesting to continue the contract with the County of Tulare for the inter-jurisdictional employee exchange of Attorney John Higgins. The County agrees to loan and assign Mr. Higgins to DCSS for the support of Child Support Program. Mr. Higgins is considered a top legal expert in the area of child support legal matters and has received nationwide recognition for his work in this area.

Mr. Higgins' participation with the State will contribute not only legal expertise, but bring an understanding of local program needs to the California Legislature, California Department of Justice, and the California Department of Child Support Services. This arrangement has been mutually beneficial since its inception in the 2006/2007 fiscal year.

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Because Mr. Higgins is a retired County employee, his continued service on an extra help basis is with the understanding that he will only be working on a part-time basis. Mr. Higgins will be under the direction of the State Department of Child Support Services. The State will reimburse Tulare County DCSS for all of the direct costs.

The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate: it provides for mutual indemnification, County is signing first in blue ink, and both parties may terminate upon reasonable written notice.

This contract is at the State's request; therefore, a Request for Proposal was not done.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Funding for this agreement in an amount not to exceed \$27,521 will be included in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget. This agreement is paid through State funds. There is no additional net costs to the County General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

This agenda item is linked to the Organizational Performance component of the County of Tulare Strategic Business Plan. By renewing this Agreement, it will allow Tulare County Department of Child Support Services to be on the forefront of legal decisions as they pertain to Child Support Services.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Roger Dixon  
Director, Child Support Services

cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment: Agreement (2)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT** )  
**WITH THE CALIFORNIA** ) **Resolution No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT** ) **Agreement No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SERVICES** )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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