

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**Vice Chair Rodrigo Espinosa, *District 1*Josh Pedrozo, *District 2*Daron McDaniel, *District 3*Lloyd Pareira, Jr., *District 4*Chair Scott M. Silveira, *District 5*

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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES - FINAL

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023

Closed Session – 4:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Merced County Administration Building
2222 M Street
Board Room, Third Floor
Merced CA, 95340
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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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AGENDA ITEMS

Public opportunity to speak on items on the Board's Agenda will be heard following announcement of each section or subsection of the Agenda. In order that interested individuals have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per section or subsection of the Agenda. Please note, the Consent Calendar is considered one section.

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CLOSED SESSION: This is the portion of the meeting conducted in private without the attendance of the public or press to discuss certain confidential matters specifically permitted by the Brown Act.

The **REGULAR MEETING** is divided into three sections:

- **CONSENT CALENDAR:** These matters include routine financial and administrative action and usually are approved by a single vote.
- **REGULAR CALENDAR:** These items include significant policy and administrative actions and are divided into subsections by Department
- **SCHEDULED ITEMS:** These items are noticed hearings, work sessions and public hearings

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En los tiempos designados, por favor levante la mano y será dirigido al pódium.

PUNTOS DE LA SESION CERRADA

La oportunidad pública de hablar sobre cualquier asunto a considerar en la Sesión Cerrada se tomara antes de que se suspenda la junta en la Sesión Cerrada. Para que todas las personas interesadas tengan la oportunidad de hablar, cualquier persona que se dirija a la junta será limitada a un máximo de (3) minutos.

PUNTOS FUERA DE LA AGENDA

La oportunidad pública de hablar sobre cualquier tema de interés público dentro de la jurisdicción de la Junta se llevara a cabo al inicio de la Junta. Para que todas las personas interesadas tengan la oportunidad de hablar, cualquier persona que se dirija a la junta será limitada a un máximo de (3) minutos. El período de comentarios públicos sobre puntos que no pertenecen a la agenda se limitará a treinta (30) minutos en total. La Junta podría no tomar acción sobre ningún tema que no aparezca en la agenda publicada.

PUNTOS AGENDADOS

La oportunidad pública de hablar sobre los temas agendados en la Junta se escuchará después del anuncio de cada sección o subsección de la Agenda. Para que todas las personas interesadas tengan la oportunidad de hablar, cualquier persona que se dirija a la junta será limitada a un máximo de (3) minutos por sección o apartado de la agenda. Tenga en cuenta que, el Calendario de Consentimiento se considera una sección.

AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

La oportunidad de hablar acerca de las audiencias públicas se llevara a cabo después de la lectura y de la presentación de la audiencia pública de ser aplicable. Para que todas las personas interesadas tengan la oportunidad de hablar, cualquier persona que se dirija a la junta será limitada a un máximo de (3) minutos.

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Los oradores no pueden ceder su turno a otra persona.

Los comentarios realizados en redes sociales no son considerados parte del record oficial y no serán compartidos en la Junta.

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La **REUNION ORDINARIA** se divide en tres secciones:

- **CALENDARIO DE CONSENTIMIENTO:** Estos asuntos incluyen acciones financieras y administrativas de rutina y por lo general son aprobadas por un solo voto.
- **CALENDARIO REGULAR:** Esta sección incluye políticas significativas y acciones administrativas y están divididas en subsecciones por Departamento.
- **ARTÍCULOS PROGRAMADOS:** Esta sección incluye audiencias notificadas, sesiones de trabajo y audiencias públicas.

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4:30 P.M. – CLOSED SESSION

THE PUBLIC WILL BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ANY MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION PRIOR TO THE BOARD ADJOURNING INTO THE CLOSED SESSION (TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON)

CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR:

It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session concerning a Conference with Real Property Negotiator(s) Mark Hendrickson, Assistant County Executive Officer pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 as follows:

Property: 3350 G Street at Castle Commerce Center and including approximately 1.70 acres of property bordered by G Street, Academy Drive, Airdrome Entry, and F Street.

Agency Negotiator: Mark Hendrickson, Assistant County Executive Officer

Negotiation Parties: TRI, LLC

Under Negotiation: To request authority to negotiate proposed acquisition of facility and value.

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It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session concerning a Conference with Real Property Negotiator(s) Mark Hendrickson, Assistant County Executive Officer pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 as follows:

Property: Building 1350, inclusive of approximately 9.16 acres of associated land.

Agency Negotiator: Mark Hendrickson, Assistant County Executive Officer

Negotiation Parties: SMOH Aviation INC.

Under Negotiation: To request authority to negotiate proposed acquisition of facility and value, and ground lease.

CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR:

It is the intent of the Board to meet in Closed Session Concerning a Conference with Real Property Negotiator(s) Dana Hertfelder, Director of Public Works pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 as follows:

Property: APN 025-212-020 located at 800 7th Street, Los Banos. (Approximately 4,100 SF building on 0.32 acres.)

Agency Negotiator: Dana Hertfelder, Director of Public Works

Negotiation Party: Richard and Lynnette Gerbi, 304 I Street, Los Banos, CA 93635

Under Negotiation: To request authority to negotiate proposed purchase.

THE BOARD RECESSED AT 4:32 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 6:01 P.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, AND THE BOARD CHAIR ADVISED STAFF WAS GIVEN DIRECTION

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 COMPLIANCE (LATE AGENDA ITEMS)

6:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

INVOCATION by Pastor Steve Hammond, Bethel Community Church, Los Banos/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION EXCLUDING ITEMS ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA (TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON AND THIRTY MINUTES TOTAL).

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PRESENTATIONS:**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

- 1) District One: Le Grand High School and KongPheng Thao
- 2) District Two: Harvest Time and Merced Sunrise Rotary Club
- 3) District Three: Shane Parsons and Tsia Xiong
- 4) District Four: Filberto "Filbert" Souza and Rosa Nuno
- 5) District Five: American Legion Post 166 & Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2487 and Dos Palos Y Service Club

PRESENTATION OF VOLUNTEER AWARDS PRESENTED BY BOARD MEMBERS BASED ON DISTRICT RESIDENCE OR SERVICE

THE BOARD RECESSED FOR 15 MINUTES, FOR A RECEPTION HONORING THE AWARD RECIPIENTS, HELD ON THE THIRD FLOOR OUTSIDE THE BOARD CHAMBERS

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items No. 1-26)

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

Public Works

1. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to execute Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 2020117 with Teter, Inc, for architectural services to change the consultant's name from Teter, LLC to Teter, Inc., and extend the contract term end date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025.

THE CLERK ANNOUNCED ITEM HAS BEEN PULLED

2. Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$17,750 to establish appropriations for Capital Asset No. 82491, to replace a broken fire hydrant at the Merced Roads Yard. (4/5 Vote Required)

THE CLERK ANNOUNCED THAT A MODIFICATION IS NEEDED FOR ITEM NO. 2 ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF THE BROKEN FIRE HYDRANT AT THE MERCED ROADS YARD PROJECT WAS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA HAD POSTED. THE REQUESTED AMOUNT OF THE BUDGET TRANSFER WILL NEED TO BE MODIFIED FROM \$17,500 TO \$25,000. STAFF REQUESTS THE BOARD APPROVE THE ITEM AS MODIFIED. BOARD CHAIR SILVEIRA, SUPERVISOR PEDROZO, SUPERVISOR PAREIRA AND BRYAN BEHN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CEO MENDEZ PROVIDED COMMENTS

3. Approve the budget transfers in the amount of \$339,000 to increase appropriations for Capital Asset No. 82433, for the Fire Training Site Fire Hydrant project. (4/5 Vote Required)
4. Find that substantial evidence demonstrates that an emergency continues to exist regarding the crematory at the Merced County Animal Shelter located at 2150 Shuttle Dr. in Atwater, such that the emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids, and that the action to replace the crematory is necessary to respond to the emergency. (4/5 Vote Required)

Health

5. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 2019070 (State Agreement No. 18-10553,A03) with the California Department of Public Health for the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health project, increasing the total contract amount not to exceed from \$1,513,820 to \$1,743,341.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

6. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2021298 with Doris T. Tan, D.O., for the provision of psychiatric services, extending the term end date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025, increasing the total contract not to exceed amount from \$380,000 to \$900,000, and updating HIPAA language.
7. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2021038 with Guardco Security Services, Inc., for twenty-four (24) hour and on-call security services at all Behavioral Health and Recovery Services facilities, extending the term end date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025, revising the rates and updating the Scope of Work.
8. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 2021072 with Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc., for Institute for Mental Disease facility services and special treatment for adults with mental disabilities/disorders, revising Exhibit B, entitled "Budget or Rate Schedule". The term of the contract remains July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
9. Adopt a Proclamation declaring the month of May 2023 as "Mental Health Awareness Month" in Merced County.

KIMIKO VANG, DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES PROVIDED COMMENTS

10. Adopt a Proclamation recognizing the month of May 2023 as "Drug Court Month" in Merced County.

KIMIKO VANG, DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES PROVIDED COMMENTS

Human Services Agency

11. Adopt a Proclamation declaring the month of May 2023 as "Older Americans Month" in Merced County.

FELIZA GRAY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY PROVIDED COMMENTS AND A FLYER

12. Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$30,000 to increase appropriations in Capital Asset No. 82322, to purchase a hot food truck, to be utilized as part of the Senior Nutrition program.
13. 1) Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2022112 with Merced County Office of Education for State One Child Care Services through A Child Care and Education Services System to increase the total contract amount from \$3,873,485 to \$5,873,484. 2) Approve the associated budget transfer. (4/5 Vote Required)

Elections

14. 1) Approve the description change of Capital Asset No. 83235 from "Upgrade Envelope Printer" to "Ballot Drop Boxes" 2) Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$127,850 to fund fixed assets for required Election Systems upgrades.

MEL LEVEY, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, MERCED COUNTY ELECTIONS PROVIDED COMMENTS

15. Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$10,000 to establish appropriations for Capital Asset No. 83236, for procurement of passport photo services equipment.

MEL LEVEY, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, MERCED COUNTY ELECTIONS PROVIDED COMMENTS

Fire

16. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to execute Reinstatement of Contract No. 2019371 with The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of its Merced Campus, for Stop-Gap Fire Protection Services, extending the contract through December 31, 2023, for a total agreement price not to exceed \$2,020,946.
17. 1) Continue the Proclamation of the existence of a local emergency caused by the December 2022 and January 2023 rain events in Merced County. 2) Continue the Proclamation of the existence of a local emergency caused by the March 2023 storms in Merced County.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF MARK PIMENTEL AND ASSISTANT COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER MARK HENDRICKSON PROVIDED COMMENTS

Library

18. Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$29,381 to establish appropriations and increase anticipated revenues due to additional donated funds from the Friends of the Merced County Library for the 2023 Summer Reading Program and the Mary Hofmann Teen Center. (4/5 Vote Required)

Sheriff

19. Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$250,000 to establish appropriations for Capital Asset No. 82494, for the purchase and installation of radio equipment to be used in the new Command Post trailer during emergency operations. (4/5 Vote Required)

Human Resources/Risk Management

20. 1) Act on Claims for Damages submitted by Raymundo Mena Mondragon, Lisa Christine Arceco, Jorge Avalos Rodriguez, Emmanuel Cruz Moreno, and Juan M. Acosta. 2) Approve Assistant County Executive Officer, or designee, to send notice of said action on claim.

Executive Office

21. Approve the Out of State Travel requests received from Community and Economic Development and Workforce Investment, as recommended by the Executive Office.

Board of Supervisors

22. Approve the Summary Action Minutes - Final for the March 28, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Board Recognition

23. Ratify a Certificate of Recognition presented on April 3, 2023, to Merced Union High School District for the Ida M. Johnson Theater Dedication.
24. Adopt a Proclamation in recognition of May 4, 2023 as "National Day of Prayer" in Merced County.
25. Adopt a Proclamation honoring Paul Parreira Sr.'s lifelong service to the Merced County Spring Fair, his community service, leadership, commitment to youth and education, as well as Agricultural advocacy.
26. Adopt a Proclamation honoring the Merced County Spring Fair Little Hands Exhibit's 20th Anniversary, and from this day forward, the Exhibit will be known as "Barbara and Louie's Little Hands on the Farm".

REGULAR CALENDAR**BOARD ACTION**HEALTH

27. 1) Ratify submission of the grant application submitted by the Public Health Director to the California Department of Public Health for the Immunization Local Assistance and COVID-19 Emergency Grants, submitted on October 7, 2022. 2) Accept the grant award and approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign State Agreement No. 22-10076 and associated forms with the California Department of Public Health for the Immunization Local Assistance and COVID-19 Emergency Grants, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$3,870,013.08.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023065 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

28. 1) Ratify submission of the Agreement Funding Application submitted by the Public Health Director to the California Department of Public Health for participation in the California Home Visiting Program State General Fund Expansion 22b due February 3, 2023. 2) Accept a grant award from the California Department of Public Health for the expansion for the California Home Visiting Program effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$532,946. 3) Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$284,026 to increase Fiscal Year 2022-2023 services and supplies appropriations and revenue related to this grant. (4/5 Vote Required)

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023067 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

29. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a rate-based contract with Manolito Castillo, M.D., for on-call psychiatric services effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023068 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

30. Adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the Board Chair to sign State Agreement No. 32150 with the State of California, Department of Rehabilitation for vocational rehabilitation services for consumers, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, with the certified expenditure amount of \$122,070 and contract maximum amount of \$181,818.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25 AND AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023069 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

31. 1) Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign an agreement with the City of Merced for Merced City and County Continuum of Care (CoC) administrative activities, to be provided by the Human Services Agency (HSA) as the CoC Collaborative Applicant/Administrative Entity (CA/AE), effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$38,000. 2) Grant the Director of the Human Services Agency, or their designee, the authority to extend the term of this agreement if necessary, after any changes have been

reviewed by Administrative Services and approved through the contract review process. 3) Accept a subaward in the amount of \$38,000 in 2022-2023 CDBG funds from the City of Merced.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023070 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

32. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the lease agreement with Fahrens Park Plaza LLC, to lease office space located at 3376 North State Highway 59 in Merced, California for a term of May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2028 in the amount of \$771,379.44.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023071 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

33. 1) Authorize the Community and Economic Development Department to submit an application to the State of California Energy Commission for participation in the California Automated Permit Processing (CalAPP) Program, effective upon Grantor approval through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$60,000. 2) Authorize the Assistant County Executive Officer, or designee, to execute all documents related to the grant application and administration of the grant program.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023072 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

AUDITOR

34. Accept the Single Audit Report for the period ended June 30, 2022 that has been filed with the California State Controller's Office on March 31, 2023.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

35. Authorize the District Attorney to submit an application to the California Department of Insurance for the Workers Compensation Insurance Fraud Program. Grant period is from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

36. Authorize the District Attorney to donate ten (10) expired bullet proof vests to Merced College to utilize in their training academy.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

FIRE

37. Authorize acceptance of an award from the Department of Homeland Security for the Fiscal Year 2021 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant in the amount of \$378,200.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023073 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

PROBATION

38. 1) Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a no-cost agreement with Central California Legal Services for the provision of free civil legal services to qualifying members of the community, effective April 25, 2023 through June 30, 2024. 2) Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a no-cost license agreement with Central California Legal Services for the use of County space at the Breaking Barriers location in Los Banos to be used in the delivery of free civil legal services.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NOS. 2023074 (LEGAL SVCS) & 2023075 (LICENSE) AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

39. Adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the Board Chair to sign State Agreement No. C5611213, and any amendments, extensions, or related documents, after review by County Counsel and County Risk Management, with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for the housing, care, and training of youthful offenders at the Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp effective upon approval through June 30, 2025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$21,924.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-26 AND AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023066 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

40. Approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act & Youthful Offender Block Grant Plan, as approved and recommended by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

41. Review and consider the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section(s) 1990-1995.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

SHERIFF

42. Ratify acceptance of a grant award received from the Board of State and Community Corrections through the Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program, in the amount of \$84,249.92.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023076 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

43. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Local Workforce Development Board Recertification Request for Program Years 2023-2025.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

44. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Merced County Workforce Development Board Two-Year Modification of Local Workforce Development Area Plan (2021-2024).

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

45. 1) Receive information on AB 177/199 Elimination of Criminal Administrative Fees. 2) Approve recommendation regarding allocation of AB 199 backfill funding. 3) Authorize the County Executive Office to submit required reports, per legislation.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BOARD INFORMATION & POSSIBLE ACTION

ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE AYES: ALL

46. Department of Public Works re: Contract No. 2022223 was awarded to Kroeker Inc., Fresno, CA in the amount of \$1,286,246 for the Beachwood Drive Pedestrian Sidewalk Infill Project. The project is located near the unincorporated community of Franklin-Beachwood.

REPORTS/BOARD DIRECTION

Board of Supervisors Members, County Counsel, County Executive Officer

THE BOARD ADOPTED A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF JEAN KIRBY AND HELEN GALLICHIO AND ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:45 P.M. UNTIL TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M. SCHEDULED ITEM
2023-04-25 PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY

A local advocate, representing the Delhi community shares comments on behalf of three residents that could not be in attendance. She read statements from Blanca Lozano regarding Delhi's needs on the Municipal Advisory Council and their desire for a park and community center, Francisca Briones who expressed a desire for a park in Delhi, and Joseph Castillo who would like land, money, and resources for a park and community center in Delhi.

Florence Crowson, IHSS Provider, speaks about the services IHSS provides and requests a pay increase for their workers.

Effren Montes, Delhi resident for 40 years, speaks about the need for street repairs in Delhi.

Lisa Correia, speaks about crimes in Merced. She shares statistics on shootings and other crimes that took place in Merced in 2022 and 2023, including a reference to her son, Eli Correia and his best friend, Francisco Correia who were victims of violent crimes and their surviving victims, Natalie Correia and Bria Vargas. She asked the board to use grant money to help with crime prevention and for changes to be made to assist the families of victims.

Mayya Tokman, Associate Professor UC Merced and Executive Director of Kids Discovery Station, speaks about education for children and thanked the board and the community for the \$10,000 grant they received in order to offer one free day per month to the community to attend the Kids Discovery Station. She invited everyone to come out for the last one, scheduled for Sunday, April 30 from 10 am to 5 pm. She shares that in the year and a half that it has been open, they've already had more than 24,000 visits to Kids Discovery Station, including Supervisors Pareira, McDaniel, and CEO Mendez, she extends the invitation to the rest of the board and the community. She asks the board to consider continuing the program so they can continue offering the Merced County Sponsored Discovery Days.

Angelo Kyrilov Professor of Computer Science UC Merced and Co-Executive Director of Kids Discovery Station shares that they have some heartwarming stories from their experiences and thanks the board for the support given which has allowed them to bring in low-income families who wouldn't have had the opportunity to visit otherwise. He asks the board to consider continuing their support for the program so that they can continue offering the events.

Gloria Sandoval, Merced County resident thanks the board for the evening meeting and speaks about homelessness and crime in Merced County and the point in time survey results from the community. She asks the board to consider programs from other communities, like Stockton.

Kimiko Vang, Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services introduces Julianne Sims, who joined the department as the new Assistant Director of Clinical Services for BHRS and shares comments about her prior experience.

Julianne Sims, Assistant Director of Clinical Services for BHRS expresses her happiness to be back in Merced County and thanks the board.

Celia Cervantes, Delhi resident speaks on the need for a park and community hall in Delhi. She shares her desire for a survey and for the county to share the results with the community. She speaks about her excitement to bring in services for senior citizens.

Zaray Ramirez, Policy Advocate with Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability speaks about the desire for an update on a site acquisition for the Delhi community center and park. She reminds the board that the funds for the project are on a timeline due to the fact that it is funded by ARPA dollars. She shares that residents are requesting periodic monthly updates with county staff and their supervisor that covers site acquisition, park funds, project planning, and status updates. She also discusses potential sites that community members have mentioned and the need for a pothole to be repaired on Sycamore Avenue that has gotten worse with recent weather events.

Anamaria Fabien, resident speaks about some needs in South Merced that she has mentioned before, she compares the needs in North Merced to South Merced and indicates that conditions in North Merced are much better and that there is not even a grocery store or a store where they can buy produce. She discusses 77 South P Street and its condition, indicating that it is in bad condition with no drainage. She asks for the board's help as there are concerns with water contamination and there are senior citizens who reside there who cannot make it to the board meeting, she is representing them and has collected their signatures.

John Ceccoli, Deputy Director for Human Services Agency thanks the board for their support regarding the Veterans Stand Down event, shares the details and leaves a flyer.

Maria Calderon, resident speaks about South Merced, South P Street and leach lines that broke near her property that caused flooding, she was concerned about contamination as her well almost had flood water in it. She has already gone to the city asking for help, they told her to go to the county. She asked for help from FEMA who came out and tested her water.

Orelia Reyes, resident on P Street speaks about his family that has four homes on P Street with one well that serves all of them. He requests help with drainage to help prevent the contamination of his well.

Madeline Harris, Regional Policy Manager with Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability speaks about the concerns citizens are sharing with regard to P Street, septic tanks, domestic wells and the desire for residents to connect to city services for sewer and water. She shares that the county can apply to the state water board for a Proposition 1 grant that offers money for these types of projects and they would like to collaborate with the county on moving forward on such projects for South Merced. She also reiterates Anamaria's comments with regard to public safety concerns on P Street and the petition signatures she obtained which are for streetlight, sidewalks, and other safety improvements for the area.

Eli PaintedCrow, Merced County Veteran shares an old memo from a commander regarding the American Legion and threats made in 2012. She shares that she would like a solution.

Sergeant Angel Milliman, Merced County Veteran shares concerns about a conflict of interest of a board member being on the lease committee for the Veterans Hall.

Sharon Johnson, Merced resident shares that she was misplaced from her apartment on K Street due to an electrical fire and that all of the residents of the complex have been housed at Motel 6. She shares that Blanca Ojeda with Faith in the Valley and Gloria and Saul from the United Methodist Church have been assisting the residents but asks the board for further assistance. She leaves a poster board with photos for the board to review.

Present: Silveira, Espinosa, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Pareira