



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES - FINAL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

Closed Session – 8:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

Merced County Administration Building
2222 M Street
Board Room, Third Floor
Merced CA, 95340
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At the designated times, please raise your hand and you will be directed to the podium.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Public opportunity to speak on any matter to be considered in Closed Session will be taken prior to the Board adjourning into the Closed Session. 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.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public opportunity to speak on any matter of public interest within the Board's jurisdiction will be taken at the beginning of the Board Meeting. 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. The Non-Agenda Item Public Comment period will be limited to thirty (30) minutes total. The Board may not take action on any item that does not appear on the posted agenda.

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public opportunity to speak regarding public hearings will be heard following the reading, and if applicable, presentation of the public hearing. 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.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

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The Public may provide email or telephonic comments to the Board of Supervisors at any time, however, these comments will not be made part of the official record.

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

BOARD AGENDA AND MINUTES: Board agendas, minutes, and copies of items to be considered by the Board of Supervisors are posted on the Internet at least 72 hours preceding a Tuesday meeting at the following website: www.countyofmerced.com

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Spanish and Hmong interpreters are available.

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La Junta de Supervisores le da la bienvenida a sus reuniones las cuales regularmente son agendadas los Martes y su interés es alentado y apreciado.

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COMENTARIO PÚBLICO

El tiempo asignado a cada orador lo determina el Presidente de la Junta. A su discreción, el presidente puede modificar la oportunidad pública de hablar reduciendo los límites de tiempo de uso de la palabra individual y/o ampliando los límites de tiempo totales asignados que se establecen a continuación.

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.

INFORMACIÓN DE COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO GENERAL

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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SESIÓN CERRADA: Esta es la parte de la reunión que se lleva a cabo en privado sin la asistencia del público o la prensa para discutir ciertos asuntos confidenciales específicamente permitidos por la Ley de Reuniones Abiertas.

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.

AGENDA Y ACTAS DE LA JUNTA: Las agendas de la junta, las actas y las copias de los elementos que la Junta de Supervisores considere se publicaran en Internet al menos 72 horas antes de la reunión del martes en el siguiente sitio web: www.countyofmerced.com

ADAPTACIONES RAZONABLES: Personas que requieren adaptaciones por cualquier discapacidad auditiva, visual o de otro tipo o interpretación en Español o Hmong para revisar una agenda, o para participar en una reunión de la Junta de Supervisores según la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA), puede obtener asistencia solicitando dicha adaptación por escrito. Por favor dirija su solicitud por escrito al Secretario de la Junta, 2222 M Street, Merced, CA 95340 o vía Telefónica llamando al (209) 385-7366. Cualquier solicitud de adaptación debe hacerse antes de las 4:00 P. M. del viernes anterior a la reunión programada para la cual se solicita asistencia.

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8:30 A.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:

It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 concerning a Conference with County of Merced Staff Negotiators concerning negotiations with: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Units 4, 5, 6 and 8; United Public Employees (UPE), Unit 3; Merced County Attorney Association (MCAA), Unit 7; Corrections, Unit 2; Merced County Law Enforcement Sergeants, Unit 30; Merced County Deputy Sheriff Association (DSA), Unit 10; Non-Safety Corrections, Unit 12; Merced County Public Safety Services Unit (MCPSSU), Unit 14; and Probation Supervising Employees, Unit 11. Agency Negotiator: Marci Barrera

CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION:

It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session concerning Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1): Estate of Jacob Apodaca et al v. County of Merced et al., Federal Court case no. 1:23-cv-00171-JLT-SAB [consolidated with 1:23-cv-00864-JLT-EPG]

THE BOARD RECESSED AT 8:31 A.M. WITH SUPERVISOR ESPINOSA NOT PRESENT AND RECONVENED AT 10:05 A.M. WITH SUPERVISOR ESPINOSA NOT PRESENT AND BOARD CHAIR SILVEIRA ADVISED STAFF WAS GIVEN DIRECTION ON ITEM TWO (2) AND WOULD NEED TO RECONVENE AT THE END OF THE MEETING ON ITEM ONE (1)

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 COMPLIANCE (LATE AGENDA ITEMS)**10:00 A.M. – REGULAR MEETING**

INVOCATION by Pastor Ella Luna-Garza, United Methodist Church, Merced/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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CONSENT CALENDAR (Items No. 1-16)**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5 NOT PRESENT: 1**Public Works

1. 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)
2. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Contract Change Order No. 7 (Ingomar Grade) to Contract No. 2023047 with A. Teichert & Son, Inc., dba Teichert Construction in the amount of \$764,728.40. (4/5 Vote Required)
3. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2023004 (JOC-023) with Marvulli, Inc. dba Marvulli for Building Construction Remodeling, Repairs and Maintenance Services, increasing the contract value from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

SUPERVISOR PEDROZO AND DANA HERTFELDER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS PROVIDED COMMENTS

4. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2023005 (JOC-024) with T&S Intermodal Maintenance Inc. dba T&S West for Building Construction Remodeling, Repairs and Maintenance Services, increasing the contract value from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

SUPERVISOR PEDROZO AND DANA HERTFELDER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS PROVIDED COMMENTS

5. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2023006 (JOC-025) with Ardent General, Inc. for Building Construction Remodeling, Repairs and Maintenance Services, increasing the contract value from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

SUPERVISOR PEDROZO AND DANA HERTFELDER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS PROVIDED COMMENTS

6. Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$13,774.04 to pay California Sales Tax for Capital Asset No. 81331 - Striper Truck.
7. Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$900,000 to establish appropriations for Winton Park Pathway and Pathway Lighting in the Measure V ALT account.
8. Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$1,586,000 for additional appropriations to Roads Projects account. (4/5 Vote Required)

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

9. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 01 to Contract No. 2023069 (State Agreement No. 32150) with the State of California, Department of Rehabilitation for vocational rehabilitation services for consumers to modify the Contractor's Description of Services/Deliverables and increase the total contract amount from \$181,818 to \$331,818. The term remains July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

10. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) No. 2022235 with the Regents of the University of California for the Department of Health Care Services Behavioral Health Workforce Development Program Mentored Internship Program grant, extending the grant fund term end date from September 29, 2023 to December 31, 2023 and increasing the agreement amount from \$100,000 to \$146,844. Other changes include adding the Subcontract Agreement 7438-BHWD-MERCED-(MIP)-01G for Adult System of Care Services, clarifying that interns will receive stipends, replacing the revised Scope of Work, as well as updating the Compliance Manager and the Director of Administrative Services as contacts.

Human Resources/Risk Management

11. 1) Act on Claims for Damages submitted by Luis Alvarez as recommended by Risk Management and County Counsel. 2) Approve Assistant County Executive Officer, or designee, to send notice of said action on claim.

Board of Supervisors

12. Approve the Summary Action Minutes - Final for the September 26, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting, and for the September 26, 2023 Board of Supervisors Final Budget Hearing.

Board Recognition

13. Ratify Certificates of Recognition, presented on October 13, 2023, to various individuals for being selected by the Merced County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for various categories.
14. Ratify Certificates of Recognition presented on October 14, 2023, to the 2023 Miss Merced County award recipients: Ananya Veerapaneni for Miss Merced County, Siya Lakireddy for Miss Merced County's Teen, Mackenzi Starnes for Miss Yosemite Valley, and Keira Bixler for Miss Yosemite Valley's Teen.
15. Ratify Certificate of Recognition presented on October 12, 2023, to Vincent de Landa for being selected as Planada's Annual Community Hero.
16. Ratify Certificate of Recognition to be presented to United Methodist Church of Merced in celebration of their 150 Year Anniversary.

BOARD CHAIR SILVEIRA, PASTOR ELLA LUNA-GARZA AND A CHURCH MEMBER PROVIDED COMMENTS

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS

17. 1) Find that substantial evidence demonstrates that an emergency exists regarding the security system at the District Attorney's office, such that the emergency will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids, and that the action to replace the security system is necessary to respond to the emergency. (4/5 Vote Required) 2) Approve the associated budget transfer.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5 NOT PRESENT: 1

18. 1) Ratify acceptance of the Urban Greening Grant Program award (Award Agreement No. UG2108-0) in the amount of \$3,150,700 from the California Natural Resources Agency for construction of a new park in Franklin-Beachwood, as executed by the Director of Public Works. 2) Authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to execute any amendments thereto with the California Natural Resources Agency, upon review by County Counsel and Risk Management. 3) Approve the associated budget transfer. (4/5 Vote Required)

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023224 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5

NOT PRESENT: 1

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

19. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the no cost Memorandum of Understanding with Valley Crisis Center, for a Rape Crisis Program, for the term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2028.

PULLED – NO ACTION TAKEN

20. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the no cost Memorandum of Understanding with Valley Crisis Center, for a Domestic Violence Assistance Program, for the term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2028.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023225 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5

NOT PRESENT: 1

HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

21. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a no-cost Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Merced County Human Services Agency (HSA), the Superior Court of Merced County (Court), and Court Appointed Special Advocates of Merced County (CASA), effective October 24, 2023 through September 30, 2028.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023226 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5

NOT PRESENT: 1

22. 1) Accept a Grant Award from Central California Alliance for Health, for the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Payment Program, in the amount of \$1,242,500. 2) Approve and authorize the Director of the Merced County Human Services Agency, or designee, to sign an Agreement between the County of Merced, on behalf of the Human Services Agency acting as the Administrative Entity for the Merced City and County Continuum of Care and the Santa Cruz-Monterey-Merced-San Benito-Mariposa Managed Medical Care Commission, dba the Central California Alliance for Health, effective the date of the last signature through June 30, 2025, for a total contract amount of \$1,242,500. 3) Approve the associated budget transfer. (4/5 Vote Required)

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023227 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5

NOT PRESENT: 1

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

23. Adopt the resolution approving and authorizing the District Attorney to submit a proposal and to sign the Grant Award Agreement, including modifications, amendments and extensions with the California Department of Insurance for participation in the Automobile Insurance

Fraud Program for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, in the amount of \$130,552, upon review and approval of County Counsel and Risk Management.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-83 AND AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023228

AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5 NOT PRESENT: 1

24. 1) Approve and authorize the District Attorney to submit an application to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for participation in the County Victim Services Program, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$260,029. 2) Authorize the District Attorney to sign the Federal Fund Grant Subaward Assurances and the Grant Award Agreement, including modifications, amendments and extensions upon review and approval by County Counsel and Risk Management. 3) Authorize the District Attorney and the Board Chair to sign the Grant Subaward Certificate of Assurance of Compliance.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023223 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5

NOT PRESENT: 1

ELECTIONS

25. Adopt the Resolution electing not to list supporters and opponents for local measures on County ballots for future elections.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-84 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5

NOT PRESENT: 1

26. Approve the Resolution from the Merced Irrigation District (MID) changing the District's election dates from June 2024 to March 2024 to consolidate the election with the March statewide presidential primary election. MID's resolution also requests to consolidate future elections with the primary in each even year (March during presidential primary years, June otherwise) so approval of their resolution will also affirm that change.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5 NOT PRESENT: 1

FIRE

27. Adopt a Resolution accepting the annual report, in compliance with SB 1205, of structure inspections as required by Health and Safety Code Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 completed from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-85 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5

NOT PRESENT: 1

PROBATION

28. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a contract with BI Correctional Services, Inc. for individualized job placement services in connection with Pathways to Wellness Program, effective October 24, 2023 through March 1, 2026 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,503,000.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023229 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5

NOT PRESENT: 1

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

29. 1) Ratify submission of the grant subaward application submitted to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for funding related to the 2023 Winter Storms Flood Relief Program as outlined in the State Budget Act of 2023 (AB-102). 2) Accept Grant Subaward for the 2023 Winter Storms Flood Relief Program for approved flood relief assistance in the amount of \$20,000,000. 3) Authorize the County Executive Officer, or designee, to execute additional documents necessary for the proper administration of the 2023 Winter Storms Flood Relief Program funding, including the submission of any required reports, upon review by Risk, Counsel and Budget Office. 4) Approve the associated budget transfer. (4/5 Vote Required)

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023230 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5

NOT PRESENT: 1

ASSISTANT COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER MARK HENDRICKSON SHARED A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. SUPERVISOR MCDANIEL, SUPERVISOR PEDROZO, BOARD CHAIR SILVEIRA, GLORIA SANDOVAL, ALICIA RODRIGUEZ AND ALEJANDRO CARRILLO PROVIDED COMMENTS

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

30. Reappoint Bouasvanh Lor to serve as a member of the Merced Cemetery District Board of Trustees, until January 5, 2026.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5 NOT PRESENT: 1

31. Reappoint Mitchell Coit, Jon E. Maring, and Tom Teixeira to serve as Directors of the San Luis Water District in lieu of an election, until December 6, 2027.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5 NOT PRESENT: 1

32. Reappoint Christie Hendricks to continue to serve as the District 3 representative on the May Day Fair Board (also known as the Spring Fair Board), until July 1, 2027.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5 NOT PRESENT: 1

SCHEDULED ITEMS:**DISTRICT ATTORNEY - PUBLIC HEARING**

To consider proposed ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy".

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Introduce a proposed ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy"; and waive further reading.
- 2) Open Public Hearing and accept public comment.
- 3) Close Public Hearing.
- 4) Adopt the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy".

BOARD CHAIR SILVEIRA OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING

**OPPORTUNITY WAS GIVEN FOR INTERESTED PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
GLORIA SANDOVAL AND SUPERVISOR MCDANIEL PROVIDED COMMENTS**

BOARD CHAIR SILVEIRA CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING

**ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2035 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: 2,3,4,5
NOT PRESENT: 1**

REPORTS/BOARD DIRECTION

Board of Supervisors Members, County Counsel, County Executive Officer

**THE BOARD ADJOURNED INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:11 AM WITH
SUPERVISOR ESPINOSA NOT PRESENT AND RECONVENED AT 12:22 PM WITH
SUPERVISOR ESPINOSA NOT PRESENT. BOARD CHAIR SILVEIRA ADVISED STAFF
WAS GIVEN DIRECTION ON ITEM ONE (1)**

**THE BOARD ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:23 P.M. UNTIL TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 7, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M.**

10:00 A.M. REGULAR MEETING**PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Narayan Singh, Franklin/Beachwood resident shared concerns about pests in the lot next to his property and concerns about Fentanyl in Merced County. He asks the Board for assistance.

Kenra S. Bragonier, Friends of the Merced County Library shared about the partnership between Friends of the Merced County Library, the Library and the Merced City School District for a program to assist third graders with their applications for library cards. Over 625 new library cards were given to third graders this year. She also shared about the Merced Library's "Spooktacular" event on October 26th in the evening and submitted a flyer for the Board Bin.

Christan Santos, Field Representative for Congressman John Duarte shared an update on the Congressman's recent events attended, a legislative update to include efforts to combat Fentanyl in California as well as war efforts overseas.

Ted Samara, Executive Director of United Public Employees, spoke about the rising costs of healthcare for Merced County employees and asked the Board to bring in more competitors and to raise the county's contribution cap.

Matthew Compelube, Merced County Employee in Information Systems advocated for telecommuting for employees and shared the advantages considering it a non-monetary benefit to employees.

Khi Moua, Merced resident, Program Coordinator for the Hlub Hmong Center on 18th street, spoke about the Hmong community, challenges, and a hope for racial equity.

Jerald Phelps, President of AFSCME Local 2703, spoke about the dollar amount increase for healthcare and concerns for employees and their families.

Joy Young, Merced County resident spoke about her gratitude for the Board's hard work, dedication, and commitment to the community.

Tilly Fennessey, county employee for 30 years, spoke about concerns with healthcare costs.

Mayra Ibarra, county employee for almost 20 years and Airforce veteran, spoke about concerns with healthcare costs.

Present: Silveira, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Pareira

Absent: Espinosa