

BUDGET COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the 2013-2014 Kern County Grand Jury Budget Committee is to maintain the 2013-2014 approved budget including any additional expenses outside of the usual office operating costs brought to the Committee for approval. Final approval by the Foreperson is required for all budgetary actions.

The Budget Committee will also monitor and analyze financial information to provide an estimate regarding Grand Jury expenses including: Juror daily travel mileage,* visitation extra mileage* and possible indictment expenses** to be included in the 2014-2015 Grand Jury Budget proposal.

*It is impossible to estimate the cost of travel mileage prior to the 2014-2015 Grand Jury selection in June 2014.

**The number and length of indictments varies greatly from year to year; therefore, it is not possible to predict in advance.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS:



Janet Radcliff, Chair
Ella Abrams
Dennis "Mike" Elliott
Fred Evenson
Patricia Golembefskie
Jerald Palmateer
Judith Waters
Terry Wolfe

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The Budget Committee was formed by the Foreperson in July 2012 to facilitate a necessary increase in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013 Kern County Grand Jury budget.

The FY 2013-2014 Budget was initially \$324,000 with a contingency of \$25,000 for indictments. The Budget was later reduced/adjusted to \$302,989.

Members of the current Budget Committee met with County Administrative Office (CAO) staff for direction to revise the proposed reduction in the FY 2014-2015 Budget.

The proposed FY 2014-2015 Budget has been further reduced to \$293,707 leaving a reduced contingency fund for indictments.

Members of the Budget Committee have attended the following training:

- FY 2014-2015 Budget Kick-Off Training presented by the CAO
- FY 2013-2014 Fiscal Year-End Meeting presented by the CAO