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Tuesday, March 25, 2025

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met on the 25th day of March, 2025 in regular session in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers at the Solano County Government Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California at 9:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present were Supervisors James, Brown, Williams, Vasquez, and Chair Mashburn. Chair Mashburn presided. Also present were County Administrator Bill Emlen and County Counsel Bernadette Curry.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors continued with the Salute to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

PRESENTATIONS

- 1 [25-153](#) Approve and present a plaque of appreciation honoring Latent Fingerprint Examiner Darrell Klasey upon his retirement from the Sheriff's Office with over 16 years of dedicated public service to Solano County (Chair Mashburn)
- On motion of Chair Mashburn, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the Board presented a plaque of appreciation honoring Latent Fingerprint Examiner Darrell Klasey upon his retirement from the Sheriff's Office with over 16 years of dedicated public service to Solano County. So ordered by a 5-0 vote.

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25-157

Adopt and present a resolution recognizing the month of March 2025 as Red Cross Month in Solano County (Chair Mashburn)

Attachments: [A - Red Cross 2025 Resolution](#)

On motion of Chair Mashburn, seconded by Supervisor James, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2025-46, recognizing the month of March 2025 as Red Cross Month in Solano County. So ordered by a 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-46

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chair Mashburn invited members of the public to address the Board on matters not listed on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The following comments were received:

A) Michael Hayes requested future LAFCO meetings be recorded, televised, and archived.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

County Administrator Bill Emlen commented on Consent Calendar Agenda Item No. 9, stating staff has provided a revised resolution and table removing the items relative to APN 0109-270-100 and APN 0141-010-090, noting staff received additional information from the claimants. Mr. Emlen further stated there is still one additional claim that staff is requesting approval of in the item. Mr. Emlen further commented on Consent Calendar Item No. 16, noting staff is requesting this item be removed from the agenda, due to receiving an extension on the contract.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Williams, the Board approved the agenda of the Solano County Board of Supervisors for March 25, 2025, as amended for Consent Calendar Agenda Item No. 9 and including the removal of Consent Calendar Item No. 16 from the agenda. So ordered by a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Williams requested the Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3,5,7,8, and 17 be pulled for further discussion.

Chair Mashburn invited members of the public to address the Board on items listed on the Consent Calendar. The following comments were received:

A) Bryan Gray commented on Consent Calendar Item No. 9, noting with the amendments, he no longer has an issue with the item.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Williams, the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items, as amended to remove Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3,5,7,8, and 17 for further discussion. So ordered by a 5-0 vote:

CONSENT CALENDAR**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

- 4 [25-214](#) Approve the minutes of the Solano County Board of Supervisors' regular meeting of March 11, 2025
- Attachments:* [A - March 11, 2025 Draft Minutes](#)
- Approved**
- 6 [25-211](#) Adopt a resolution recognizing March 31, 2025, as Cesar Chavez Day in Solano County
- Attachments:* [A - Cesar Chavez Day Resolution](#)
- Adopted**
- Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-47**
- 9 [25-193](#) Adopt a resolution accepting claims for excess proceeds from tax-defaulted property sales and authorizing distribution of excess proceeds from the sales
- Attachments:* [A - ACO Excess Proceeds Table 2025](#)
 [B - Resolution](#)
- Adopted**
- Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-48**
- 10 [25-185](#) Adopt a resolution amending the Alphabetical Listing of Classes and Salaries to add the new classification of Budget Coordinator - CAO with a monthly salary range of \$6,466.91 - \$7,860.56
- Attachments:* [A - Resolution](#)
- Adopted**
- Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-49**
- 11 [25-180](#) Accept the Quarterly Review of the Statement of Assets of the Solano County Treasury as of December 31, 2024
- Attachments:* [A - Quarterly Treasury Report](#)

Accepted

- 12 [25-175](#) Approve the FY2024/25 Property Tax Administration Fee to recover the cost to administer property taxes from cities and local agencies in accordance with the Revenue and Taxation Code Section 95.3(f)

Attachments: [A - 2024/25 Property Tax Administration Fee Summary](#)
 [B - 2024/25 Property Tax Administration Fee Distribution](#)

Approved

- 13 [25-176](#) Approve a sixth contract amendment with Psynergy Programs, Inc. for \$880,000 for a total contract amount of \$4,270,254 to provide additional subacute inpatient residential psychiatric medical services for the current period through June 30, 2025; and Delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute the contract amendment and any subsequent amendments, with County Counsel concurrence, up to an aggregate of \$74,999

Attachments: [A - Psynergy Programs, Inc. Amendment 6](#)
 [B - Links to Psynergy Programs, Inc. Original Contract and Amendments](#)

Approved

- 14 [25-179](#) Approve three Health and Social Services, Behavioral Health Division contract amendments to provide additional acute psychiatric inpatient services for the current period through June 30, 2025: a first contract amendment with Fremont Hospital for \$258,384 for a total contract amount of \$910,014, a second contract amendment with Heritage Oaks Hospital for \$425,286 for a total contract amount of \$821,582, and a third contract amendment with San Jose Behavioral Health for \$554,041 for a total contract amount of \$1,200,920; and Delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute the three amendments and any subsequent amendments, with County Counsel concurrence, up to an aggregate of \$74,999

Attachments: [A - Fremont Hospital Amendment 1](#)
 [B - Heritage Oaks Hospital Amendment 2](#)
 [C - San Jose Behavioral Health Amendment 3](#)
 [D - Links to Original Contracts and Amendments](#)

Approved

15 **25-151**

Adopt a resolution affirming the acceptance of a California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) grant for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (CQ) Program in the amount of \$53,931 for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; Approve fixed asset purchases in the amount of \$21,605 for three replacement balances for use in weighing drug evidence; and Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request recognizing \$53,931 in unanticipated grant revenue offset with grant expenditures (4/5 vote required)

Attachments: [A - Grant Award](#)
 [B - Modification 1](#)
 [C - Modification 2](#)
 [D - Resolution](#)

Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-50

16 **25-272**

Authorize the release of a Request for Proposals for the collection, transportation, and management of solid waste, recyclables and organics for the area currently being serviced by Republic Services; and Delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute a short-term contract at existing rates for the term of May 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025

Withdrawn

18 **25-202**

Approve a contract with the Student Conservation Association, Inc. for Community Investment Achievers Youth Work Experience program for contract terms beginning April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, totaling \$159,998; Delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute the contract; and Delegate authority to the President/Executive Director of Workforce Development Board of Solano with concurrence of County Counsel to execute any subsequent amendments which are technical or administrative in nature and have no fiscal impact

Attachments: [A - Student Conservation Association, Inc. Contract](#)

Approved

REGULAR CALENDAR

Rescheduled Consent Items

Consider the following:

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[25-186](#)

Approve an amendment to the County Administrator Employment Agreement extending the term for one year through March 31, 2026

Attachments: [A - Contract Amendment](#)

Supervisor Williams stated she removed this item for the Board to discuss an amendment to the recommended contract term from one year to six months and to recommend both the creation of a succession plan for the CAO's office and the creation of a 360 employee evaluation program for the county.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez regarding how the creation of a succession plan and a 360 employee evaluation program relates to the County Administrator's employment contract, Supervisor Williams stated she would like these programs incorporated in the County Administrator's work plan with the approval of a new contract.

In response to Supervisor Williams's comments, Supervisor Vasquez stated those items are Board direction and not part of the specific contract.

Chair Mashburn stated with exception of the ability to amend the contract terms for length of contract, Supervisor Williams's recommendations should be a discussion and possible direction from the Board, but should not be a part of the approval of the CAO Contract.

Supervisor Brown commented in support of the recommended length of the contract of one year. Supervisor Brown further stated she does not support Supervisor Williams's additional recommendations, noting the recommended policy changes should be discussed at a later date by providing direction to staff or during Closed Session.

County Administrator Bill Emlen stated the county is already in the process of a recruitment and he believes that the recruitment process will be complete by no later than mid-summer, noting there is language within the contract that indicates that he will retire upon the completion of the recruitment. Mr. Emlen further stated the intent of this contract is to provide a smooth transition in leadership.

Supervisor James stated she understands Supervisor Williams's concerns and desire for the creation of a succession plan and a 360 evaluation program for the county; however, she believe they are addressing those concerns through the recruitment process.

Supervisor Williams stated she is not opposed to Mr. Emlen's involvement in the recruitment process; however, she would like assurances that staff will return with a policy discussion regarding putting these policies in place for the county, noting all leadership should have a succession plan and all employees should have a 360 evaluation.

Supervisor Vasquez stated he believes these policy discussions should be held after the hiring of the new County Administrator, noting the discussion should come back through the Human Resources department.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the Board approved an amendment to the County Administrator Employment Agreement extending the term for one year through March 31, 2026. So ordered by a 4-1 vote with Supervisor Williams voting no.

5 25-212

Receive and file the Meeting Attendance Reports for the month of February 2025 from the members of the Board of Supervisors

Attachments: [A - BOS Monthly Meeting Attendance Report - February 2025](#)
 [B - BOS Appts Detailed 2025](#)

Supervisor Williams stated she removed this agenda item to make a correction to her Monthly Meeting Attendance Report, noting there were three additional meetings accidentally omitted from her report. Supervisor Williams requested the following meetings be added to her report: On February 12, 2025, Solano Transportation Authority Active Transportation Committee, on February 13, 2025, Solano County Water Agency, and on February 14, 2025 ABAG/MTC Legislative Committee.

On motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor James, the Board received and filed the Meeting Attendance Reports for the month of February 2025 from the members of the Board of Supervisors as amended to include additional meetings that were inadvertently omitted from Supervisor Williams meeting attendance report: February 12, 2025, Solano Transit Authority Active Transportation Committee meeting, February 13, 2025 Solano County Water Agency meeting, and February 14, 2025, ABAG/MTC Legislative Committee .So ordered by a 5-0 vote.

7 25-170

Receive the annual report on the goals and accomplishments of Board-created advisory boards pursuant to the Board's Advisory Board Principles and Policies for the period ending December 31, 2024

Attachments: [A - Advisory Board Principles and Policies](#)
 [B - Matrix - Advisory Boards - 2025](#)
 [C - Library Advisory Council](#)
 [D - Nut Tree Airport Advisory Committee](#)
 [E - Parks and Recreation Commission](#)
 [F - Solano Commission for Women and Girls](#)

Supervisor Williams stated she requested this item be removed from the Consent Calendar to obtain clarification regarding the attendance record of her appointee to the Library Council, noting that her representative had previously resigned. Supervisor Williams further requested clarification on

who updates the individual committees policies and bylaws.

In response to Supervisor Williams's question, Chair Mashburn stated staff updates the policies and bylaws and then presents them to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

On motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board received the annual report on the goals and accomplishments of Board-created advisory boards pursuant to the Board's Advisory Board Principles and Policies for the period ending December 31, 2024 So ordered by a 5-0 vote.

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[25-209](#)

Consider approval of the CY2025 budget for the Solano County Fair Association

Attachments: [A - 2025 Proposed Budget](#)

Chair Mashburn invited members of the public to address the Board on this matter and the following comments were received:

A) Executive Director of the Solano County Fair Thomas Keaney provided an overview of updates to the Solano County Fairgrounds and potential events coming to the Solano County Fairgrounds.

B) Joseph Joyce commented on upcoming events at the Solano County Fairgrounds.

Supervisor Williams stated she requested this item be removed from Consent Calendar to request the Solano County Fair Executive Director return with a presentation to the Board of Supervisors regarding both the short and long term plans for the fairgrounds.

In response to Supervisor Williams request for information, Mr. Keaney stated due to the condition of the records when he started, he ran the fairgrounds with no functional financial reports, noting for FY2024/25, the Solano County Fair was in the negative by \$750,000. Mr. Keaney further stated part of those funds were expended as a conscious decision of the Solano County Fair Board to provide the citizens with a proper 75th anniversary celebration and a once in a lifetime event. Mr. Keaney further stated the Solano County Fair will end this calendar year with a net positive of \$125,000. Mr. Keaney further stated the majority of county fairs lose money; however, the overall operations will cover that loss.

On motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor James, the Board approved the CY2025 budget for the Solano County Fair Association. So ordered by a 5-0 vote.

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[25-215](#)

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Solano County and the Montezuma, Suisun, and Vacaville Fire Protection Districts in furtherance of reorganization efforts; and Delegate authority to the County Administrator and to the Fire Chiefs of the Montezuma, Suisun, and Vacaville Fire Protection Districts to execute the Memorandum of Understanding

Attachments: [A - MOU for Coordinated Services](#)

Supervisor Williams stated she removed this item from the Consent Calendar to request the CAO work with the various fire chiefs on negotiations and requested the Board of Supervisors be kept updated on any progress made and on the feasibility of the reorganization of the districts.

In response to Supervisor Williams comments, Supervisor Vasquez asked for clarification as the Board of Supervisors is now the Board of Directors for the fire districts.

Chair Mashburn stated he believes Supervisor Williams is requesting a report out as actions are taking place.

County Administrator Bill Emlen stated staff will be providing regular updates.

On motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the Board, acting as the Board of Supervisors, and acting as the Directors for the Montezuma, Suisun, and Vacaville Fire Protection Districts: 1) approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Solano County and the Montezuma, Suisun, and Vacaville Fire Protection Districts in furtherance of reorganization efforts; and 2) delegated authority to the County Administrator and to the Fire Chiefs of the Montezuma, Suisun, and Vacaville Fire Protection Districts to execute the Memorandum of Understanding. So ordered by a 5-0 vote.

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[25-194](#)

Receive a verbal update from Paragon Government Relations, the County's federal Legislative Advocates and Karen Lange, the County's State Legislative Advocate on legislative matters of interest to the County including AB 259, AB 303, AB 470, AB 518, AB 874, SB 16, SB 239, SB 346, SB 496, and SB 707 and consider providing staff with direction

Principal Management Analyst Matthew Davis introduced the item.

Federal legislative advocate Rachel Mackey provided an update on information on federal legislation of interest to the County.

In response to a question from Supervisor Brown regarding previously approved federal contracts for funding, Ms. Mackey stated the funding in question is part of the Commodity Credit Corporation which has been a target of the current administration, noting it has been stated there is a belief that the previous administration has gone outside of the bounds of the funding stream to provide support to food banks and schools. Ms. Mackey further stated there are lawmakers who are concerned about the cancellation of the program.

In response to a question from Supervisor Brown regarding Social Security funding, Ms. MacKey stated this issue is receiving a lot of attention due to there being impacts for constituents on both sides of the aisle, which may result in increased pressure on law makers. Ms. Mackey requested the Board members provide individual stories of those citizens that are impacted by the potential loss of Social Security funding.

In response to a question from Supervisor Williams regarding the possibility

of the creation of a bipartisan bill to strengthen the Farm Bill, Ms. Mackey stated while there has not been much movement on the Farm Bill, it has been expressed that it is a key priority for leadership on each side of the aisle.

Chair Mashburn commented on the need for representatives from Paragon to ensure the County's concerns are being provided not only to the representatives of Solano County, but also to those on the other side of the aisle, noting that to effect change the county needs to engage the representatives that are a part of the party that is in power.

In response to Chair Mashburn's comments, federal legislative advocate Hasan Sarsour stated during the week of Chair Mashburn's visit to Washington DC, Paragon has secured a meeting with the White House Intergovernmental Affairs office as well as targeting a few Republican offices.

State legislative advocate Karen Lange provided an update on information on state legislation of interest to the County.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez regarding potential cuts to funding for In Home Support Services, Ms. Lange stated she has not seen information regarding cuts to funding; however, she has heard discussion regarding the possibility of the creation of a statewide bargaining plan, noting there would be issues because some counties market conditions require higher wages.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez regarding if the state is considering no longer allowing homes to be built in fire hazard severity zones, Ms. Lange stated at this time California's legislators have not been able to come to a consensus on how to move forward with policies related to building in fire hazard severity zones.

AB 259 (Rubio) - Open Meetings, Local Agencies, Teleconferences.

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the proposed legislation.

By consensus, the Board approved a letter of support for AB 259 (Rubio) - Open Meetings, Local Agencies, Teleconferences.

AB 303 (Addis) - Battery Energy Storage Facilities

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the proposed legislation.

Chair Mashburn requested an addition to the letter of support for AB 303 to require an applicant to receive approval from either the Fire Chief or District Representatives as opposed to simply requiring a meeting.

Supervisor Vasquez voiced concerns over the possibility of having staff sign an agreement without Board approval.

Supervisor Brown voiced concerns over who would be responsible for costs

associated with clean up of damages from a potential fire at a battery energy storage facility.

Supervisor Williams inquired if there has been thought given to having Solano County Resource Management staff speak with the legislators regarding battery storage facilities given all the work they have already completed on it.

Ms. Lange stated Director of Resource Management James Bezek has in the past spoken with the author of AB 303 regarding this issue; however, there has been no formal discussion regarding AB 303 because they did not yet have Board direction and AB 303 has not gone before a committee as of yet.

Mr. Bezek provided a brief overview of his discussion with the Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Addis.

In response to a question from Supervisor Williams regarding Solano County being an asthma-prone areas and if the legislators are looking at environmental justice with regard to potential impacts to air quality from a battery storage fire, Ms. Lange stated she is uncertain if the California Energy Commission is required to take into consideration potential issues that have not yet happened, but she encourages the county to add those concerns to any letters written to the legislators regarding this issue.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez regarding if as part of the process there is a requirement to consult with the air districts, Mr. Emlen stated he believes they are required to consult with the air districts. Ms. Lange stated she will look into this further.

By consensus, the Board approved a letter of support for AB 303 (Addis) - Battery Energy Storage Facilities to include the above concerns.

AB 470 (McKinnor) - Telephone Corporations, Carriers of Last Resort

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the proposed legislation.

Supervisor Brown commented in opposition to AB 470 noting there is still a necessity for land lines.

Supervisor Williams commented in support of Supervisor Brown's comments, noting for those who are legally disabled, a land line is required.

By consensus, the Board approved a letter of opposition for AB 470 (McKinnor) - Telephone Corporations, Carriers of Last Resort.

AB 518 (Ward) - Low-Impact Camping Areas

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the proposed legislation.

Chair Mashburn commented on concerns over potential fire issues.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez regarding if there are currently low impact camping areas active in Solano County, Ms. Lange stated she believes there may be several; however, she is not certain on that. Ms. Lange further stated if the county does not currently have a low impact camping ordinance, then it is probably happening legally.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez regarding if the county's current ordinance that prohibits camping covers this issue, County Counsel Bernadette Curry stated if the County opts in, it will provide additional code enforcement capabilities.

Chair Mashburn stated if the Board supports the bill, it will be providing approval for this form of camping, if the Board opposes the legislation, it will provide additional code enforcement capabilities to prevent this type of camping.

Chair Mashburn commented in opposition to this bill.

Supervisor Brown commented in opposition to the bill.

A discussion period was held.

By consensus, the Board approved a letter of opposition for AB 518 (Ward) - Low-Impact Camping Areas.

AB 874 (Farias) - Mitigation Fee Act, Waiver of Fees, Affordable Rental Housing

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the proposed legislation.

By consensus, the Board approved a letter of opposition for AB 874 (Farias) - Mitigation Fee Act, Waiver of Fees, Affordable Rental Housing.

SB16 (Blakespear) - Homelessness

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the proposed legislation.

Chair Mashburn commented in opposition to the recommended legislation, noting the county would be required to pay for operations with General Fund monies.

By consensus, the Board approved a letter of opposition for SB16 (Blakespear) - Homelessness.

SB 239 (Arrequin) - Open Meetings, Teleconferencing, Subsidiary Body

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the proposed legislation.

Supervisor Williams commented in support of the legislation, noting it will be very helpful for all counties and cities.

In response to a question from Supervisor Brown regarding the requirements of the legislation, Ms. Curry stated this type of legislation is helpful for boards such as the Mental Health Advisory Board which is a board that is a non-decision making body. Ms. Curry further stated this does not apply to the Board of Supervisors.

By consensus, the Board approved a letter of support for SB 239 (Arrequin) - Open Meetings, Teleconferencing, Subsidiary Body.

SB 346 (Durazo) - Local Agencies, Transient Occupancy Taxes, Short-Term Rental Facilitator

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the proposed legislation.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez regarding the ability to enforce compliance, Ms. Curry stated she would recommend support for any legislation that provides the county with more tools to enforce compliance.

A discussion period was held regarding what tools this legislation provides

In response to a question from Supervisor Williams regarding if there are exemptions for properties under the Williamson Act, Ms. Lange stated there are no exemptions in this legislation, noting if the website is listing the property on their site they are required to provide the Assessor Parcel Number.

By consensus, the Board approved a letter of support for SB 346 (Durazo) - Local Agencies, Transient Occupancy Taxes, Short-Term Rental Facilitator.

SB 496 (Hurtado) - Advanced Clean Fleets Regulations, Appeals Advisory Committee, Exemptions

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the proposed legislation.

By consensus, the Board approved a letter of support for SB 496 (Hurtado) - Advanced Clean Fleets Regulations, Appeals Advisory Committee, Exemptions.

SB 707 (Durazo) - Open Meetings, Meeting and Teleconference Requirements

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the proposed legislation.

In response to a question from Supervisor Williams regarding CSAC's recommended amendments, Ms. Lange stated the amendments requested by CSAC are attempting to soften the blow to counties for the requirements that will include a considerable cost.

Supervisor Williams commented in opposition to legislation as proposed due to a lack of reimbursement being provided to the counties/cities.

By consensus, the Board approved a letter of opposition for SB 707 (Durazo) - Open Meetings, Meeting and Teleconference Requirements.

Chair Mashburn commented in support of the new format for the legislative update.

Supervisor Brown commented in support of the new format for the legislative update.

Supervisor Williams requested staff provide the district offices with a full listing of the bills.

In response to Supervisor Williams request, Ms. Lange provided an overview of the various formats the Board can receive the bill. Mr. Davis stated he will make a concerted effort to ensure Supervisor Williams's staff is made aware when information on upcoming legislation is provided to them.

Supervisor Williams made a recommendation to staff to monitor how much information they are providing in one session, noting it could become overwhelming if too much information is provided all at once.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez , seconded by Supervisor Brown, the Board provided staff with direction to send letters of support or opposition on the following bills: AB 259, AB 303, AB 470, AB 518, AB 874, SB 16, SB 239, SB 346, SB 496, and SB 707. So ordered by a 5-0 vote.

RECESS

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed at 11:49 A.M. and reconvened at 12:38 P.M. All members were present and Chair Mashburn presided.

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[25-213](#)

The Department of Resource Management recommends that the Board of Supervisors receive a presentation from staff to initiate discussion on the County's General Plan and the need, scope, extent and timeline of a potential update

Attachments: [A - Key Considerations and Findings](#)
 [B - General Plan Update Memo](#)

County Administrator Bill Emlen provided opening statements regarding the overall General Plan Process.

Director of Resource Management James Bezek introduced the item.

Principal Planner Matt Walsh provided an overview of the elements of a General Plan, a brief history of Solano County's past General Plans, updates to the General Plan that have taken place since the last adoption in 2008, and an overview of the objectives for the next General Plan update.

In response to a question from Supervisor Brown regarding what "circulation" means, Mr. Walsh stated it is related to transportation.

Principal Planner Allan Calder provided an overview of possible actions the Board will need to consider for the next General Plan update.

Supervisor Vasquez made comments surrounding the county's ability to create meaningful development and regarding a proposed county-wide General Plan, to be completed by holding stakeholder meetings with Solano County's cities and other agencies that deal with development in Solano County. Supervisor Vasquez further recommended having LAFCO hold a 2-3 day summit meeting to discuss county-wide goals for development.

Supervisor Williams commented in support of Supervisor Vasquez's recommendation for a summit meeting with the cities, noting she understands the complexity of how important this is.

Chair Mashburn invited members of the public to address the Board on this matter and the following comments were received:

A) Mary Aiu commented on the need for the county to consider extending controls on leapfrog development to protect agriculture.

B) Nate Huntington commented in support of keeping the Orderly Growth Initiative (Measure T) as part of the General Plan and recommended the county treat California Forever as a developer and not a community stakeholder.

C) Daniel Levin commented the need for the county to consider the needs of the City of Vallejo during this General Plan process and commented on the need to look at infield development in the cities.

D) Jim Bartz commented on the upcoming General Plan process.

E) Michael Hayes commented on the need to look at the stabilization of the population in the General Plan.

F) Elaine Cloutier commented on the need for city governments to work with the county on the General Plan and requested the Board keep in mind the masses.

G) Bob Berman commented on the desire of the Orderly Growth Committee for the Board to place a extension of Measure T on the ballot.

H) Cliff Howard commented on the need for additional agencies to be involved in the General Plan process including the Farm Bureau and the PG&E.

I) Duane Kromm commented on the need to extend Measure T and on the timing of placing it back on the ballot.

Chair Mashburn commented on the LAFCO process in relation to annexations and municipal service reviews completed by LAFCO. Chair Mashburn further recommended staff and the Board review each section of the current General Plan to decipher if actual changes are needed. Chair Mashburn commented in support of Supervisor Vasquez's recommended summit meeting with the cities and utility providers.

Supervisor Brown commented on the need to look at the school districts, Solano Community College, Touro University, and Cal Poly Maritime, noting that without an educated workforce the economy won't succeed. Supervisor Brown further commented on the need to review fire hazard zones and on potential county growth.

Supervisor James commented on California Forever and the Ships Act and how it will effect Solano County. Supervisor James further commented on potential population growth and the need to be mindful of migration trends out of the Bay Area. Supervisor James further commented on the need to keep equity in mind with regards to the City of Vallejo by incorporating Vallejo into the General Plan process and making it a transportation hub. Supervisor James commented in support of holding meetings off site in various parts of the county. Supervisor James recommended First Five be a part of the General Plan conversation.

Supervisor Williams commented in support of Supervisor Brown's comments regarding including members of the education community to the General Plan discussions and recommended including the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Supervisor Williams further recommended the creation of a Citizen's Advisory Committee and in support of holding meetings off site and in the evenings. Supervisor Williams commented in support of the extension of Measure T and in support of including the cities in the General Plan process. Supervisor Williams commented on including members of areas of the county that have strategic plans already in place.

Chair Mashburn recommended staff work to create a Request for Information and then a Request for Proposals to hire a consultant to drive the process for the General Plan, noting what the Board wants to do with the inclusion of the cities.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on the need for the first summit meeting to be

policy makers including the Solano Irrigation District and the Solano Transportation Authority, noting it should be those entities that create policy regarding transportation and growth before inviting the other recommended entities.

Received

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC con't

There were no additional items from the public.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS ON MEETINGS

Chair Mashburn invited members of the Board to make comments or reports on meetings. The following comments were received:

A) Supervisor Brown requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Bob Padilla. Supervisor Brown commented on a bill going on the ballot to save BART.

B) Supervisor Vasquez requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Eugene Ray.

C) Chair Mashburn and Supervisor Vasquez requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Johnnie "Andy" Anderson and Patricia Anderson. Chair Mashburn further stated Supervisors Brown, James and Williams will be attending a groundbreaking event tomorrow, March 26, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at 2501 Union Avenue in Fairfield, the site of a new substance abuse treatment facility being constructed by Archway Recovery Services.

ADJOURN:

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 2:13 P.M. Next meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors will be April 1, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., Board Chambers, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California.



MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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