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### SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES – FINAL

#### Final Budget Hearings

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

Regular Meeting – 1:30 p.m.

Merced County Administration Building

2222 M Street

Board Room, Third Floor

Merced CA, 95340

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SCHEDULED ITEMS

**1:30 P. M.**

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**PRESENTATION: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER - BUDGET  
PRESENTATION FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021**

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**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**AUDITOR - PUBLIC HEARING**

To consider setting the Appropriation Limitation for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 established under Article X111B of the State Constitution.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) Open the Public Hearing;
- 2) Approve using the change in County population combined with the change in all counties having contiguous borders as the population factor, and the change in California per capita personal income as the cost of living factor to establish the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 appropriation limitation; and,
- 3) Adopt the Resolution establishing Fiscal Year 2020/2021 appropriation limitation as \$1,751,052,031.

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**REPORTS/BOARD DIRECTION**

County Executive Officer, County Counsel, Board of Supervisors Members

**BUDGET CALENDAR**

**FINAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

1. Approve Final Budget Adjustments based on more current information to various budget units within the General Fund and Other Funds as presented: 10000, 10100, 11000, 11200, 11300, 11400, 11500, 12500, 13000, 14000, 14200, 16000, 16100, 16200, 16300, 16400, 16500, 17000, 17050, 17200, 17500, 17600, 18100, 18200, 19000, 20100, 20400, 20600, 22100, 23000, 23100, 23300, 23400, 24000, 25000, 25100, 25200, 27000, 27200, 28000, 28200, 28300, 28400, 28500, 28700, 29100, 29400, 40000, 40600, 41500, 50000, 50200, 50500, 51000, 54000, 55000, 55100, 55200, 55300, 60000, 61000, 70000, 71000, 72000, 75200, 75500, 75600, 75900.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

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**LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

2. Authorize the Director of Administrative Services to negotiate, execute, and sign Lease Purchase Agreements for equipment appropriated in the FY 2020/21 Budget subject to review by Auditor and County Counsel, and the County Executive Office.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

OUT-OF-STATE TRANSPORTATION AND TRAINING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021

3. Approve the Schedule of Out-of-State for transportation and/or training for FY 2020/21; and direct that no Out-of-State travel take place unless authorized by the County Executive Officer, or designee.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED      AYES: ALL**

CAPITAL ASSETS - FY 2020/2021

4. 1) Approve the Capital Assets List by budget unit at the sub-object level as appropriated in the FY 2020/21 Final Budget; 2) Direct that no capital assets be procured unless authorized by the County Executive Officer, or designee; and 3) Authorize the Director of Public Works to utilize Job Order Contracting to deliver those Capital Projects approved with the adoption of the FY 2020/21 Final Budget.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED      AYES: ALL**

POLICY ACTION

5. Recommend the approval and adoption of the General Fund Reserve Policy.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED      AYES: ALL**

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6. 1) Adopt Resolution authorizing participation in the Public Agencies Post-Employment Benefits Trust to be administered by Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) effective September 30, 2020; 2) Adopt the amended Charter that changes the name of the OPEB Retirement Investment Trust Board to the Post-Employment Benefits Investment Trust Board and adds the funding of pension liabilities to its purpose; 3) Authorize Assistant County Executive Officer, as the County's designated Plan Administrator, to execute the agreement and documents necessary to implement the program; 4) Approve the Final Budget Adjustments as noted in Attachment F; and 5) Adopt the rate of 1.5% for contribution to the Pension Rate Stabilization Program subaccount within the Post-Employment Benefits Trust effective on the payroll of October 25, 2020 for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and the contribution rate for future years to be determined through the annual budget process.

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2020-99 BGT AS RECOMMENDED      AYES:  
ALL**

7. Provide direction regarding the operating loan from the General Fund to Spring Fair of \$123,000 and interest with the primary options of: A) Waiving the \$123,000 loan in its entirety; or B) Extending the \$123,000 loan and continue charging interest at the treasury earnings rate.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED      AYES: ALL**

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8. 1) Approve the identified Road Division Work Program for Fiscal Year 2020/2021, Exhibit A, which identifies total resources for roads projects at \$71,861,890 and specifies projects that will receive funding; 2) Approve the project budgets in Budget Units 30001 and 30002, respectively, as listed in Attachment A and Attachment B for the identified roads projects; and, 3) Approve the Final Budget Adjustments listed in Budget Unit 30000 as noted in Exhibit B.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED      AYES: ALL**

9. Approve the AB 109 FY 2020/21 implementation plan as recommended by the Executive Community Corrections Partnership; and approve Final Budget Policy Adjustments listed in Budget Unit 23400.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED      AYES: ALL**

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11. Make the determination, as required by Government Code section 16142(e), that the State provided less than one-half of the actual foregone general fund property tax revenues, related to the Williamson Act program, in Fiscal Year 19/20.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED      AYES: 2, 3, 5      RECUSAL: 1 AND 4**

**REVIEW BOARD ORDER – SEE PAGES 11 AND 12**

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

12. 1) Authorize the creation of the Justice and Community Integration Division within the Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to expand crisis support services within the community; 2) Approve the following departmental personnel actions: Behavioral Health & Recovery - Budget Unit 41500 - B/U 41501 - CHANGE: 1 Licensed Mental Health Worker/Psychiatric Staff Nurse I/II (Pos 493), Class 5423/7482/6454, Range 71.5/73.3/75.6 TO: Mental Health Worker I/II (B/U 41502), Class 5733/5734, Range 65.6/67.6; B/U 41502 - ADD: 1 Mental Health Clinician I/II, Class 5731/5732, Range 74.2/78.2; B/U 41534 - ADD: 1 BHRS Division Director, Class 7852, Range 83.6, ADD:1 BHRS Program Manager, Class 2283, Range 80.7, CHANGE: 1 Licensed Mental Health Worker/Psychiatric Staff Nurse I/II (Pos 497), Class 5423/7482/6454, Range 71.5/73.3/75.6 TO: Mental Health Worker I/II, Class 5733/5734, Range 65.6/67.6; 3) Approve amendments to the Position Allocation Resolution 06-120/A, making the departmental position changes and additions as listed in the resolution; and 4) Approve Final Budget Policy Adjustments listed in Budget Unit as shown on Exhibit A.

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2020-100 BGT AS RECOMMENDED      AYES:**

**ALL**

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13. 1) Approve the addition of (1) Deputy Director position classification 7539, salary range 86.2 to the newly created Homelessness Resource Branch, Budget Unit 50054 to be 100% subvented; 2) Approve the amendments to the Position Allocation Resolution 06-120/A; and 3) Approve Final Budget Adjustments listed in BU 50000 as noted in Exhibit A.

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2020-101 BGT AS RECOMMENDED      AYES:**

**ALL**

14. 1) Approve the acceptance of the California Department of Public Health allocation for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Project strategies totaling \$4,058,205 retroactive from May 18, 2020 through November 17, 2022; 2) Approve the amendments to the Position Allocation Resolution 06-120/A, adding nine (9) positions to B/U 40003 and one (1) position to B/U 75601, as listed; and 3) Approve the Final Budget Adjustments listed in Budget Unit 40000 and 75600 as noted in Exhibit B.

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2020-102 BGT AS RECOMMENDED AYES:**

**ALL**

15. 1) Authorize the reduction in force of the following two (2) filled positions effective October 25, 2020. Sheriff - Budget Unit 22100 DELETE: 1 Sheriff Administrative Sacs Asst (Pos 34), Class 7498, Range 71.2, DELETE: 1 Staff Services Analyst I/II (Pos 119), Class 1050/1040, Range 69.6/74.0; 2) Approve the amendments to the Salary Allocation Resolution 06-120; 3) Approve the amendments to the Position Allocation Resolution 06-120/A; and 4) Approve the Final Budget Adjustments listed in Budget Unit 22100 as noted in Exhibit B.

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION NOS. 2020-103 BGT (SALARY) AND 2020-104 BGT (POSITION) AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

16. (1) Approve the following departmental personnel actions: 1) Board of Supervisors Budget Unit 10000, Change: 1 Chief Deputy Board Clerk (Pos 1) range 76.7, To: Chief Deputy Board Clerk, range 79.7; 2) County Executive Office Budget Unit 10100, Add: 1 Management Analyst I/II/III; 3) Auditor -Controller Budget Unit 11000, Change: 1 Account Clerk III (Pos 31), To: Accounting Technician; 4) Assessor Budget Unit 11200, Change: 3 Assessment Clerk I/II (Pos 21, 29, 53), To: Assessment Clerk I/II/III, Change: 2 Assessment Clerk III (Pos 36, 38), To: Assessment Clerk I/II/III; 5) County Counsel Budget Unit 12500, Change: 1 Chief Civil Litigator (Pos 15), To: Assistant County Counsel (Effective November 9, 2020), B/U 12502, Delete: 1 Deputy County Counsel I/II/III/IV (Pos 24); 6) District Attorney Budget Unit 20400, B/U 20405, Delete: 1 Criminal Information Analyst (Pos 133); 7) Public Defender- Budget Unit 20600, Allocate: EH Legal Assistant; 8) Sheriff Budget Unit 22100, B/U 22109, Delete: 3 Deputy Sheriff/Coroner I/II(Pos 62,70,141), 9) Juvenile Hall Budget Unit 23300, Change: 1 Security Systems Operator (Pos 27), To: Peer Support Specialist; 10) Planning & Community Development- Budget Unit 28500, Change: 1 Code Compliance Technician (Pos 31), To: Planning Technician I/II, Establish & Allocate: EH Code Compliance Specialist; 11) Dept of Public Works/Roads Budget Unit 30000, Add: 1 Accounting Technician; 12) Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Budget Unit 41500, B/U 41502, Delete: 1 Program Assistant (Pos 415), B/U 41506, Add: 1 Director of Administrative Services, Delete: 1 Office Assistant III (Pos 417), B/U 41532, Delete: 1 Program Assistant (Pos 377), Delete: 1 Peer Support Specialist (Pos 439); 13) Human Services Agency Budget Unit 50000, B/U 50055, Change: 2 Social Worker IV A/IV B Variable Shift (Pos 189,317), To: Social Worker IV A/IV B Full time; 14) Department of Administrative Services Budget Unit 75600, B/U 75601, Establish & Add: 1 Asst Director Admin Svcs/CIO. (2) Establish the classification of Asst Director Admin Svcs/CIO, class 7892, range 86.2, (3) Approve the modifications to the following classification specifications: Assessment Clerk I/II/III, Chief Deputy Board Clerk, Director of Child Support Services, Planning Technician I/II, Public Health Division Manager, Retirement Plan Administrator, (4) Approve the amendments to the Salary Allocation Resolution 06-120 and the Position Allocation Resolution 06-120A, (5) Approve the Amendments to the Merced County Human Resources Rules and Regulations 2007-22, (6) Approve the amendments to the Unpresented Management Resolution 2012-92.

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION NOS. 2020-105 BGT (POSITION), 2020-106 BGT (RULES & REGS), 2020-107 BGT (SALARY) AND 2020-108 BGT (POLICIES) AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**

**REVIEW BOARD ORDER – SEE PAGES 13 AND 14**

AUDITOR SCHEDULES

17. Adopt budget schedules 1, 2, 3, 4 and other budget schedules including reserves and appropriations for encumbrance carryover for the 2020-2021 budget year.

**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED      AYES: ALL**

FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION

18. Approve resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 final budget as reviewed and amended during final budget hearings; and authorize the Auditor-Controller to make technical adjustments as necessary.

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2020-109 BGT AS RECOMMENDED      AYES:**  
**ALL**

**REVIEW BOARD ORDER – SEE PAGES 14 AND 15**

**THE BOARD ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 3:51 P.M.**

## **BOARD ORDERS – SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 – FINAL BUDGET**

### **10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM**

#### **2020-09-29 PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY**

*Public Comments received via email for Public Opportunity and Scheduled Items are on file with the Clerk.*

Jovana Morales with the Leadership Council speaks about the Budget, and how COVID-19 has exacerbated many issues in Merced County including Poverty, Homelessness, Affordable Housing, Parks and Rec, and Youth investment. Ms. Morales asks that funds needs be prioritized.

Dennis Wells thanks the Board for all of the work they have been doing with the Veterans Halls.

Present: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira

### **10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM**

#### **2020-09-29 CEO BUDGET PRESENTATION**

County Executive Officer Jim Brown provides summary comments on the 2020-2021 Final Budget. He speaks of the impact of COVID-19 changing everyone's daily lives and also how it impacted the development of the budget, creating an environment of extreme uncertainty and many challenges.

Assistant County Executive Officer David Mirrione reviews the following slides: Revenues v. Expenditures (General Fund), Cash Flow (General Fund) – June Year End, Available Fund Balance – After Reserves, Budgeted Local Revenue, Budgeted Local Resources, Budgeted Local Requirements, Total Reserves (General Fund) and General Fund Contingency.

Budget Manager Scott Dockstader reviews the following slides: Countywide Positions, Final Budget Adjustments – Net County Cost, Budget Overview, All Funds Appropriation by Area, Budget Overview, Budget Overview - % Net County Cost and Net County Costs.

Mr. Brown reviews slide covering Policy Considerations.

Supervisor Lor questions the two loans the Board is being asked to consider to forgive, the RDA and Spring Fair and asked why the RDA is not a separate item. Mr. Brown explains that the Board had previously taken action to forgive the RDA loan which was to do with the dissolution of RDAs approved by the State; today's action is a technicality to eliminate it on the books.

Supervisor Lor comments on the General Fund Budget slide and asks where Health and Human Services get their funding from. Mr. Brown responds that Health and Human Services receive the bulk of State and Federal revenues that fund those department under Health and Human Services.

Present: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira



**10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM**  
**2020-09-29 AUDITOR – PUBLIC HEARING**

The time and date previously scheduled to consider setting the Appropriation Limitation for Fiscal Year 2020-21 established under Article XIII B of the State Constitution.

The Chairman opens the Public Hearing and the Board takes a brief pause to receive public comments via voicemail.

The Clerk plays voicemails received from the following: Armando Ruiz, Los Banos resident; Carmen Ojeda, Dos Palos resident; Pamela Cobb, Franklin-Beachwood resident; Sierra Lopez with 99 Roots; Selena, Atwater resident with 99 Roots; Estella Dunn, Franklin-Beachwood resident; Lee Xiong; and Eugene Vang, Franklin-Beachwood resident with 99 Roots.

The Chairman asks if there is anyone in the audience wishing to speak. The following speak:

Cheng Xiong with the Leadership Council comments that after meeting with Board members and residents, the top priority is Parks and Recreation, Youth Investment, Road Infrastructure, an increase in Affordable Housing and a Parks Masterplan.

Brenda Gutierrez with 99 Roots comments that the young people in Merced County are doing their part and that they need the elected officials to do their part as well to protect those who are most vulnerable.

Carmen Ojeda echoes what was previously stated by the speakers and also comments on the struggles of Dos Palos residents and that the issues of water, rental and utility assistance should be considered in the plan.

The Chairman closes the Public Hearing.

Upon motion of Supervisor Pareira, seconded by Supervisor Silveira, duly carried, the Board approves using the change in County population combined with the change in all counties having contiguous borders as the population factor, and the change in California per capita personal income as the cost of living factor to establish fiscal year 2020-2021 appropriation limitation; and adopts Resolution No. 2020-98 BGT establishing the fiscal year 2020-2021 appropriation limitation as \$1,751,052,031.

Ayes: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira

**FINAL BUDGET ITEM NO. 1**  
**2020-09-29 FINAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

The Clerk announces the item to approve Final Budget Adjustments based on more current information to various budget units within the General Fund and Other Funds as presented is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Lor asks staff to speak to the attachment for Final Budget Department Adjustments that lists WIOA – Youth, also the General Fund.

David Mirrione, Assistant County Executive Officer responds and clarifies that Supervisor Lor is referring to the \$21,000 adjustment and that it is just making a small adjustment from Proposed Budget to Final Budget.

Supervisor Lor clarifies that there is no impact to the program itself. Mr. Mirrione responds that is correct.

Jim Brown, County Executive Officer responds regarding the General fund piece that with the exception of the contingency adjustment (larger adjustment), budget unit 72000 the rest of the items are non-policy and explained the areas of adjustment.

Upon motion of Supervisor Silveira, seconded by Supervisor Lor, duly carried, the Board approves Final Budget Adjustments based on more current information to various budget units within the General Fund and Other Funds as presented.

Ayes: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira

**FINAL BUDGET ITEM NO. 5**  
**2020-09-29 POLICY ACTION**

The Clerk announces item to recommend the approval and adoption of the General Fund Reserve Policy is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor McDaniel thanks staff and our CEO for bringing this item forward and states that it is something we need in place.

Supervisor Espinoza comments that he agrees with Supervisor McDaniel.

David Mirrione, Assistant County Executive Officer reviews the following slides: Total General Fund Reserves, Establishing General Fund Reserve Balance, Permitted Uses, Funding of the General Fund Reserve, and Benefits of the General Fund Reserve Policy.

Supervisor Silveira comments that as we look at aging infrastructure that we will have to bond out if we are going to be able to pay for it and a solid General Fund Reserves shows the County's standing in relation to credit ratings; that it is good to have a policy and range.

Upon motion of Supervisor Lor, seconded by Supervisor McDaniel, duly carried, the Board recommends the approval and adoption of the General Fund Reserve Policy.

Ayes: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira

**FINAL BUDGET ITEM NO. 7**  
**2020-09-29 POLICY ACTION**

The Clerk announces item to provide direction regarding the operating loan from the General Fund to Spring Fair of \$123,000 and interest with the primary options of; A) Waiving the \$123,000 loan in its entirety; or B) Extending the \$123,000 loan and continue charging interest at the treasury earnings rate is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Lor requests staff to provide the Board with other types of loans other departments may have outstanding.

Janey Cabral, Assistant Auditor-Controller responds that there are no other outstanding loans that the County has.

Supervisor McDaniel comments that our fairs are struggling and are an important part of our community.

Supervisor Silveira comments that the Spring Fair generates 80% of their revenues which they lost last year and agrees with Supervisor McDaniel that Agriculture is very important to our community.

Jim Brown, County Executive Officer states that staff is looking for direction on this item.

Supervisor Silveira recommends option A) Waiving the \$123,000 loan in its entirety.

Upon motion of Supervisor Silveira, seconded by Supervisor Pareira, duly carried, the board waives the \$123,000 in its entirety.

Ayes: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira

**FINAL BUDGET ITEM NO. 9**  
**2020-09-29 POLICY ACTION**

The Clerk announces item to approve the AB 109 FY 2020/21 implementation plan as recommended by the Executive Community Corrections Partnership; and approve the Final Budget Policy Adjustments listed in Budget Unit 23400 and is before the Board for consideration.

Kalisa Rochester, Chief Probation Officer speaks about the reduction in AB109 20/21 allocations due to the current fiscal climate and the need to adjust the amounts of funds to be used from their AB 109 Trust Account. She further states that the department is committed to sustaining community safety by providing evidence based supervision and program services to their client population.

Supervisor Silveira thanks Ms. Rochester and her attention to the Westside.

Supervisor Pareira shares his appreciation for the programs for young people to help to keep them out of jail/probation.

Supervisor McDaniel thanks Ms. Rochester and comments that this is her first budget as our Chief and appreciates the work they are doing with recidivism.

Upon motion of Supervisor Lor, seconded by Supervisor Silveira, duly carried, the Board approves the AB 109 FY 2020/21 implementation plan as recommended by the Executive Community Corrections Partnership and approves Final Budget Policy Adjustments listed in the Budget Unit.

Ayes: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira

**FINAL BUDGET ITEM NO. 11**  
**2020-09-29 POLICY ACTION**

The Clerk announces item to make the determination, as required by Government Code section 16142(e), that the State provided less than one-half of the actual foregone general fund property tax revenues, related to the Williamson Act program in FY 19/20 is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Espinoza and Pareira recused themselves due to having property in the Williamson Act program.

Upon motion of Supervisor Lor, seconded by Supervisor Silveira, the Board determines as required by Government Code section 16142(e), that the State provided less than one-half of the actual foregone property tax revenues, related to the Williamson Act program in FY 19/20.

Ayes: Lor, McDaniel, Silveira

Recusal: Espinoza, Pareira

**FINAL BUDGET ITEM NO. 12**  
**2020-09-29 PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

The Clerk announces item to authorize the creation of the Justice and Community Integration Division within the Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to expand crisis support services within the community; and approval of the following departmental personnel actions: Behavioral Health & Recovery - Budget Unit 41500 - B/U 41501 - CHANGE: 1 Licensed Mental Health Worker/Psychiatric Staff Nurse I/II (Pos 493), Class 5423/7482/6454, Range 71.5/73.3/75.6 TO: Mental Health Worker I/II (B/U 41502), Class 5733/5734, Range 65.6/67.6; B/U 41502 - ADD: 1 Mental Health Clinician I/II, Class 5731/5732, Range 74.2/78.2; B/U 41534 - ADD: 1 BHRS Division Director, Class 7852, Range 83.6, ADD:1 BHRS Program Manager, Class 2283, Range 80.7, CHANGE: 1 Licensed Mental Health Worker/Psychiatric Staff Nurse I/II (Pos 497), Class 5423/7482/6454, Range 71.5/73.3/75.6 TO: Mental Health Worker I/II, Class 5733/5734, Range 65.6/67.6; Approve amendments to the Position Allocation Resolution 06-120/A, making the departmental position changes and additions as listed in the resolution; and Approve Final Budget Policy Adjustments listed in Budget Unit as shown on Exhibit A is before the Board for consideration.

Genevieve Valentine, Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services gives an overview of the item and presents the five new positions to be based off a new division that they would like to integrate into Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS). An analysis of the needs and services showed a gap in support services between behavioral health and probation and a gap with the current law enforcement. She further states this will be a phased approach, and the long term plan, if fully implemented, has six goals.

Supervisor Pareira questions if there will be some new staff in Los Banos who will integrate with local police departments.

Ms. Valentine states that they will start working with Probation Department in Los Banos and will expand in a variety of cities.

Supervisor Lor commends and thanks Ms. Valentine and staff for their increased focus on Behavioral Health and hopes that the growth and support continues.

Supervisor Espinoza comments that by focusing on Behavioral Health for those incarcerated we are able to save money from the general fund.

Upon motion of Supervisor Lor, seconded by Supervisor McDaniel, duly carried, the Board approves the creation of the Justice and Community Integration Division within the Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to expand crisis support services within the community; and approval of the following departmental personnel actions: Behavioral Health & Recovery - Budget Unit 41500 - B/U 41501 - CHANGE: 1 Licensed Mental Health Worker/Psychiatric Staff Nurse I/II (Pos 493), Class 5423/7482/6454, Range 71.5/73.3/75.6 TO: Mental Health Worker I/II (B/U 41502), Class 5733/5734, Range 65.6/67.6; B/U 41502 - ADD: 1 Mental Health Clinician I/II, Class 5731/5732, Range 74.2/78.2; B/U 41534 - ADD: 1 BHRS Division Director, Class 7852, Range

83.6, ADD:1 BHRS Program Manager, Class 2283, Range 80.7, CHANGE: 1 Licensed Mental Health Worker/Psychiatric Staff Nurse I/II (Pos 497), Class 5423/7482/6454, Range 71.5/73.3/75.6 TO: Mental Health Worker I/II, Class 5733/5734, Range 65.6/67.6; Approve amendments to the Position Allocation Resolution 06-120/A, making the departmental position changes and additions as listed in the Resolution No. 2020-100 BGT; and Approves Final Budget Policy Adjustments listed in Budget Unit as shown on Exhibit A.

Ayes: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira

**FINAL BUDGET ITEM NO. 16**  
**2020-09-29 PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

The Clerk announces item to approve the following departmental personnel actions: 1) Board of Supervisors Budget Unit 10000, Change: 1 Chief Deputy Board Clerk (Pos 1) range 76.7, To: Chief Deputy Board Clerk, range 79.7; 2) County Executive Office Budget Unit 10100, Add: 1 Management Analyst I/II/III; 3) Auditor -Controller Budget Unit 11000, Change: 1 Account Clerk III (Pos 31), To: Accounting Technician; 4) Assessor Budget Unit 11200, Change: 3 Assessment Clerk I/II (Pos 21, 29, 53), To: Assessment Clerk I/II/III, Change: 2 Assessment Clerk III (Pos 36, 38), To: Assessment Clerk I/II/III; 5) County Counsel Budget Unit 12500, Change: 1 Chief Civil Litigator (Pos 15), To: Assistant County Counsel (Effective November 9, 2020), B/U 12502, Delete: 1 Deputy County Counsel I/II/III/IV (Pos 24); 6) District Attorney Budget Unit 20400, B/U 20405, Delete: 1 Criminal Information Analyst (Pos 133); 7) Public Defender- Budget Unit 20600, Allocate: EH Legal Assistant; 8) Sheriff Budget Unit 22100, B/U 22109, Delete: 3 Deputy Sheriff/Coroner I/II(Pos 62,70,141), 9) Juvenile Hall Budget Unit 23300, Change: 1 Security Systems Operator (Pos 27), To: Peer Support Specialist; 10) Planning & Community Development- Budget Unit 28500, Change: 1 Code Compliance Technician (Pos 31), To: Planning Technician I/II, Establish & Allocate: EH Code Compliance Specialist; 11) Dept of Public Works/Roads Budget Unit 30000, Add: 1 Accounting Technician; 12) Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Budget Unit 41500, B/U 41502, Delete: 1 Program Assistant (Pos 415), B/U 41506, Add: 1 Director of Administrative Services, Delete: 1 Office Assistant III (Pos 417), B/U 41532, Delete: 1 Program Assistant (Pos 377), Delete: 1 Peer Support Specialist (Pos 439); 13) Human Services Agency Budget Unit 50000, B/U 50055, Change: 2 Social Worker IV A/IV B Variable Shift (Pos 189,317), To: Social Worker IV A/IV B Full time; 14) Department of Administrative Services Budget Unit 75600, B/U 75601, Establish & Add: 1 Asst Director Admin Svcs/CIO. (2) Establish the classification of Asst Director Admin Svcs/CIO, class 7892, range 86.2, (3) Approve the modifications to the following classification specifications: Assessment Clerk I/II/III, Chief Deputy Board Clerk, Director of Child Support Services, Planning Technician I/II, Public Health Division Manager, Retirement Plan Administrator, (4) Approve the amendments to the Salary Allocation Resolution 06-120 and the Position Allocation Resolution 06-120A, (5) Approve the Amendments to the Merced County Human Resources Rules and Regulations 2007-22, (6) Approve the amendments to the Unpresented Management Resolution 2012-92 is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Lor asks staff to provide a brief overview of the Management Analyst position in the County Executive Office.

Jim Brown, County Executive Officer clarifies that the Management Analyst position is the Grant Writer position.

Upon motion of Supervisor Silveira, seconded by Supervisor Pareira, duly carried, the Board approves the following departmental personnel actions: 1) Board of Supervisors Budget Unit 10000, Change: 1 Chief Deputy Board Clerk (Pos 1) range 76.7, To: Chief Deputy Board Clerk, range 79.7;

2) County Executive Office Budget Unit 10100, Add: 1 Management Analyst I/II/III; 3) Auditor - Controller Budget Unit 11000, Change: 1 Account Clerk III (Pos 31), To: Accounting Technician; 4) Assessor Budget Unit 11200, Change: 3 Assessment Clerk I/II (Pos 21, 29, 53), To: Assessment Clerk I/II/III, Change: 2 Assessment Clerk III (Pos 36, 38), To: Assessment Clerk I/II/III; 5) County Counsel Budget Unit 12500, Change: 1 Chief Civil Litigator (Pos 15), To: Assistant County Counsel (Effective November 9, 2020), B/U 12502, Delete: 1 Deputy County Counsel I/II/III/IV (Pos 24); 6) District Attorney Budget Unit 20400, B/U 20405, Delete: 1 Criminal Information Analyst (Pos 133); 7) Public Defender- Budget Unit 20600, Allocate: EH Legal Assistant; 8) Sheriff Budget Unit 22100, B/U 22109, Delete: 3 Deputy Sheriff/Coroner I/II(Pos 62,70,141), 9) Juvenile Hall Budget Unit 23300, Change: 1 Security Systems Operator (Pos 27), To: Peer Support Specialist; 10) Planning & Community Development- Budget Unit 28500, Change: 1 Code Compliance Technician (Pos 31), To: Planning Technician I/II, Establish & Allocate: EH Code Compliance Specialist; 11) Dept of Public Works/Roads Budget Unit 30000, Add: 1 Accounting Technician; 12) Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Budget Unit 41500, B/U 41502, Delete: 1 Program Assistant (Pos 415), B/U 41506, Add: 1 Director of Administrative Services, Delete: 1 Office Assistant III (Pos 417), B/U 41532, Delete: 1 Program Assistant (Pos 377), Delete: 1 Peer Support Specialist (Pos 439); 13) Human Services Agency Budget Unit 50000, B/U 50055, Change: 2 Social Worker IV A/IV B Variable Shift (Pos 189,317), To: Social Worker IV A/IV B Full time; 14) Department of Administrative Services Budget Unit 75600, B/U 75601, Establish & Add: 1 Asst Director Admin Svcs/CIO. (2) Establish the classification of Asst Director Admin Svcs/CIO, class 7892, range 86.2, (3) Approve the modifications to the following classification specifications: Assessment Clerk I/II/III, Chief Deputy Board Clerk, Director of Child Support Services, Planning Technician I/II, Public Health Division Manager, Retirement Plan Administrator, (4) Approve the amendments to the Salary Allocation Resolution 06-120 (Resolution No. 2020-107 BGT) and the Position Allocation Resolution 06-120A (Resolution No. 2020-105 BGT), (5) Approve the Amendments to the Merced County Human Resources Rules and Regulations 2007-22 (Resolution No. 2020-106 BGT), (6) Approve the amendments to the Unpresented Management Resolution 2012-92 (Resolution No. 2020-108 BGT).  
Ayes: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira

## **FINAL BUDGET ITEM NO. 18**

### **2020-09-29 FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION**

The Clerk announces item to approve resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 final budget as reviewed and amended during the final budget hearings; and authorize the Auditor-Controller to make technical adjustments as necessary is before the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Lor comments that we need to put on the Board's to-do list, a Master Park Plan and states that it would be efficient and effective if we have a master plan.

Supervisor Pareira comments that hundreds of hours are spent on this Final Budget, across all departments, and thanks staff for being thoughtful with bringing forward what is needed. He states that community plans for parks are expensive, and would like to see money spent on infrastructure rather than on an study.

Supervisor Silveira thanks the Budget Office staff for their hard work and also commends the Board and staff for setting us in the right direction. He comments that there is always more wants than there is money to pay for them and that we have to prioritize them. He further comments that he is excited about the Grant Writer position and that will help with the Parks grants.

Supervisor McDaniel thanks the budget staff for all their work, department heads and employees as well. He comments that he appreciates the Reserve Policy moving forward. He further comments that he is very proud of CEO Jim Brown and all of his hard work.

Supervisor Lor clarifies an earlier comment that we do not have to have an elaborate park plan but we need something on our website to update the community and communicate in written form so residents can reference that. She further comments that she would like if the County could hold more virtual Town Hall meetings. She gives appreciation to staff on the amount of work, pressure and sacrifices and thanks all County staff.

Supervisor Espinoza agrees with his colleague's comments and thanks Jim Brown and staff for a great job on the budget.

Supervisor McDaniel comments that the Proposed Budget was Jim Brown's and that the Final Budget is now the Board's.

Upon motion of Supervisor Silveira, seconded by Supervisor Lor, duly carried, the Board adopts Resolution No. 2020-109 BGT adopting the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 final budget as reviewed and amended during final budget hearings; and authorizes the Auditor-Controller to make technical adjustments as necessary.

Ayes: Espinoza, Lor, McDaniel, Pareira, Silveira