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On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the recommendation from Supervisor Stone regarding Cellphone Return Ending Needless Demand Entirely in Riverside County (C-RENDER), is deleted from the agenda for Tuesday, November 22, 2011.

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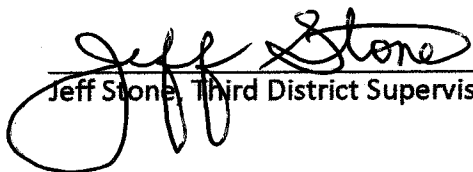**FROM:** Supervisor Stone **SUBMITTAL DATE:** November 16, 2011

SUBJECT: Cellphone Return Ending Needless Demand Entirely in Riverside County (C-RENDER)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Supervisors direct **Human Resources** with oversight in the **Executive Office** to *contract* with every consenting employee that has a county issued cellphone, to pay the employee a monthly stipend of **$13.50** such that their personal cellphone can be utilized for county related business while employed by the County, and at the same time direct **Purchasing Department** to **cancel** all contracts with cellphone providers as those contracts expire and **surrender all county issued cellphones** where and when appropriate. Full implementation of this program will be **July 1, 2012**, which will save the county **$1.5 million dollars** contributing to the closing of $80 million dollar gap the county is now facing and saving many jobs.
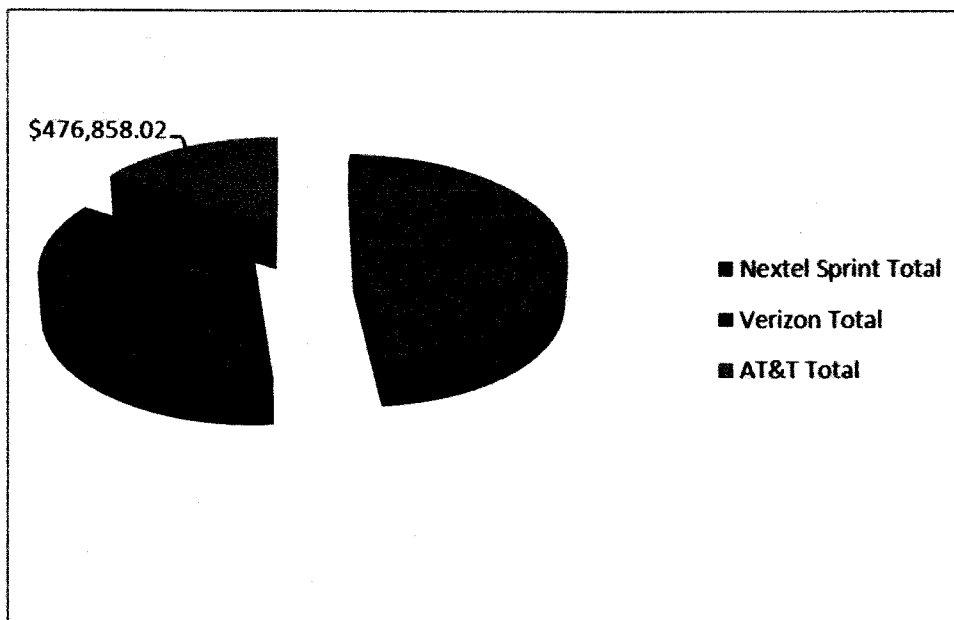
BACKGROUND:

As part of the Safeguard County of Riverside Against Preventable Expenses (S.C.R.A.P.E.) program, *unanimously* approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 3, 2009. Reduction in cellphone expenditures was highlighted as an area where the county could save significant financial resources when our economy was in the early stages of our fiscal collapse. Staff has reported that the county is *still* spending an excess of **$3 million dollars a year** for cellphone expenses! It is estimated that the county has **9549** (*Attachment 1*) issued cellphones at a costs to the taxpayers of **$27.32 per month** (*Attachment 2 list by vendor, Attachment 3 expense by department*)! It can be assumed that most of our employees have a private cellphone in today's contemporary society. In an effort to save the county money and add value for the employees of the county that have their own private cellphones, the county proposes a *partnership* to those employees that have a county issued cellphone **and** have a private cell phone they utilize.

Jeff Stone, Third District Supervisor

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ATTACHMENT NO. 2
List by Vendor

Vendor	Total Amount Paid in 2010
Nextel Sprint Total	$ 1,447,278.46
Verizon Total	$ 1,063,182.23
AT&T Total	$ 476,858.02
Grand Total	$ 2,987,318.71

Data provided by Purchasing Department

ATTACHMENT NO. 1
Number of County Issued and Taxpayer Funded Cellphones

Provider	Number of Lines
Verizon Wireless	3,209
AT&T	1,967
Sprint/Nextel	4,372
T-Mobile	1
Total (approx.)	**9,549**

Data provided by Purchasing Department

ATTACHMENT NO. 3
Cellphone Expense by County Department
General Fund Money

County BU	Description	Total Amount Paid in 2010
ACARC	Auditor Controller	$ 11,887.97
ASARC	Assessor/Clk-Recrdr/Recrds Mgmt	$ 17,829.65
BDARC	Board of Supervisors	$ 27,335.04
CAARC	County Counsel	$ 6,590.10
DAARC	District Attorney	$ 93,863.95
DPARC	Dept of Public Social Services	$ 590,334.31
EDARC	Economic Development Agency	$ 166,710.89
FMARC	Facilities Management	$ 245,188.59
FPARC	Fire Protection	$ 360,804.54
HRARC	Human Resources	$ 40,431.93
HSARC	Community Health Agency	$ 270,649.97
ITARC	Information Technology	$ 107,170.13
MCARC	Riverside County Regional Medical Center	$ 1,291.48
MHARC	Mental Health	$ 156,816.69
OAARC	Office on Aging	$ 9,193.32
OSARC	Oasis Administration	$ 13,652.40
PAARC	IHSS Public Authority	$ 5,140.99
PEARC	PSEC - PUB SAFETY ENT COMM	$ 2,531.58
PKARC	Parks	$ 44,646.42
PRARC	Probation	$ 168,685.76
PUARC	Purchasing	$ 21,495.69
SDARC	Special Districts	$ 1,421.21
SHARC	Sheriff	$ 373,908.12
TLARC	TLMA Agency	$ 176,716.26
TTARC	TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR	$ 25,406.02
WDARC	Workforce Development Center	$ 47,615.70
Total		$ 2,987,318.71*

Above data provided by Purchasing Department as approximate.

*Auditor's data total for amount spent on county issued cellphones: $3,131,230.60 ÷ 9549 = $327.91/year cost of each cellphone= **$27.32 per month.***