

DEPARTMENT: Administration

BY: Rich Inman
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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter commenting on the recommendation pertaining to Action: Grand Jury Office Improvement that is included in the 2002-03 Mariposa County Grand Jury Report. Penal Code §933 requires a comment within 60 days of the release of the Final Grand Jury Report to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under the control of the county agency.

The Grand Jury's recommendation refers to the establishment of office space for the Grand Jury and the continued support of the Board of Supervisors in providing basic needs and services its use.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has authorized the Chairman to sign letters commenting on the findings and recommendations pertaining to the Board of Supervisors that were contained in past Grand Jury Reports.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Make modifications to the letter and authorize the Chairman to amended letter.

Do not authorize the Chairman to sign the letter. The Board of Supervisors will be in violation of Penal Code §933 if a response is not sent to the Presiding Judge of the Mariposa County Superior Court by September 23, 2003.

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$		Draft letter
Source:		Action/recommendation from Grand Jury Report
Internal Transfer		
Unanticipated Revenue	_____ 4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds	_____ 4/5's vote	
Contingency	_____ 4/5's vote	
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 03-276 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
Approved
() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: _____
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: *[Signature]*

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August 12, 2003

Honorable F. Dana Walton
Presiding Judge
Mariposa County Superior Court
Post Office Box 28
Mariposa, California 95338

Dear Judge Walton:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors agrees with the findings of the 2002-03 Mariposa County Grand Jury report regarding the action: Grand Jury Office Improvement. Last fiscal year the Board of Supervisors obtained a secure and separate office space for the Grand Jury, and included sufficient funding in the Final Budget for the lease agreement, telephone expenses, office expense, and the purchase of a personal computer and copier/scanner/fax machine.

The Grand Jury recommended that the Board continue to support the functions of the Grand Jury by providing basic needs and services for its use. Sufficient funding is included in the recently adopted Fiscal Year 2003-04 Proposed Budget that will allow the Grand Jury to continue with the lease agreement and basic operating expenses.

The Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Grand Jury in fulfilling their responsibilities. Please contact me if you have any questions or desire additional information.

Sincerely,

BOB PICKARD
Chairman

BP/mbh

bcc: Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board

