

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.8
(ID # 25224)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 25, 2024

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Approve Budget Adjustments for EO - Court Reporting Transcripts for FY 2023/24, All Districts. [\$375,000 - 100% General Fund Contingency], 4/5 Vote Required.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments included in Schedule A.

ACTION: 4/5 Vote Required, Policy

Jeff Van Wageningen, County Executive Officer 6/7/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 25, 2024
xc: E.O.

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By:
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$375,000	\$0	\$375,000	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$375,000	\$0	\$375,000	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% General Fund Contingency			Budget Adjustment:	Yes
			For Fiscal Year:	2023/24

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Judges in Superior Courts may make motions directing the county to pay for creating a verbatim record in criminal matters, appeals, juvenile proceedings, proceedings to declare a minor free from custody, probate proceedings and some civil matters. The adopted budget for these fees paid to court reporters was based on the prior three-year average. However, trials have steadily increased as the Courts ramp back-up to pre-pandemic workloads resulting in increased costs to this budget unit. A shortage of court reporters has also driven up the cost of transcripts driving expenditures to unprecedented levels – even making the \$350,000 Budget Adjustment just made in February 2024 insufficient to cover newly projected costs. Current projections reflect the need for an additional \$375,000 in appropriation to meet demands for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Providing these services allows the County to support attorneys to help meet their constitutionally mandated requirement to deliver an adequate defense.

Additional Fiscal Information

The Executive Office requests \$375,000 from general fund contingency for the current fiscal year as there are not sufficient departmental funds for projected expenditures in Fiscal Year 2023-24.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A. Schedule A

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SCHEDULE A

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FY 2023/2024

Increase Appropriations:		
10000-1104300000-524720	Court Reporter Fees	\$375,000
Anticipated Use of Unassigned Fund Balance:		
10000-1104300000-370100	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$375,000
Decrease Appropriations:		
10000-1109000000-581000	Appropriation for Contingencies	\$375,000
Anticipated Increase of Unassigned Fund Balance:		
10000-1109000000-370100	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$375,000



Heydee Koury, Sr Accountant - Auditor 6/3/2024