

M A D E R A C O U N T Y
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION
E x e c u t i v e C o m m i t t e e

December 11, 2024

MINUTES

PRESENT: *Jose Rodriguez, Jordan Wamhoff, Maiknue Vang*

ABSENT: *Rob Poythress, Waseem Ahmed*

STAFF: *Lois Leonard, Kristina Gallagher*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:22 a.m. by Vice-Chair Vang.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT- *None.*

3.0 INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITION - *Jose Rodriguez was in attendance serving as alternate for the City of Madera.*

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA-

On motion by Commissioner Rodriguez and seconded by Commissioner Wamhoff as presented. Motion carried.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

**5.1 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Executive Committee Minutes – November 13, 2024**

**5.2 Madera County Economic Development Commission
Financial Report- November 2024**

On motion by Commissioner Wamhoff and seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez the consent calendar is approved as presented. Motion carried.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS-

6.1 Amendment to the Contract Between Robert Kahn, Jr. and Madera County Economic Development Commission.

On motion by Commissioner Wamhoff and seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the amended contract between Robert Kahn, Jr. and Madera County Economic Development Commission effective December 20th. The amendment will change the compensation from \$12,500/month, plus expenses to \$125.00/hour, plus expenses and give authority to the Executive Director to contract with him on an as-needed basis. All other terms and conditions of the contract will remain the same and can still be terminated by either party with a 30-day notice. Motion carried.

7.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – None.

8.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION- None.

9.0 OPEN DISCUSSION/REPORTS/INFORMATION

9.1 Executive Committee Members

Commissioner Rodriguez (City of Madera): *reported the City has a new Mayor. Cece Gallegos was sworn in as Mayor at their last meeting. The council would love to expand their industrial parks, while trying to attract manufacturing. With the Casino breaking ground, they are hoping to draw business to the city.*

Commissioner Wamhoff (Board of Supervisors) – *reported things are moving along in the southeastern corridor of the county. They opened a new government center in District 5. They're doing a mobility study in Oakhurst, after having a town hall. People are excited about the study. The developers in the southeastern side are all working on landing a grocery store in their development, which would help drive business in their development. He gave an update on the housing built in the area, completing 2.5 houses a day. County impact fees are dramatically increasing in 2025. The biggest issues out there are still infrastructure and traffic. All traffic improvement projects are still on time in the area. The Hill at Valley Children's is plugging away with their development. They will be signing their sports complex deal by the end of the month.*

Commissioner Vang (Workforce Development Board) – *reported they are currently working on their Local and Regional Plan B that must be completed every 4 years and modified every 2 years. The deadline is April 27, 2025. They have been part of the San Joaquin Valley CERF project, "S2J2" since it began. They presented to Governor Newsom a few weeks ago when he came to the Central Valley. She shared their board is in the process of restructuring their*

board based on the composition they are mandated to have by WIOA. They are working on adding other members not mandated by WIOA, including city leaders. They are still supporting the hospital with their Rapid Response funds. They will need to expend those dollars before March 31st.

9.2 Executive Director- *reviewed her Mid-Year report. She reported on the opening of King Husein PK- 8th School expected to open August 2026. They are working on a Starbucks in the county at Ave.15/ Hwy 41, and Vezina Manufacturing is moving into the old Church & Dwight plant on Ave.12. She attended the mobile study in Eastern Madera County as part of the advisory committee.*

9.3 Manager of Business Development and Marketing- *Executive Director Gallagher reported interviews for the position will take place on the 16th and 17th with final interviews on January 7th, 2025.*

9.4 Business Assistance/Office Manager- *as presented*

10.0 NEXT MEETING- *The next meeting will be held on January 8th with the Board of Commissioners.*

11.0 ADJOURNMENT- *On motion by Commission Rodriguez and seconded by Commissioner Wamhoff, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Lois Leonard, Recording Secretary