



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2007
Final Budget Hearings – 1:30 p.m.

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SCHEDULED ITEMS

1:30 P. M.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS (Summary Comments)
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AUDITOR'S COMMENTS
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PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION INCLUDING ITEMS ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA, EXCEPT FOR THOSE ITEMS SPECIFICALLY SCHEDULED AS PUBLIC HEARINGS (Testimony limited to five minutes per person)

AUDITOR - PUBLIC HEARING

To consider revising the Appropriation Limit for 2007/08 established under Article XIIB of the Constitution

(1) Open the Public Hearing. (2) Approve using the change in population within the incorporated areas of the County as the population factor, and the change in California per capita personal income as the cost of living factor to establish the Fiscal Year 2007/08 appropriation limitation. (3) Adopt the Resolution establishing the Fiscal Year 2007/08 appropriation limitation as \$532,634,295

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FINAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item #1)

1. Approve Final Budget Adjustments based on more current information to various budget units within the General Fund and Other Funds as presented: 10100, 11000, 12500, 14200, 16000, 16800, 16900, 17000, 17100, 17300, 17400, 17700, 17900, 18000, 18100, 18200, 19900, 20100, 20400, 20600, 21200, 22100, 23000, 23100, 23300, 23400, 27300, 28200, 28300, 28500, 28700, 40000, 40600, 41500, 46100, 46200, 48100, 48800, 48900, 49000, 49500, 50000, 50500, 55000, 55200, 55300, 55600, 59000, 71300, 71500, 70200, 75100, 75200, 75300, 75400, 75800, 75900.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BOARD ACTION - POLICY ISSUES (Items #2 - 21)

MENTAL HEALTH

2. Review and decide whether or not to provide added funding to the Mental Health Department to provide services specifically to those individuals that were previously removed from the caseloads. If accepted, direct the County Executive Officer to identify funding to match the cost for the desired level of service.

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PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL

3. Review and decide whether or not to provide added funding to the Predatory Animal Control Program for an additional Wildlife Services Specialist. If accepted: direct the County Ag. Commissioner to bring back a contract amendment with the USDA Wildlife Services for an additional Wildlife Services Specialist; direct the County Executive Office to identify funding for the additional Wildlife Services Specialist.

PULLED FROM THE AGENDA – NO ACTION TAKEN

GRANT FUNDED PROBATION POSITIONS

4. Backfill the existing five Deputy Probation Officers (position #14, #38, #67, #84, and #106) previously funded from Proposition 36 and an OES Domestic Violence Grant with General Funds and transition these positions to the adult caseload.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

GRAFFITI ABATEMENT

5. Consider Department of Administrative Services issuing a Request-for-Proposal for graffiti abatement services in each of the five Supervisors' Districts.

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MCEDCO

6. Merced County Economic Development Corporation - Contract for FY 2007/08 in the amount of \$60,316 for continuation of services.

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CASTLE WATER METER AND ANTI-BACKFLOW PROJECT

7. Authorize a \$500,000 loan from Merced County to the Redevelopment Agency for installation of water backflow preventers and water meters on facilities in the Redevelopment Project area with the Redevelopment Agency reimbursing the County with interest as funds become available.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

NON-REGIONAL LIBRARY HOURS

8. Consider and approve the recommended increase in the Le Grand, George, Cressey, Snelling, Stevinson, Winton, Dos Palos, South Dos Palos and Santa Nella Non-Regional Library Hours.

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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

9. Authorize Public Works to circulate a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Architectural firms to provide design services for a new Emergency Operations & 911 Dispatch Center to be built at Castle Airport. Authorize Public Works to review and rank proposals, negotiate contract and return to the Board with recommendation. Authorize Public Works to direct the successful architectural applicant to proceed with programming, conceptual design through and including final construction documents and return to the Board for approval. Authorize the use of Tobacco Securitization Funds towards the Emergency Operations Center Project.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

FIRE

10. Fire Facility, Cal Fire Staffing and Capital Asset/Improvements - Approve Merced County Fire Department FY 2007/08 Budget, which includes \$500,000 from the General Fund based on necessity and funding levels during the year. Approve 2 - 0 staffing at the

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO SPEAK ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Snelling Fire Station and subsequent Snelling Fire Station Remodel (25000-87463). Approve one position of Civilian Fire Marshal. Authorize the Merced County Fire Department to purchase two Fire Engines to be assigned to Dos Palos Y and Hilmar, and one sedan. Approve the Final Budget Adjustments in the Fire Budget Unit 25000 and 25100.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

11. Adjust the Fiscal Year 2007/08 Budget to include the previously approved budget transfer and emergency purchase that is included in the Final Budget adjustment for the Fire Budget Unit 25000.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

ASSESSOR

12. Provide General Fund support to positions previously funded from AB 719 Program and authorize the County Executive Officer to evaluate and fill Positions #3, #6, #7, #11, #15 and #32 based on the available funding.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

OUT OF STATE TRANSPORTATION AND TRAINING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/08

13. Approve the Schedule of Out-of-State for Transportation and/or Training for FY 2007/08. Direct that no Out-of-County-Overnight or Out-of-State Travel take place unless authorized by the County Executive Officer, or designee.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

CAPITAL ASSETS – FY 2007/08

14. Approve the Capital Asset List by budget unit at the sub-object level as appropriated in the FY 2007/08 Final Budget. Direct that no capital assets be procured unless authorized by the County Executive Officer or designee.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

15. Authorize the Director of Administrative Services to negotiate, execute, and sign Lease Purchase Agreements for equipment appropriated in the FY 2007/08 Budget subject to review by Auditor, Counsel and County Executive Office.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

RETIREMENT SYSTEM EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/08

16. Adopt the requested Employer Rate increase of 1.25% for Miscellaneous/Safety Tier 1 and 2 and have it applied to Merced County's portion of the UAAL effective on the payroll of September 7, 2007.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

PUBLIC WORKS

17. Approve Vehicle User Committee's recommended Vehicle User Mileage Rates for Fiscal Year 2007/08.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

18. Road Division Work Program and Revenue Sources for Fiscal Year 2007/08.

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PERSONNEL ISSUES - Human Resources

19. RECOMMENDED PERSONNEL ACTIONS - Conversions, Extra Help Allocations, Job Class Modifications

1. Sheriff-BU 22100: Change one Detective Clerical Assistant (Position #40) and Coroner's Assistant, BU 28100 (Position #5) to Sheriff Community Service Tech I/II, Class 7662/7663, Range 57.2/60.2 (Job class consolidation-eliminate two classifications).

2. Ag Commissioner-Animal Control-BU 28700: Change Animal Care Specialist to Animal Care Specialist I/II, Class 1042/7797, Range 52.7/54.7.

3. Public Health-BU 40000: Change Communicable Disease Investigator, Class 1422, Range 59.7 to 61.3.

4. Human Services Agency-BU 50052: Change seven Network Support Analyst-HSA (Management) to Network System Support Analyst I/II (Unit 5), Class 7371/7372, Range 66.0/69.0.

5. DPW Parks-BU 70200: Change one Office Assistant I/II Variable Shift to Full Time, Class 1083/1084, Range 52.2/54.2.

6. DPW Solid Waste-BU 75100 (Approved by Solid Waste Advisory Board): Change one Environmental Permit Compliance Specialist (Vacant Position #50) to Environmental Resource Manager (Position #50), Class 7788, Range 74.3; Change one Solid Waste Supervisor (Vacant Position #43) to Solid Waste Superintendent, Class 7795, Range 72.1.

7. County Counsel-BU 12500: Allocate Extra Help Legal Clerk I, Class 0123, \$12.75/hour; Allocate Extra Help Legal Assistant, Class 0745, \$18.13/hour.

8. Court Security-BU 22000: Allocate Extra Help Reserve Deputy Level II, Class 0269, \$10.70/hr.

9. Sheriff-BU 22100: Allocate Extra Help Accounting Technician, Class 0416, \$15.34/hour; Allocate Extra Help Account Clerk III, Class 0214, \$13.91/hour.

10. Agricultural Commissioner-BU 27000: Allocate Extra Help Integrated Pest Management Tech, Class 0749, \$12.50/hour.

11. DPW (Buildings)-BU 27300: Allocate Extra Help Building Permit Assistant I/II, Class 0746/0747, \$13.98/hour, \$15.41/hour.

12. Planning and Community Development-BU 28500: Allocate Extra Help Code Compliance Technician, Class 0750, \$14.18/hour.

13. DPW (Fleet)-BU 75500: Allocate Extra Help Automotive Technician, Class 0748, \$17.78/hour.

14. Approve modified specifications for Administrative Assistant At-Will, Solid Waste Supervisor, Extra Help Foster Youth Assistance Worker, Social Worker I/II, Sheriff Community Services Technician I/II, Investigative Assistant, Building Project Specialist, Retirement Officer and Collection Agent I.

15. Approve Title Changes for Building Project Planner to Building Project Specialist, Correctional Sergeant-Safety to Correctional Sergeant, Correctional Senior Sergeant-Safety to Correctional Senior Sergeant, Senior Service Program Manager to Senior Service Program Supervisor, Ombudsman Program Manager to Ombudsman.

16. Approve the Management Classifications changes: Retirement Officer from B to C level (Vacant), Program Evaluation Supervisor from C to D level, Senior Service Program Manager from C to D level, Ombudsman Program Manager from C to D level and Training Officer-HSA from D to C level (Vacant). Adopt amending resolutions to the Salary and Position Allocation Resolutions.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2007-128 AND 2007-129 AS RECOMMENDED
AYES: ALL

FY 2007/08 FINAL BUDGET PERSONNEL ACTIONS - Additions/Deletions

20.
 1. **DPW Administrative-BU 19900:** Add one Engineering Associate I/II/III, Class 1215/1216/1217, Range 68.6/70.6/72.6.
 2. **Child Support Services-BU 20100:** Delete one Legal Secretary (Vacant Position #10), Class 5330, Range 61.7 and delete one Secretary III (Vacant Position #89), Class 6832, Range 64.6.
 3. **Juvenile Hall-BU 23300:** Add one Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Class 7712, Range 79.8.
 4. **Probation (Crime Prevention Act)-BU 23404:** Add one Supervising Probation Officer, Class 4025, Range 72.2.
 5. **Fire-BU 25000:** Add one Civilian Fire Marshal, Class 7792, Range 76.3.
 6. **DPW-Roads-BU 30000:** Add two Road Maintenance Worker I/II, Class 6685/6686, Range 58.3/59.3.
 7. **Public Health-BU 40007:** Delete one CC Staff Therapist (Vacant Position #165), Class 0809, \$28.00/Hour.
 8. **Environmental Health-BU 40016:** Add one Office Assistant III, Class 2213, Range 57.2.
 9. **Mental Health-BU 41500:** **BU 41506-**Add one Mental Health Education & Training Coordinator, Class 7789, Range 71.3; **BU 41507-**Delete one Staff Psychiatrist (Vacant Position #293), Class 7665, Range 92.8 and add one Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, Class 7713, Range 77.3; **BU 41519-**Delete one Alcohol and Drug Counselor (Vacant Position #177), Class 7016, Range 61.2; **BU 41524-**Add one Program Assistant, Class 7374, Range 48.6; **BU 41525-**Delete two Alcohol and Drug Counselor (Vacant Position #198, #276), Class 7016, Range 61.2.
 10. **Human Services Agency-BU 50000:** **BU 50050-**Add one Employment and Training Worker I/II, Class 4452/4453, Range 59.2/61.2/63.2 and add one Employment and Training Worker II, Class 4454, Range 63.2; **BU 50053-**Add two Family Services Representative III, Class 1276, Range 62.2 (1 will be reviewed March 2008 PP 7) and add one Family Services Supervisor, Class 7702, Range 66.1; **BU 50054-**Add one Staff Fiscal Analyst, Class 7682, Range 68.6; Add one Legal Clerk I/II, Class 5325/5326, Range 56.3/58.3; **BU 50055-**Add one Social Services Program Administrator, Class 6436, Range 75.3; **BU 50056-**Add one Registration/Information Assistant, Class 7590, Range 56.0.
 11. **Workforce Investment-BU 55000:** Delete one Assessment Technician I/II (Vacant Position #40), Class 1150/1151, Range 55.7/55.7; Delete two Employment and Training Specialist I/II (Vacant Position #104, 109), Class 4432/4433, Range 60.2/62.7.
 12. **DPW (Parks)-BU 70200:** Add one Grounds Maintenance Worker I/II, Class 6112/6113, Range 55.9/57.9.
 13. **DPW (Solid Waste)-BU 75100:** (Approved by Solid Waste Advisory Board) Delete one CC Recycling Market Development Zone Specialist (Vacant Position #35), Class 0826, \$18.00/hour and Add one Heavy Equipment Mechanic I/II, Class 4770/7398, Range 63.1/66.1.
 14. **Castle Airport Development Center-BU 75200:** Add one Staff Services Analyst I/II, Class 1050/1040, Range 64.2/68.6.
 15. **DPW (Countywide Transit)-BU 75300:** Add one Equipment Service Worker, Class 7689, Range 59.3.

APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS THAT ARE SUPPORTED BY THE GENERAL FUND

16. **Board of Supervisors-BU 10000:** Add one Deputy Board Clerk I/II, Class 3028/3030, Range 63.7/65/7.

17. County Executive Office-BU 10100: Delete one County Compliance Officer (Vacant Position #23), Class 7688, Range 77.2.

18. Auditor-Controller-BU 11000: Add two Accountant I/II/III, Class 1004/1005/7637, Range 64.0/66.0/68.0.

19. Tax Collector-BU 11300: Add one Tax Collector Clerk III, Class 7754, Range 63.1.

20. County Counsel -BU 12500: Add one Deputy County Counsel I/II/III/IV, Class 3052/3051/ 3048/3047, Range 69.5/73.8/77.7/81.0 and one Legal Assistant-Confidential, Class 7594, Range 65.5.

21. District Projects-BU 17104: Add one Administrative Assistant (At Will), Class 7783, Range 59.5.

22. Castle Aviation and Economic Development-BU 18200: Add one Staff Fiscal Analyst, Class 7682, Range 68.6; Delete one Loan Officer (Vacant Position #9), Class 7574, Range 69.6.

23. District Attorney-BU 20400: Add four Deputy District Attorney I/II/III/IV, Class 3061/3063/ 3080/3081, Range 69.5/73.8/77.7/81.0; Add one Legal Process Clerk I/II, Class 7434/7435/Range 56.3/59.3.

24. Public Defender-BU 20600: Add two Deputy Public Defender I/II/III/IV, Class 4030/4031/4035/4036, Range 69.5/73.8/77.7/81.0; Add one Legal Process Clerk I/II, Class 7434/7435, Range 56.3/59.3.

25. Sheriff-BU 22100: Add one Sheriff Sergeant/Sheriff Senior Sergeant, Class 6913/7517, Range 72.0/73.0; Add four Deputy Sheriff-Coroner I/II, (2 will be reviewed March 2008 PP7) Class 7715/7716, Range 66.6/68.5.

26. Corrections-BU 23000: Add one Correctional Sergeant/Correctional Senior Sergeant, Class 2336/7518, Range 69.8/70.8; Add four Correctional Officer I/II, Class 2345/2335, Range 63.1/65.1.

27. Planning-BU 28500: Add one Planner I/II/III, Class 6302/6303/1300, Range 63.5/66.5/70.6.

28. Animal Control-BU 28700: Add two Animal Care Specialist, Class 1042, Range 52.7; Add one Office Assistant I/II, Class 1083/1084, Range 52.2/54.2.

29. Public Health-BU 40000: BU 40013-Add one Public Health Nurse I/II/CHN, Class 5860/7761/5861, Range 71.6/73.6/69.2; Add one Community Health Specialist, Class 2279, Range 60.1; Add one Office Assistant I/II, Class 1083/1084, Range 52.2/54.2.

30. Library-BU 60000: Add one Librarian I/II, Class 5340/5341, Range 62.3/64.3; Add one Librarian Assistant I/II V/S, Class 7542/7543, Range 55.7/57.2.

31. DPW-Parks - BU 70200: Add one Park Maintenance Specialist, Class 7556, Range 61.9. And Adopt the amending resolutions to the Salary and Position Allocation Resolutions.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2007-130 AND 2007-131 AS RECOMMENDED
AYES: ALL

FACILITY PRIORITIZATION

21. Review proposed project priority list and accept or reorder projects. Refer projects to staff to research possible funding options.

ACCEPTED PROJECTS AS RECOMMENDED **AYES: ALL**

DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND SHERIFF/CORONER

22. Presentation - FY 2007/08 Budgets and departmental operations.

REVIEW BOARD ORDER – SEE PAGES 12 AND 13

AUDITOR'S SCHEDULES

23. Approve Auditor's Schedules 1, 2, 3 and Other Budget Schedules including Reserves and Appropriation for Encumbrance Carryover for the Fiscal Year 2007/08 Budget.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

FISCAL YEAR 2007/08 FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION

24. A Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2007/08 Final Budget: (1) Approve Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2007/08 Final Budget as reviewed and amended during Final Budget Hearings. (2) Authorize the Auditor-Controller to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2007-132 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES

25. Presentation and possible actions.

REVIEW BOARD ORDER – SEE PAGES 13 AND 14

THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED UNTIL AUGUST 28, 2007, AT 10:00 A.M.

BOARD ORDERS – SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES – AUGUST 21, 2007
FINAL BUDGET HEARINGS

1:30 P.M. SCHEDULED ITEM
2007-08-21 COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

County Executive Officer Dee Tatum reviews the powerpoint presentation highlighting the Key Issues in the 2007/08 Final Budget.

Deputy County Executive Officer-Budget Scott De Moss reviews the Community Enhancement section of the powerpoint highlighting Library and Park Projects.

Assistant County Executive Officer Jim Brown reviews the Financing Requirements and Budget Summary section of the powerpoint staff report and reviews the differences in increases/losses between Proposed and Final Budget numbers.

Present: Pedrozo, Crookham, Nelson, Kelsey, O'Banion

1:30 P.M. SCHEDULED ITEM
2007-08-21 AUDITOR

Auditor-Controller Steve Jones reviews the powerpoint presentation highlighting the General Fund Reserves, Fund Balance, Local Revenue, Revenue from Federal and State and General Fund Expenditures.

Present: Pedrozo, Crookham, Nelson, Kelsey, O'Banion

1:30 P.M. SCHEDULED ITEM
2007-08-21 AUDITOR – PUBLIC HEARING

The time and date previously set for a public hearing to consider a Resolution setting the Appropriation Limit for 2007/2008 established under Article XIII B of the Constitution as submitted by the Auditor.

The Chairman asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak. No one speaks.

Upon motion of Supervisor O'Banion, seconded by Supervisor Kelsey, duly carried, the Board approves using the change in population within the incorporated areas of the County as the population factor, and the change in California per capita personal income as the cost of living factor to establish the Fiscal Year 2007/08 appropriation limitation as \$532,634,295 and adopts Resolution No. 2007-127.

Ayes: Pedrozo, Crookham, Nelson, Kelsey, O'Banion

ACTION NO. 2
2007-08-21 MENTAL HEALTH

The Clerk announces funding for the Mental Health Department to provide services specifically to those individuals that were previously removed from caseloads is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor O'Banion moves, seconded by Supervisor Crookham, the Board determine the County will not provide additional funding to the Mental Health Department to provide services specifically to those individuals that were previously removed from the caseloads.

Supervisor Kelsey states there are currently 418 individuals in Merced County that are no longer receiving Mental Health Services due to a change in the definition for those that qualify to receive mental health services and these individuals might end up incarcerated and need intervention prior to a crisis situation. Supervisor Kelsey suggests the County have an analysis done to determine the problem areas and if these individuals could be provided some type of service within the Mental Health Department.

Supervisor Kelsey requests the Motion be amended, to include a study be done and the matter return to the Board at a later date.

Supervisor Crookham agrees additional information is needed and suggests staff work with the Mental Health Department to see what information is available on these individuals providing this can be accomplished without doing an expensive study.

Supervisor O'Banion states he does not object to having a study done and moves an Amendment to the Motion to not provide additional funding to the Mental Health Department to provide services specifically to those individuals that were previously removed from their mental health caseloads and directs the Mental Health Department and Sheriff's Office, through their current contract, to gather the information on these individuals and bring back the analysis in written form or as a presentation with the understanding the \$500,000 budgeted for Mental Health Treatment of Inmates is not to be used for the study.

Supervisor Crookham seconds the Amendment to the Motion.

Supervisor Kelsey withdraws her request to amend the motion to provide additional funding.

The Chairman calls for a vote on the Amended Motion. Motion carries.
Ayes: Pedrozo, Crookham, Nelson, Kelsey, O'Banion

ACTION NO. 5
2007-08-21 GRAFFITI ABATEMENT

The Clerk announces issuance of a Request for Proposal for graffiti abatement services is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Kelsey moves, seconded by Supervisor Crookham, the Board authorize Department of Administrative Services issue a Request for Proposal for graffiti abatement services in each of the five Supervisor's Districts.

Supervisor O'Banion states when there are incorporated cities within the districts that provide graffiti abatement, consideration of those dollars may be considered for negotiation.

Supervisor Kelsey states the graffiti abatement services would be an incentive to offer to community-based groups to earn extra money for their groups.

The Chairman calls for a vote on the Motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: Pedrozo, Crookham, Nelson, Kelsey, O'Banion

ACTION NO. 6

2007-08-21 MCEDCO

The Clerk announces the contract with the Merced County Economic Development Corporation for continuation of services is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Crookham moves, seconded by Supervisor O'Banion, duly carried, the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No. 2007217 with Merced County Economic Development Corporation for continuation of economic development services for Fiscal Year 2007/08 in the amount of \$60,316 through June 30, 2008.

Supervisor Kelsey states concern with increased funding for this contract because of the uncertainty of services provided.

Supervisor Crookham, MCEDCO Board representative, states similar concerns were voiced at the Merced City Council meeting and in the future she will provide frequent updates to the Board in addition to a quarterly report being presented to the Board of Supervisors. MCEDCO is seeking additional funds to promote an enterprise zone and manufacturing zone; however, before MCEDCO requests any additional funding, an explanation should be provided on their efforts and how those efforts benefit the County.

The Chairman calls for a vote on the Motion. Motion carries.

Ayes: Pedrozo, Crookham, Nelson, Kelsey, O'Banion

ACTION NO. 8

2007-08-21 LIBRARY - NON-REGIONAL LIBRARY HOURS

The Clerk announces Non-Regional Library Hours is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor O'Banion moves, seconded by Supervisor Nelson, the Board approve the recommended increase in the Le Grand, George, Cressey, Snelling, Stevinson, Winton, Dos Palos, South Dos Palos and Santa Nella Non-Regional Library Hours.

Supervisor Kelsey states she received a letter and petition from Hilmar to increase their library hours and questions why they are not on the list to have hours increased.

County Librarian Jacque Merriam states circulation, use and access were considered when deciding increase in hours of operation.

The Chairman calls for a vote on the Motion. Motion carries.
Ayes: Pedrozo, Crookham, Nelson, Kelsey, O'Banion

ACTION NO. 18
2007-08-21 PUBLIC WORKS

The Clerk announces the Road Division Work Program and Revenue Sources for Fiscal Year 2007/08 is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor O'Banion moves, seconded by Supervisor Kelsey, the Board approve the Fiscal Year 2007/08 Road Division Work Program and Revenue Sources.

Supervisor Kelsey states the recommended \$200,000 is not enough money to solve the County's road problems and would like additional money placed in the road fund if there is not additional money in the State Budget 1B. She suggests consideration of taking General Fund dollars for road work now and pay it back when the County receives the 1B money since roads need to be repaired when the roads are dry.

Supervisor O'Banion suggests this matter be brought back to the Board in January for mid year issues.

Public Works Director Paul Fillebrown states he had heard the funding would be for capital improvement projects rather than maintenance but has not seen final language. Director Fillebrown states there should be a regional source to obtain funding to fix our roads since the County's roads supports the economy in the County.

Supervisor Kelsey suggests Public Works Staff work with the County Executive Office and return to the Board with additional funding ideas for County road maintenance.

The Chairman calls for a vote on the Motion. Motion carries.
Ayes: Pedrozo, Crookham, Nelson, Kelsey, O'Banion

ACTION NO. 22
2007-08-21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND SHERIFF/CORONER

The Clerk advises the Presentations on behalf of the District Attorney and Sheriff/Coroner on FY 2007/08 Budgets and departmental operations are before the Board for consideration.

District Attorney Larry Morse reviews a powerpoint presentation that highlights public safety staffing, 7 County Survey comparison, staffing for comparable counties, law enforcement agency staffing, Filings in Los Banos/Westside, Homicide Cases (open cases in comparable counties),

Gang Unit cases, Attorney application summary, and office space for the Felony, Misdemeanor, Administration and Victim/Witness, Investigations and Los Banos Divisions of the District Attorney's Office.

Attorney Thomas Cooke provides an overview of changes in the District Attorney's Office over the past 22 years.

Presiding Superior Court Judge John Kiriara states the lack of resources in the District Attorney's Office severely affects the Courts and provides several instances.

Sheriff Mark Pazin reviews a powerpoint presentation that highlights the geographical command areas, operational beat areas, current patrol staffing and unstaffed beat, patrol staffing considerations, special assignments-full time, Deputy Sheriff's assigned to administrative positions, collateral duty assignments, Emergency Vehicle Operation Course Training-Castle Airport, Remote Andros V Wireless Robot, Regional Special Weapons and Tactics Team, county population information, performance puzzle on suppression/detection and investigation of crimes, proposed patrol increases and immediate benefits, current patrol staffing, proposed patrol increases (short term increase plan and long term personnel plans) and 2007-08 Mid Year considerations.

Supervisor Kelsey comments on the staffing needed and states concern of not having full coverage in the County at all the times. She suggests staff work together and return at mid year, as proposed by the Sheriff, to determine how this can be resolved so that constituents are taken care of.

Sheriff Pazin responds stating more Correctional Officer positions are needed, a needs assessment is being done and information will be provided at mid year.

Supervisor Kelsey states concern with funding and requests staff to review retention and recruitment for Correctional Officers and Deputies.

Supervisor O'Banion further comments stating some concerns have addressed some of these issues. He states other funding sources need to be found and suggests discussions with local cities regarding the local Measures that have passed that brought on additional officers that has made an impact on the rest of the judicial system.

Present: Pedrozo, Crookham, Nelson, Kelsey, O'Banion

ACTION NO. 25

2007-08-21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - Compensation and Allowances

County Executive Officer Dee Tatum reviews the powerpoint covering the historical perspective of the Board of Supervisors Benefits and Allowances and Regional survey information.

Following discussion, Supervisor O'Banion recommends the Chairman's compensation be increased to \$400.00 per month instead of \$200.00 per month.

Following further discussion, Supervisor O'Banion refers to the 1999/2000 Grand Jury recommendation that the issue of improving the Board of Supervisors' salaries should continue to be addressed and states he feels the Board is adequately compensated taking salary, allowances and benefits into consideration.

Supervisor Nelson suggests implementing Option 3 of the Salary and Allowance Options with no sick leave sell back.

Supervisor Kelsey states when salary/benefits were previously brought before the Board it was intended to be a benefit and not a pay raise or salary adjustment and was a benefit to make elected department heads equal to appointed department heads and if there are changes to benefits, it should be for all department heads. Supervisor Kelsey states there may be other perception issues that pertain to the Board of Supervisors that should be reviewed as well.

For clarification, CEO Tatum states the agenda item before the Board affects the five Board Members only and other elected officials are unaffected.

County Counsel James Fincher advises the law provides for City Councils and Boards of Supervisors to set their own salaries.

The Board discusses a business community member or Blue Ribbon Committee reviewing the Board's salaries/benefits.

Chairman Pedrozo and Supervisor Crookham agree to Option No. 3, eliminating the 780 hours of sick leave sell back.

Supervisor O'Banion speaks in support of Option No. 3 without the 780 hour sick leave sell back.

Counsel Fincher advises the 160 hours of vacation sell back at retirement is not subject to change since it is pursuant to a Supreme Court decision and affects all past, present and future Merced County Retirement Members.

Tom Grave (resident of Merced) urges the Board to approve Option No. 3 without the sick leave element.

Supervisor Kelsey states concern with not reviewing the whole package of how Board Members conduct business and states further concern with taking Board Members out of the seven County average that has a cap and changing to not having a cap. Supervisor Kelsey advises she cannot support Option No. 3 and suggests more time be given to consider this matter and further review what other counties are discussing relative to Board compensation and the way they do business.

Following a lengthy discussion, Supervisor O'Banion moves, seconded by Supervisor Nelson, the Board support Option No. 3 excluding the 780 hours of sick leave Sell back and directs Option 3 and the matter of increasing the Chairman's compensation be placed on a future Board agenda for formal action.

The Chairman calls for a vote on the Motion.

Supervisor Kelsey votes "no". Motion carries.

Ayes: Pedrozo, Crookham, Nelson, O'Banion

Noes: Kelsey