



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: March 22, 2021

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 30 min.

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Direction to Staff to Follow Usual County Processes for Submission of Board Agenda Items Related to the Use of Measure B Funds
(Sponsors: Supervisor Haschak and Supervisor Williams)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Direct staff to follow usual County processes for submission of board agenda items related to the use of Measure B funds.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

The Board adopted Ordinance No. 4387 on August 1, 2017.

Summary of Request:

Ordinance No. 4387, approved by the voters as “Measure B,” created as sales tax and special fund for the use of improved services, treatment and facilities for persons with mental health conditions. The ordinance also created a Citizen’s Oversight Committee to conduct an annual audit of the use of the funds and to “provide recommendations . . . on the implementation of this ordinance.”

In the past, this Board has declined to act on specific expenditures of Measure B funds until they had been considered and voted upon by the Measure B committee. Although the Board has issued no directive or policy, this practice has led staff to believe that every decision regarding Measure B funds should be reviewed by the Measure B committee before being submitted to the Board. As a result, the committee has been presented with far more granular issues than contemplated by the ordinance (e.g. fire sprinklers). In addition to being inefficient and duplicative, this process has created some confusion, as many members of the committee are unfamiliar with county processes for contracting, procurement, civil service, or other matters.

The *ad hoc* committee is recommending that the Board of Supervisors now clarify that staff should follow normal County processes for the expenditure of Measure B funds. This will allow the Measure B committee to focus on those functions provided in the ordinance (audit, fiscal oversight, and recommendations). It should also cut down on the confusion and inefficiency created by asking a fiscal oversight body to weigh in on day-to-day operations of the County.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Provide direction to staff.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: n/a

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: n/a

current f/y cost: n/a

annual recurring cost: n/a

budget clarification: n/a

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Choose an item.

CEO Comments:

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Date: March 22, 2021

Final Status:**Approved**

