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Agenda: 6-2-98

The Honorable Jan **Beautz**, Chairperson
and Members of the Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz, 701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Upgrade of Computer Network Equipment for the District Attorney's Family Support
Division

Dear Chairperson Jan Beautz and Members of the Board:

In previous actions your Board has authorized our Family Support Division to participate in the Statewide Automated Child Support System (SACSS) including the purchase of required equipment. The SACSS project has experienced a variety of delays and difficulties over the year which the vendor attempted to resolve with the implementation of several corrective actions plans. Reports by a third party independent verification and validation contractor confirmed serious problems with the project. On November 20, 1997 the state terminated the SACSS contract with the vendor.

In addition to the printers and personal computers purchased in conjunction with the SACSS project the Division also has a variety of network equipment for which the state is paying all costs through June 30, 1998. At that time the network equipment will be picked up and returned to the vendor or the county will be required to purchase or lease this equipment effective July 1, 1998.

The network equipment presently in place is not properly sized, is proprietary with obsolete components and expensive to acquire (\$101,074) and maintain.

The Family Support Division and Information Services Department have developed a network infrastructure plan to replace our present configuration. This proposal provides properly sized



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equipment with increased capacity, ease of administration and significant cost savings (expected total cost not to exceed \$25,000).

Approximately two years ago, with an ever growing suspicion that SACSS may not be viable we began researching other computer system options. The CASES Child Support System which is presently installed in Santa Clara, San Francisco, Kings and several other counties will provide the most benefit to our Family Support Division. The CASES system is, by a wide margin, the first choice of the majority of California counties and the State is converting fifteen of the SACSS production counties to CASES.

We have been working closely with ISD to complete our conversion plan to CASES and we will return to your Board with our recommendations soon. With mandated changes in payment distribution and reporting requirements, Year 2000, and our present labor intensive and antiquated system, it is imperative we move quickly to a efficient and responsive system.

At this time we are requesting your Board's approval for the purchase and installation of an upgraded computer network system.

Due to the demise of SACSS we have sufficient unspent appropriations in Fiscal Year 1997-98 Budget for these costs. Because Federal funding legislation has not yet been passed in this post-SACSS era there is currently no authority for Federal reimbursement of these costs. While we believe it is a certainty the Federal funding will be restored, please be aware the Division has sufficient excess revenue to fully pay all costs if necessary. As usual, no net county costs will be incurred by the Division for these or other expenditures.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Authorize the purchase and installation of a upgraded network system with costs not to exceed \$25,000 for the District Attorney's Family Support Division.


Respectfully,



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RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN MAURIELLO
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

RECOMMENDED:



KENNETH D. WEDDERBURN
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES

cc: Information Services Department

Attachment

District Attorney's Office - Family Support Division

Proposed Network Infrastructure Replacement Plan

File Server

Dual P2-266Mhz File Server, 128MB Memory, 12X CDROM, 1.44MB F/D,
Integrated SCSI Controller, RAID Control System, Redundant Power Supply,
Three (3) 'Hot Swap' 2.1 GB (or better) HD, 8GB (or better) Internal Tape
Backup & Software, Monitor, Keyboard, Mouse

Estimated cost..... 9000.00

Other Network Equipment

Three (3) 24-Port 1 0Mbs Stackable Hubs and (3) Three 12-Port' 1 0Mbs
Stackable Hubs (Mounting Rack Ready), APC 700VA (or better) UPS

Estimated cost..... 5000.00

Software Licenses

100-user network client and management software.

Estimated cost..... 9000.00

TOTAL Estimated Cost

25000.00