


County of Santa Clara
Board of Supervisors
Supervisorial District Two
Supervisor George Shirakawa



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DATE: February 24, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM:  AFS
George Shirakawa
Supervisor, District 2

SUBJECT: Public Safety & Justice Committee - February 12, 2009

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report from Public Safety and Justice Committee on meeting of February 12, 2009. (Shirakawa)

Possible action:

- a. Consider recommendations from the Probation Department on the Youthful Offender Block Grant (PSJC Item 9)
1. Approve Request for Appropriation Modification No. 136 - \$609,862 increasing revenue and expenditures in the Probation Department budget (4/5 Roll Call Vote)
 2. Approve delegation of authority to the Chief Probation officer, or designee, to submit annual renewals or extensions to the Corrections Standards Authority relating to the Youthful Offender Block Grant funding in the amount of \$2,383,972 for fiscal year 2009 and in the amount to be determined for fiscal year 2010. Delegation of authority shall expire on June 30, 2010.
 3. Approve delegation of authority to the Chief Probation Officer, or designee, to negotiate, execute, amend, or terminate agreements relating to providing vocational and educational services for youth that have been recently released from the State Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facilities, failed while on DJJ parole or other high-risk

offenders in an amount not to exceed \$200,336 for period June 1, 2009 through June 20, 2010, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on June 30, 2010.

- b. Accept meeting agenda items 5 - 8 as Board information only.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Committee forwarded a favorable recommendation to the Board to approve the Probation Department's request related to the State's Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funding in the amount of \$2,383,972.

Items for Board Information Only:

The Committee and public discussed my proposal to consolidate the Juvenile Hall Advisory Board (Item 6). Judge Patrick Tondreau, Supervising Judge of Delinquency Court and a representative from the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits spoke in favor of the proposal. The Committee referred the legal feasibility of the proposal to County Counsel and development of consolidation options to the County Executive for a report back to PSJC on March 5th.

The Committee also discussed the monthly report from the Probation Department on the youth in Juvenile Hall awaiting placement to the ranches (Item 7). As of January 30, 2009, 24 youth were on the ranch waiting list, down from 51 youth on November 13, 2008. The average time a youth waits in the Hall for placement to James Ranch is 50 days and for the Wright Center is 8 days. According to Sheila Mitchell, Chief Probation Officer, she verbally reported that 12 youth were in community placements as alternatives to the ranches:

EE Homes - 3 youth

Advent - 5 youth

Steele Corbett - 1 youth

Unity Care's Phoenix Program - 3 youth

She also reported that the 24 new beds for the James Ranch approved by the Board in June 2008 will be operational on May 1, 2009.

The Committee also accepted the report back from Edward Flores, Chief of Correction on the video surveillance system in the Mail Jail North basement (Item 8). The Committee agreed that the system is not warranted at this time due to the costs associated with implementation and directed the Department to not include it in the department's FY2010 budget plan to the County Executive.

ATTACHMENTS

- PSJC Agenda February 12, 2009

- YOBG Transmittal
- YOBG F-85
- 2009 PSJC Calendar
- Item 6-JHAB Referral
- Item 7- Ranch Wait List report
- Item 8-DOC Video Surveillance report