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Minutes - Draft Board of Supervisors

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Tuesday, August 26, 2025

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met on the 26th day of August, 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 [25-437](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing August 26, 2025, as National Women's Equality Day in Solano County (Supervisor Williams)

Attachments: [A - National Women's Equality Day Resolution](#)

On motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor James, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2025-183 recognizing August 26, 2025, as National Women's Equality Day in Solano County. So ordered by a 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-183

- 2 [25-691](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing September 2025 as Adult Literacy Awareness Month in Solano County (Supervisor Brown)
- Attachments:* [A - Adult Literacy Awareness Month Resolution](#)
- Chair Mashburn invited members of the public to address the Board on this matter and the following comments were received:*
- A) Elaine Pulido commented in support of the recognition of adult literacy awareness and of the programs that the Solano County Library offers.*
- B) Ginny Lee commented on the ways in which the Adult Literacy program supports those who immigrate to America and noted that more support is needed for those learning how to acclimate to American culture.*
- On motion of Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Williams, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2025-184 recognizing September 2025 as Adult Literacy Awareness Month in Solano County. So ordered by a 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)**
- Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-184**
- 3 [25-692](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing September 2025 as Workforce Development Month in Solano County (Supervisor Brown)
- Attachments:* [A - Workforce Development Month Resolution](#)
- On motion of Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor James, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2025-185 recognizing September 2025 as Workforce Development Month in Solano County. So ordered by a 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)**
- Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-185**
- 4 [25-699](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing September 2025 as National Preparedness Month (Chair Mashburn)
- Attachments:* [A - National Preparedness Month Resolution](#)
- On motion of Chair Mashburn, seconded by Supervisor Williams, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2025-186 recognizing September 2025 as National Preparedness Month. So ordered by a 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)**
- Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-186**
- 5 [25-687](#) Receive a presentation from the Auditor-Controller's Office selection of Cindy "CC" Cui for "Employee of the Month" for September 2025
- Received**

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) Laticia Guerrero commented on upcoming In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) labor contract negotiations.

B) Lupe Gutierrez commented on upcoming IHSS labor contract negotiations.

C) Daphne Dunstan commented on upcoming IHSS labor contract negotiations.

D) Joel Barrilleaux commented in opposition to the California Forever project.

E) Alisha Gutierrez commented on upcoming IHSS labor contract negotiations.

F) Anthony Mitchell commented on upcoming federal program cuts in relation to infrastructure needs.

G) Maximina Del Real commented on upcoming IHSS labor contract negotiations.

H) Michelle Chavez commented on homeless encampments in the City of Suisun City.

I) Director of Health and Social Services Emery Cowan introduced the new Assistant Director of the Department of Health and Social Services Kelley Curtis.

J) Emergency Service Manager Robyn Rains commented on the passing of her grandmother Jean Rutledge.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

County Administrator Bill Emlen stated staff is requesting Consent Calendar Item No. 9 be removed from the agenda, noting staff will return with the item on September 9, 2025.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board approved the agenda of the Solano County Board of Supervisors for August 26, 2025 as amended to remove Consent Calendar Item No. 9. So ordered by a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Mashburn invited members of the public to address the Board on items listed on the Consent Calendar. There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor James, the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items by 5-0 vote:

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6 [25-675](#) Authorize the County's contribution of \$2,500 from the General Fund contribution allocated to District 3 to benefit the following organizations, including Water & Education International (WEI) (\$1,000), BayNorth Church of Christ (\$1,000) and Food is Free Bay Area (\$500)
- Approved**
- 7 [25-711](#) Approve the minutes of the Solano County Board of Supervisors' regular meeting of August 12, 2025
- Attachments: [A - August 12, 2025 Draft Minutes](#)
- Approved**
- 8 [25-712](#) Receive and file the Meeting Attendance Reports for the month of July 2025 from the members of the Board of Supervisors
- Attachments: [A - BOS Monthly Attendance Report - July 2025](#)
 [B - BOS Appts. Detailed 2025](#)
- Received and Filed**
- 9 [25-721](#) ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA: Adopt a resolution accepting claims for excess proceeds from tax-defaulted property sales and authorizing distribution of excess proceeds pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 4671 through 4676.
- Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
- Pulled from Calendar**
- 10 [25-684](#) Approve a contract in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 (\$150,000 per fiscal year) with Occu-Med, Ltd. funded through the Risk Management Workers' Compensation budget for occupational medicine and examination services September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028; and Delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute the contract and any amendments within approved budget appropriations

Attachments: [A - Occu-Med Contract](#)

Approved

- 11** [25-670](#) Approve a purchase order with Hart Intercivic for \$151,752 to replace computers used in voting; Approve a purchase order with KNOWiNK, LLC. for \$161,365 to replace Electronic Pollbooks; and Authorize the County Administrator or designee to execute the purchase orders

Attachments: [A - Hart Intercivic Quote](#)
 [B - KNOWiNK Equipment Quote](#)

Approved

- 12** [25-678](#) Approve a lease agreement with Contra Costa County for the use of equipment shelter space and radio tower facilities at Cummings Peak in Contra Costa County in support of Solano County's South Simulcast P25 Public Safety Radio System for \$91,860 from September 15, 2025 through October 31, 2030; and Authorize the County Administrator to execute the lease agreement and any subsequent amendments, with County Counsel concurrence, up to 10% of the contract amount within available annual appropriations

Attachments: [A - Contra Costa County Lease Agreement](#)

Approved

- 13** [25-690](#) Approve a Fuel Supply Agreement with World Fuel Services, Inc. for aviation fuel for the Nut Tree Airport through August 31, 2028; and Authorize the County Administrator or designee to execute the agreement and any subsequent amendments, with County Counsel concurrence, up to a fiscal year aggregate of \$74,999

Attachments: [A - World Fuel Services Supply Agreement - DRAFT](#)

Approved

- 14** [25-693](#) Approve 4 Health and Social Services, Behavioral Health Division contracts including three contracts for the period of August 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026: \$1,038,002 with A Better Way, Inc. for school-based prevention and mental health early intervention treatment services; \$1,556,268 with Yolo Community Care Continuum for licensed supportive services at the Mental Health Diversion and Adult Board and Care facilities located at the Beck Campus in Fairfield; \$91,667 with Medic Ambulance Service, Inc. for transportation services of residents experiencing an acute mental health crisis; and one contract for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for \$4,097,421 with Pacific Clinics for community-based mobile crisis services; and Delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute the four contracts and any subsequent amendments, with County Counsel concurrence, up to an aggregate of \$74,999

Attachments: [A - Links to Behavioral Health Division Contract Renewals](#)

Approved

- 15 [25-696](#) Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request recognizing \$833 in unanticipated grant revenue from the 2023 Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative funds offset by increased appropriations to rebudget grant related expenditures (4/5 vote required)

Approved

- 16 [25-683](#) Adopt a resolution recognizing September 2025 as Food Safety Education Month

Attachments: [A - Food Safety Month-Resolution](#)
 [B - Food Safety Month-Letter to operators](#)

Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-188

- 17 [25-676](#) Waive the term limit and approve the re-appointment of Norma Placido on the Solano Fair Board, representing District 1, for a term to expire on July 31, 2029 subject to approval of a term limit waiver by the majority of the Fair Association Board of Directors

Attachments: [A - SCFA Bylaws](#)

Approved

- 18 [25-724](#) Approve the reappointments of Alesia Thomas to serve as a primary member and James Du Charme to serve as an alternate member of the Solano County Assessment Appeals Board for 3-year terms through September 4, 2028

Approved

- 19 [25-689](#) Approve the reappointment of Frank Padilla to the Nut Tree Airport Advisory Committee to fill the Area Resident term with an expiration date of June 30, 2029

Attachments: [A - Application/Resume - F. Padilla](#)

Approved

- 20 [25-702](#) Approve the reappointment of Anthony Ayala to the Solano County Child Care Planning Council for the term of August 8, 2025 - August 7, 2027; and Approve the appointment of Sabrina Drake to the Solano County Child Care Planning Council for the term of August 26, 2025 - August 25, 2027

Attachments: [A - CCPC Membership Roster](#)
 [B - Application - A. Ayala](#)
 [C - Application - S. Drake](#)

Approved

SPECIAL DISTRICTS GOVERNED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board adjourned as the Board of Supervisors and convened as the Vacaville Fire Protection District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor James, the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items by 5-0 vote:

Vacaville Fire Protection District

Director Williams commented on the process for approving the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the fire protection districts, noting she wants assurance that the Interim Fire District Chief has the capability to ensure his people are safe.

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[25-710](#)

Authorize the interim District Administrator to approve a \$120,000 purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for the Vacaville Fire Protection District; and Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request totaling \$120,000, increasing expenditures for the purchase offset by a transfer-in from fund balance (4/5 vote required)

Approved

RECONVENE

The Board adjourned as the Vacaville Fire Protection District Board of Directors and reconvened as the East Vallejo Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

REGULAR CALENDAR

Rescheduled Consent Items

There were no rescheduled Consent Calendar items.

OTHER

East Vallejo Fire Protection District:

- 22 [25-704](#) Conduct the Quarterly Meeting of the East Vallejo Fire Protection District Board of Directors

Attachments: [A - EVFPD Q4 Update](#)

Senior Management Analyst Nancy Nelson introduced the item.

Interim Fire Chief Arthur Gonzalez provided an overview of services provided by the East Vallejo Fire Protection District in Quarter 4 for FY2024/25.

Supervisor Brown requested Interim Chief Gonzalez notify her when the cemetery receives weed abatement services.

Supervisor William asked about the purchase of PPE.

Interim Fire Chief Gonzalez stated the City of Vallejo handles purchases of PPE for the East Vallejo Fire Protection District.

Chair Mashburn invited members of the public to address the Board on this matter. There was no public comment.

Received

RECONVENE

The Board adjourned as the East Vallejo Fire Protection District Board of Directors and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

- 23 [25-714](#) Receive a presentation on potential social safety net program impacts resulting from H.R. 1, signed on July 4, 2025 and the FY2025/26 California State budget

Attachments: [A - Link to HR 1 Files](#)

Assistant County Administrator Debbie Vaughn introduced the item and provided an overview of the potential impacts to the County's social safety net programs resulting from the adoption of H.R. 1 and the Fiscal Year 2025/26 State of California (State) budget.

In response to a question from Supervisor Williams regarding the waiting period for legal permanent residents to obtain CalFresh benefits, Ms. Vaughn stated there is now a five year waiting period.

In response to a question from Supervisor Brown regarding changes to the formula used to calculate CalFresh benefits, Ms. Vaughn stated the standard utility and internet allowances have been removed from the formula calculations.

In response to a question from Supervisor Williams regarding the loss of funding for SnapEd programing for the Area Agency on Aging and Public Health resulting in potential layoffs, Ms. Vaughn stated those individuals that

have job classifications that are used elsewhere within Public Health will be transferred into new programs where available. Ms. Vaughn further stated that this does mean that there will not be additional employees hired for Public Health, which is an indirect attrition of Public Health.

Assistant Director of Health and Social Services Kelley Curtis provided an overview of Medicaid and State Medi-Cal changes as a result of H.R. 1 and changes made by the State.

In response to a question from Supervisor Williams regarding who has legal residency, Ms. Curtis stated legal permanent residents, Cuban-Haitian immigrants, and those part of the Compact of Free Association which is the Marshall Islands as well as some other smaller island nations.

Supervisor Brown voiced concerns over the potential loss of medical insurance and the potential outcomes that could happen to individuals who end up with large hospital bills.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez regarding what constitutes work or education hours, Ms. Curtis said, having a certain number of hours in college, in the workforce, or volunteer hours.

In response to a question from Supervisor James regarding if the 62 and over population that are part of the Non-MAGI (Modified Adjusted Gross Income) Medi-Cal will also have copays in addition to their share of cost, Ms. Vaughn stated Non-MAGI will have a copay on top of their share of cost.

Ms. Vaughn provided an overview of upcoming changes to Covered California.

Supervisor Brown requested staff return with updates as more information comes in.

Supervisor Williams commented in support of Supervisor Brown's comments.

In response to a question from Chair Mashburn regarding if definitions of volunteer or service hours or what constitutes an educational program have been provided, Ms. Curtis stated not at this time, but she is certain the State will invest in some sort of programming to meet the needs.

Chair Mashburn commented in favor of the County creating a volunteer and education program so that as individuals are signing up for services, they can be enrolled in one of the programs.

Chair Mashburn commented on the potential creation of an Ad-hoc committee of two Board members and representatives from the local hospitals to discuss possible safety net programs.

There was consensus of the Board for Chair Mashburn to return with an item in September related to the creation of an Ad-hoc committee.

Supervisor Brown stated the County should look for possible inexpensive education options for individuals to meet the work/education requirements.

Supervisor James requested Touro University be added to the Ad-hoc committee hospital representatives.

In response to a question from Supervisor James regarding exemptions, Ms. Curtis stated homeless veterans and those coming out of foster care are no longer exempt from the work/education requirements.

Chair Mashburn invited members of the public to address the Board on this matter. There was no public comment.

Received

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[25-677](#)

Conduct a public hearing required by the Tax and Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA); and Consider adopting a resolution approving the issuance of revenue bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority (CMFA), in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the purpose of financing and/or refinancing certain costs of the acquisition, construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing, equipping and/or improvement of the health facilities, including real estate, owned and operated by HealthCore 2460 Hilborn Fairfield, LLC, HealthCore 2458 Hilborn Fairfield, LLC and HealthCore Rio Vista, LLC (collectively, the "Borrowers") and leased to NorthBay Group and/or NorthBay Corporation, located within Solano County

Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
 [B - Public Notice](#)

Assistant Treasurer/Tax Collector Denise Dix introduced the item and provided an overview of the requested action.

Vice President for Real Estate and Government Affairs for NorthBay Health Chris Matthews provided comments related to the requested action.

Financial Advisor for the California Municipal Finance Authority (CMFA) Jarod Suzuki stated approval by the Board will not result in additional debt for Solano County.

In response to a question from Supervisor Brown regarding the buildings in Winters and Rio Vista, which had been purchased by California Forever, Mr. Matthews stated NorthBay Health is currently rehabbing both buildings at a tremendous cost as well as paying rent on the buildings to California Forever.

Discussion was held regarding why this item is appearing before the Board of Supervisors and how the bonds will work.

In response to a question from Supervisor Williams regarding the financing of the two buildings, Mr. Matthews provided an explanation, noting they will be purchasing the buildings from California Forever, and will be entering into a structured lease agreement with two other owners.

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

A) Gaul Culley commented in opposition to the recommended action.

County Counsel Bernadette Curry stated the Board does not have jurisdiction over how NorthBay Health wants to structure the buildings, noting by approval of the recommended action, the Board is stating that there is a public benefit associated with what NorthBay Health desires to do and the Board is simply giving the administrative approval to allow NorthBay Health to move forward with CMFA to issues the bonds.

Chair Mashburn closed the public hearing.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor James, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-189 approving the issuance of revenue bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority (CMFA), in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the purpose of financing and/or refinancing certain costs of the acquisition, construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing, equipping and/or improvement of the health facilities, including real estate, owned and operated by HealthCore 2460 Hilborn Fairfield, LLC, HealthCore 2458 Hilborn Fairfield, LLC and HealthCore Rio Vista, LLC (collectively, the "Borrowers") and leased to NorthBay Group and/or NorthBay Corporation, located within Solano County. So ordered by a 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-189

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[25-682](#)

Conduct a noticed public hearing to consider approving Minor Subdivision application MS-25-01 by Darlene Foon Lum, Trustee of the Darlene F. Lum Trust dated April 3, 2024, and Charles F. Lum Family Limited Partnership to subdivide a 41.17-acre property under Land Conservation Contract No. 1199 into two parcels of 21.15 and 20.02 acres, located along Rockville Road, one mile west of the City of Fairfield, within the Suisun Valley Agriculture "A-SV-20" zoning district, APN's 0027-030-150 and 0027-251-280; the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it has been determined that the proposed project will not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment

Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
 [B - Tentative Parcel Map](#)
 [C - Williamson Act Contract No. 1199](#)
 [D - Public Hearing Notice](#)

Director of Resource Management James Bezek introduced the item.

Supervisor Vasquez stated the reason this item is coming before the Board for approval is because the property is under a Williamson Act contract.

Senior Planner Eric Wilberg provided an overview of the project and the recommended action.

In response to a question from Supervisor Williams regarding why there was a failure to record the lot line adjustment that was previously approved, Mr. Wilberg stated he believes it is because there were some issues with the sale of the lot or acreage.

In response to a question from Supervisor Brown regarding why this has returned to the Board, Mr. Wilberg stated this action will create a stand-alone buildable lot, whereas the previous approval was for a lot line adjustment to allow 20 acres of land to merge with the Bane property.

Chair Mashburn opened and closed the public hearing with no comments from the public.

On motion of Chair Mashburn, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-190 approving Minor Subdivision No. MS-25-01 by the Lum Family Limited Partnership to subdivide a 41.17-acre property under Land Conservation (Williamson Act) contract No. 1199 into two parcels of 21.15 and 20.02 acres, located along Rockville Road, one mile west of the City of Fairfield, within the Suisun Valley Agricultural "A-SV-20" zoning district, APN's 0027-030-150 and 0027-251-280. So ordered by a 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-190

RECESS

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed at 11:58 A.M. and reconvened at 12:20 P.M. All members were present and Chair Mashburn presided.

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[25-706](#)

Hold a noticed Public Hearing to consider amending interim Ordinance No. 2024-1852-U-E limiting new commercial battery energy storage systems within the unincorporated territory of the County of Solano (4/5 vote required); the proposed amendment is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15060(c)(2), and is exempt under Sections 15061(b)(3), 15307, and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines

Attachments: [A - Ordinance 2024-1852-U-E Amendment 1 - Clean](#)
[B - Ord 2024-1852-U-E Amendment 1 - redline](#)
[C - Adopted Interim Ordinance](#)
[D - Public Notice](#)

Director of Resource Management James Bezek introduced the item.

Associate Planner Erik Hagstrom provided an overview of the current recommendations for a Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) interim

ordinance amendment.

In response to a question from Supervisor Williams regarding the locations of the recommended industrial and manufacturing districts where BESS facilities can be located, Mr. Bezek stated there are 44 parcels that have been identified. County Counsel Bernadette Curry stated the location of the manufacturing and industrial zoned properties can be found in the land use designation map Figure LU-1 on page LU-7 of the General Plan.

In response to a question from Supervisor Williams regarding the distance between the identified location on the Lambie property, voicing concerns over planned housing from the City of Suisun and the California Forever project as well as potential impacts to Travis AFB, Mr. Bezek stated the ordinance addresses existing housing, not planned housing. Mr. Bezek further stated anyone who will be looking to build housing in this location will already be aware that this area is zoned for industrial uses, not just BESS facilities but other industrial uses that will have an impact on residential areas. Mr. Bezek further stated the final ordinance has the potential for battery storage facilities that are compatible in the sense that the potential restrictions won't be as strict.

A discussion period was held regarding the potential impacts of placing a BESS facility at the Lambie location.

Ms. Curry stated staff has brought forward a zoning ordinance, noting at this time the County has a complete ban on BESS facilities. Ms. Curry further stated staff took feedback provided by the Board and amended the ordinance to allow BESS facilities in very specific locations with certain approval processes associated with a final approval of a facility. Ms. Curry noted there is more work to be done prior to the final ordinance being brought forward to the Board. Ms. Curry further stated staff is trying to strike a balance to ensure that applicants will not simply bypass the County process and seek approval from the State.

Chair Mashburn thanked staff for the work completed, noting that Solano cannot be the County of no because then the State will make the decision for the County of where BESS facilities will be located. Chair Mashburn further stated this ordinance will provide the County with the ability to work with the State to try and ensure the locations chosen by the County are the ones that will be used.

Supervisor Williams commented on the need for the County to review the plume studies to ensure there is not drift towards populated areas.

In response to comments by the Board, Mr. Bezek stated the advantage is that the County is not only identifying sites where BESS facilities can be located but the ordinance is also providing provisions and conditions for approval.

Ms. Curry reiterated her comments on reasons why it is important for this ordinance to be amended and added information regarding the process for approving a use permit for a BESS facility noting that any project would first have to go before the Planning Commission as well as come to the Board for approval. Ms. Curry noted that adoption of the ordinance will allow staff to analyze the application based on conditions that are part of this ordinance, which include environmental review.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on the process, noting that identifying locations, the adoption of an interim ordinance, is not a new process for the County. Supervisor Vasquez further stated the County is providing an opportunity for an application, but at the end of the day, the Board still has final approval.

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

A) Karen Bell commented in support of the recommended interim ordinance amendments.

B) Gaul Culley commented in support of the recommended interim ordinance amendments.

C) Paul Troxell commented in opposition to BESS Facilities and in support of other energy producing facilities.

D) Kathy Moore commented in opposition to BESS facilities in Solano County.

E) Heidi Wood commented in support of the recommended interim ordinance amendments.

F) Dan Bouzos commented in support of the recommended interim ordinance amendments.

G) Rosie Stabile commented in support of the recommended interim ordinance amendments and requested the final moratorium keep BESS facilities off of agricultural lands and commercial zoned areas of the County.

H) Neil Serr commented in support of the recommended interim ordinance amendments.

I) Victoria Serr commented in support of the recommended interim ordinance amendments.

J) Michael Geller commented in support of the recommended interim ordinance amendments.

K) *Elise Dominion commented in support of the Board extending Measure T with a ballot in the 2026 election and provided input on possible updates to the final ordinance.*

L) *Wendy Brecken commented in support of the recommended interim ordinance amendments.*

M) *Dee Cole commented in support of the recommended interim ordinance amendments.*

N) *Jeff Jaeckel commented in support of the recommended interim ordinance amendments.*

O) *Robin Jaeckel commented in support of the recommended interim ordinance amendments.*

P) *Dr. Carmen Martinez-Calderón commented in support of the recommended interim ordinance amendments.*

Q) *Sarah Dunn commented in support of the recommended interim ordinance amendments and commented against BESS facilities in the commercial zoned areas of the County.*

Supervisor Williams stated as this moves forward, she would like to meet with staff to see what the plans will look like in relation to the health of the communities and would like to be kept updated on future applications. Supervisor Williams further stated she has concerns over potential damage to Travis AFB in the case of a fire with only 3 miles between the base and the Lambie property.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Chair Mashburn, the Board: 1) approved reading the proposed ordinance amending interim Ordinance No. 2024-1852-U-E limiting new commercial battery energy storage systems within the unincorporated territory of the County of Solano by title only and waived further reading by a majority vote; and 2) adopted Ordinance No. 2024-1852-U-E- Amendment No. 1, an amendment of an interim ordinance prohibiting new commercial battery energy storage systems within the unincorporated territory of the County of Solano (4/5 vote required). So ordered by a 5-0 vote.

Enactment No: Ordinance 2024-1852-U-E- Amendment No. 1

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC con't

There were no additional comments from the public.

RECESS

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed at 1:18 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

RECONVENE

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 2:02 P.M. All members were present and Chair Mashburn presided.

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25-703

The Department of Resource Management recommends that the Board of Supervisors receive a presentation from staff on continued discussion on scope and issues identification for the County's General Plan update; Provide feedback and direction to staff on next steps

County Administrator Bill Emlen introduced the item.

Director of Resource Management James Bezek provided an overview of the 2008 General Plan vision, an overview of the history of the 2008 General Plan, and an overview of the process to update the General Plan in relation to the Board's approved priorities.

Supervisor Brown commented on the option to potentially put in hotels in the vacant areas in front of the Budweiser property or the area on Chadbourne under Highway 12. Supervisor Brown stated the County needs to figure out what it needs and what development will bring more tax funding opportunities to the County.

In response to Supervisor Brown's comments, Mr. Emlen stated staff is looking at freeway interchange studies and looking at areas of the unincorporated County, some of which are already in the General Plan.

Supervisor Williams commented on the need to hire a consultant for economic development as part of the General Plan update process and in support of a community stakeholder task force to help with the update.

Chair Mashburn commented on the need for the General Plan to focus on economic development specifically in the unincorporated areas of the County. Chair Mashburn commented in support of Supervisor Williams's request for a community stakeholder task force, and in support of an infrastructure study being completed.

Mr. Bezek and Mr. Emlen provided information on identifying potential sites in the unincorporated areas of the County for economic development.

Chair Mashburn commented on the need to look at specific plans for other areas of the County and on the need to look at development opportunities down the I-80 corridor to take advantage of the County being a transportation hub.

Mr. Bezek and Mr. Emlen provided information on initiating a utility master

plan.

Chair Mashburn commented on the need to include utility providers as part of the General Plan process.

Mr. Bezek and Mr. Emlen provided information on planning and development of regional recreational facilities as part of the General Plan update.

Chair Mashburn commented on the need for the County to look at public/private partnerships with parks and open spaces. Chair Mashburn further recommended utilizing privately held property for public access.

In response to a question from Supervisor Williams regarding housing in the unincorporated County, Mr. Bezek stated there are already areas in the unincorporated County that are pinpointed in the current General Plan for housing such as the Woodcreek area. Mr. Bezek further stated as the utility master plan study is completed, it will identify areas that the County can focus on for growth.

Supervisor Vasquez provided a brief history on the use of a community task force for past General Plan update. A discussion period was held.

Mr. Bezek provided an overview of housing needs within the General Plan update.

Chair Mashburn commented on the need to hire a consultant that can help the Board and the County to navigate through current legislation related to the creation of affordable housing within the County.

Supervisor James commented on the need to become a pro-housing county and stated the County should be using language that matches the language being used by the State of California. Supervisor James recommended the County begin using Area Median Income (AMI) as opposed to affordable housing because the term stigmatizes those individuals who are living in affordable housing units.

In response to Board comments, Mr. Bezek stated at this time the 2008 General Plan focused on housing growth in the cities, noting that part of this process is to understand what the Board's goals are in relation to the development of housing.

Supervisor James commented on the need to focus on how the County is planning on producing infrastructure and housing.

A discussion period was held regarding housing in the County and the need to work with the cities.

Supervisor Vasquez requested that certain agricultural areas in the County be off limits for annexation by the cities and commented on the need for more

housing.

In response to Board comments, Mr. Emlen stated the current General Plan focuses on density and infill within the cities before annexing prime agricultural lands.

In response to a question from Supervisor Williams regarding the County working with Orderly Growth, Mr. Emlen stated the County will be having discussion with Orderly Growth, noting that key provisions of the General Plan are intricately tied to Measure T.

Chair Mashburn commented in support of looking at denser development surrounding transportation hubs, and looking for a way to incorporate other types of housing in areas where it is appropriate, noting that it can be trailer parks or small home communities, because the use of accessory dwelling units will not be enough to meet the Regional Housing Needs Allocation numbers. Chair Mashburn voiced concerns that if the County does not start creating this housing, the State is going to step in.

Supervisor Brown and Supervisor Williams commented in support of small home communities for seniors on limited incomes.

Mr. Bezek commented on the idea of small home communities, noting that the current General Plan, as it is written, only allows two residences on any individual property.

Mr. Bezek provided an overview of the Board priority of strengthening the right to farm to ensure that agricultural and urban interfaces are compatible.

Chair Mashburn commented on it being necessary for the cities to incorporate that priority into their general plans as well.

A discussion period was held regarding the need for the cities to be mindful of the need to use infill development within the cities and not rely on annexing prime agricultural lands that border their cities.

Supervisor Brown requested a change in the General Plan language, noting that it should no longer be listed as single female headed house holds because it is not reflective of the changes in society where there are men now who are functioning as single parents as well.

Chair Mashburn commented in support of changing the language to simply reflecting families whatever their makeup to a certain level of AMI.

Chair Mashburn commented on the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Grant Program noting it is a great starting point for preserving and expanding the County's agricultural economic base by allowing a wide range of economic activities that support local agriculture. Chair Mashburn further commented on the need for staff to incorporate the

data that has been gathered by the SALC Grant Program for the development of agricultural priorities.

Supervisor Williams commented on the possibility of incorporating and highlighting locations where agricultural innovation can take place.

Supervisor Vasquez commented in support of Supervisor Williams recommendation.

Chair Mashburn commented on creating similar rules as the County has for agricultural tourism, noting that a percentage of the property has to be agriculture in addition to the agricultural innovation piece.

Mr. Emlen commented on the need to create better partnerships with U.C. Davis.

Mr. Bezek provided an overview of the different elements of the General Plan.

Chair Mashburn commented on the need for a great level of focus on the green belt areas.

Supervisor Brown and Supervisor Williams commented in support of the idea of conservation of green belt areas.

Mr. Emlen commented on the need to focus on creating a sense of permanence to agriculture in the County.

A discussion period was held regarding planned annexations, city spheres of influence, and city expansions.

A discussion period was held regarding General Plan considerations for energy demands and energy infrastructure.

Chair Mashburn commented on the need for the County to make sure energy projects are done with the best interest of the County's residents in mind, noting that creation of energy that goes out of the County does not enhance economic development and does not enhance the open space areas.

Supervisor Brown commented on the need to look at energy needs in relation to expanded broadband in the County.

Discussion was held regarding housing in the County and the need for more affordable housing in the County.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on the need to include sea level rise and saltwater intrusion as part of the climate action plan.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez regarding where the County is in the process of creating the hazard mitigation plan, Emergency

Services Manager Robyn Rains stated the County has received a federal grant and is in the process of completing a multi-jurisdictional local hazard mitigation plan, which includes the County, the Solano County Water Agency, some special districts, and some of the cities.

Mr. Emlen commented on the need for the Board continue to hold more study sessions and to create an ad hoc committee to provide staff with input and feedback on a regular basis, noting any information that can be provided to a consultant ahead of them starting the work, will be beneficial and provide baseline parameters of the Board's expectations.

Supervisor Williams stated she would like an in-depth workshop to ensure she has a solid grasp on the work being completed.

Mr. Emlen stated if the Board is in agreement, staff will be providing additional workshops, noting that anything the ad hoc committee works on will be brought to the full Board.

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

A) Sarah Dunn requested the Board consider putting Measure T back on the ballot.

B) Marilyn Farley commented on the need for the County and the cities to collaborate on housing that is affordable for young families and recommended the County and the cities have the Housing Authority issue bonds that would help finance new affordable housing options.

C) Former Supervisor Duane Kromm commented in support of the recommended ad hoc committee and stated he believes the committee should also have a representative from the Farm Bureau, from the economic community, and from one of the cities. Mr. Kromm further recommended the tax sharing agreements include transient occupancy taxes and sales tax.

D) Bob Berman requested the Board consider putting Measure T back on the ballot or extending the current measure and encouraged the Board to consider adding in population growth management.

E) Former Benicia Mayor Elizabeth Patterson speaking on behalf of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers Delta National Heritage Area requested the Board incorporate a map that has been certified by the Department of Interior and the National Park Service that included parts of Solano County.

F) Cliff Howard commented on the need to keep the agricultural community in the loop on the General Plan and commented on upcoming property tax increases in relation to sewer improvements in the Suisun Valley.

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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 James announced their will be a community listening session on August 27, 2025 in North Vallejo regarding the ongoing gun violence in the City and requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Sean White.

B) Supervisor Brown requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Honore McIlhattan.

C) Supervisor Williams announced she will be holding a town hall meeting on October 2, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN:

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 4:27 P.M. Next meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors will be September 9, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., Board Chambers, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California.

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
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BILL EMLEN, Clerk
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Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk