



Board of Supervisors COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: October 23, 2018

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Counsel Sign-Off	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Julieta Martinez PHONE: 559-636-5000

SUBJECT: Resolution in support of Measure H

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive a presentation from Board of Supervisors' staff regarding Measure H for the purpose of reopening the Tulare Regional Medical Center.
2. Approve a resolution in support of Measure H.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare Regional Medical Center (Medical Center) closed due to severe financial problems in October of 2017 resulting in significant impacts to public health and safety. The ongoing closure has left approximately 70,000 people without access to a local hospital and emergency room services. The biggest areas impacted being Tulare, Pixley, Tipton, Waukena and Woodville. The remaining hospitals in Tulare County have since experienced higher wait times. Kaweah Delta Hospital has gone to the extent of setting up a surge tent in its parking lot since November 21, 2017 to address the overflow of patients. Clinics, laboratories, diagnostic and surgical services have been negatively impacted as well.

The Tulare Local Healthcare District (District) voted unanimously to proclaim a local emergency on May 30, 2018 to seek State assistance via the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. The County of Tulare proclaimed a local emergency due to shortage of healthcare facilities on June 5, 2018.

The District's Board of Directors is proposing to lease the Medical Center to a wholly owned subsidiary of Adventist Health/West (Adventist), a California nonprofit

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corporation. California Health and Safety Code Section 32121(p) required the District to submit approval of the Lease to the electorate in the District as part of a Special or General Election. Measure H has been placed on the ballot for November 6, 2018 for the purpose of approving or disapproving the Lease.

The District states that reopening the Medical Center under the operation of Adventist Health will benefit the health and welfare of Tulare-area residents, and is expected to benefit the local economy by creating new projects and new jobs.

A representative of the Tulare County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) appeared before the Board of Supervisors on October 2, 2018 during public comment to request the Board consider adoption a resolution in support of Measure H. The EDC conducted an impact summary of the Medical Center. They concluded that reopening the Medical Center will have annual economic impacts of \$107 million and increase the county's gross area product by \$60.6 million. The study also states that over the next 20 years the City of Tulare is estimated to receive \$1.3 million in additional tax revenue and Tulare County is estimated to receive \$1.4 million in additional net benefits.

Although it is uncommon for the Board of Supervisors to take a position on ballot initiatives whose jurisdiction is not under the purview of the Board, staff is requesting that they receive a presentation regarding Measure and consider adopting a resolution in support of the measure.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

N/A

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The resolution in support of Measure H is linked to all 4 Tulare County Strategic Initiatives: Safety and Security, Economic Well-being, Quality of Life, and Organizational Performance.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Julieta Martinez, Chief of Staff
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s)

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE H

)
) Resolution No. _____
) Agreement No. _____
)

WHEREAS, the Tulare Regional Medical Center (Medical Center) closed due to severe financial problems in October of 2017 leaving approximately 70,000 people without access to a local hospital and its emergency room services; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the facility resulted in accumulating stresses and impacts to the regional healthcare system including increased ambulance response and patient transport times, extended emergency department wait times, and decreased access to care for disadvantaged populations; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare Local Health Care District (District) voted to proclaim a local emergency in order to seek State assistance on May 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the County of Tulare proclaimed a local emergency due to critical shortage of healthcare facilities on June 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the District has agreed to a transaction with Adventist Health/West whereby Adventist Health would lease the Medical Center from the District; and

WHEREAS, the reopening of the Medical Center will have an annual economic output each year of \$107.1 million and increase the county's gross area product by \$60.6 million; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board has approved and submitted Measure H as required by the Health and Safety Code as well as the California Elections Code to submit to the voters the proposed lease agreement for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors hereby adopt a resolution in support of Measure H for the purposes of reopening the Tulare Regional Medical Center under the operation of Adventist Health;

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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