

Audit and Finance / County Administration Activities

The 1995/96 Grand Jury combined the Audit/Finance and County Administration committees into one. The duties and responsibilities include the oversight, visitation and investigation of the financial activities of local government agencies and the administration of the County of Ventura.

In addition to visitations to agencies involved in inquiries and investigations, the Audit/Finance and County Administration committee met with the following:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO)

The Audit and Finance/County Administration Committee met with the Chief Administrative Officer to discuss the following subjects:

- Monitoring of audits performed by the Auditor-Controller.
- County internal charges and the need to compare those charges with outside vendors.
- Training and incentive programs for employees.
- A County Disaster Program.
- Future paperless system for the County.
- Use of surveys to determine public satisfaction with County services.

The Committee appreciates the professionalism and efficiency of the CAO and his staff and thanks them for the many hours they met with the committee to provide information.

COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

The Committee met with the County Auditor-Controller to discuss the operations of that office.

Twenty-five (25) prepared comprehensive questions were posed covering all areas of the office, including staffing, county agencies audited, computer systems, outside auditing of the Auditor-Controller's office and how recommendations were monitored for compliance.

The Committee found the Auditor-Controller and his staff to be very cooperative and efficient. The Grand Jury thanks the Auditor-Controller and his staff for their valuable information.

COUNTY COUNSEL

The Committee consulted with the County Counsel to receive answers to many legal questions during its tenure.

The Committee thanks the County Counsel for his excellent advise to the Committee throughout its service.

COUNTY TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

The Committee met with the County Treasurer/Tax Collector to discuss County business licenses

and permits.

COUNTY SUPERVISORS

The Committee met with each County Supervisor to discuss County operations.

The Committee wishes to thank the Supervisors for their straight forwardness in our discussions as well as the use of their valuable time.

DIRECTOR OF THE TAXPAYERS ALLIANCE

The Committee met with the Executive Director of the Taxpayers Alliance to discuss the county Retirement Plan and other subjects.