



Child Support Services

COUNTY OF TULARE

AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: June 21, 2011 Revised

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Debra Olvera PHONE: 713-5781

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services and the Tulare County Department of Child Support Services regarding the use of an Extra Help Attorney.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services and the County of Tulare regarding the use of an extra help attorney. Tulare County Department of Child Support Services to provide up to \$27,521.00 effective July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012.
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign three copies of the Agreement.

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) is requesting to continue the contract with the County of Tulare for the loan of Attorney John Higgins. 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.

Continuing the current Agreement (#23576) will allow Mr. Higgins to carry on his work at the State level. 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

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beneficial since its conception in the 2006/07 fiscal year.

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.

Please note that the contract deviates from the County contract protocol in that it provides for mutual indemnification, County is signing first, and both parties may terminate upon reasonable written notice.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The California Department of Child Support Services will provide up to \$27,521.00 in funds. These funds will be included in the 2011/2012 County Budget. There will be no net County costs.

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.

ALTERNATIVES:

If this agenda item is not approved, the Tulare County Department of Child Support will let the current agreement with the State lapse.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

County Counsel has reviewed and signed-off to form the attached agreement.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Debra Olvera
Director Child Support Services

Cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachments: Agreement (3)

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

IN THE MATTER OF Agreement)
Between the California Department)
Of Child Support Services and the)
Tulare County Department of Child)
Support Services Regarding the use)
Of an Extra Help Attorney)

RESOLUTION NO. _____
AGREEMENT NO. _____

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: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
 CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
 Deputy Clerk

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