

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



**ITEM: 3.7**  
(ID # 27615)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, May 06, 2025

**FROM :** EXECUTIVE OFFICE

**SUBJECT:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Approve Budget Adjustments for EO - Court Reporting Transcripts for FY 2024/25, All Districts. [\$525,000 - 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:**Policy

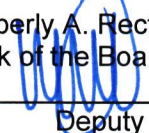
  
Jeff Van Wagenen, County Executive Officer 4/10/2025

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: May 6, 2025  
xc: EO

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$525,000	\$0	\$525,000	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$525,000	\$0	\$525,000	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% General Fund Contingency			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	Yes
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 2024/25	

**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. 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. Current projections reflect the need for an additional \$525,000 in appropriation to meet demands for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

**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 \$525,000 from general fund contingency for the current fiscal year as there are not sufficient departmental funds for projected expenditures in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**ATTACHMENT A. Schedule A**

**SCHEDULE A**

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FY 2024/2025**

Increase Appropriations:

10000-1104300000-524720	Court Reporter Fees	\$525,000
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Anticipated Use of Unassigned Fund Balance:

10000-1104300000-370100	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$525,000
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Decrease Appropriations:

10000-1109000000-581000    Appropriation for Contingencies    \$525,000

Anticipated Increase of Unassigned Fund Balance:

10000-1109000000-370100    Unassigned Fund Balance    \$525,000

  
Brett Austin, Supervising Accountant    4/7/2025