



County of Fresno

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Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: 17-0225 **Name:** Request to Defend Public Officers or Employees

In control: Human Resources

On agenda: 3/28/2017 **Final action:** 3/28/2017

Enactment date: **Enactment #:** Agreement No. 17-109, Agreement No. 17-110

Title: Approve and authorize Chairman to execute Agreements to Defend Public Officers or Employees for the employees listed: Sheriff Margaret Mims and Captain Rick Hill, as named in United States District Court Case No. 1:12-cv-01288-RRB, Steven R. Miller v. Albert Najera, et al

Sponsors:

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Attachments: 1. Agenda Item, 2. Agreement A-17-109 with Margaret Mims, 3. Agreement A-17-110 with Rick Hill

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DATE: March 28, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Nerland, Director of Human Resources

SUBJECT: Request to Defend Public Officers or Employees

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize Chairman to execute “AGREEMENTS TO DEFEND PUBLIC OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES” for the employees listed below:

Name of Officer(s)/ Employees

Position

Title of Action

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| Margaret Mims | Sheriff Sheriff-Coroner | Steven R. Miller v Albert Najera, et al |
| Rick Hill | Captain Sheriff-Coroner | |

Description:

Claimant alleges assault while incarcerated in the Fresno County Jail, resulting in injuries, which is the proximate cause of the claimant's injuries/damages.

Fresno County Claim No.: 9605 (United States District Court Case No. 1:12-cv-01288-RRB)

Claimant: Steven R. Miller

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

No alternative action is available as Article 4 (commencing with section 825), Chapter 1, Part 2, Division 3.6 of Title 1 of the Government Code requires the County indemnify its public employees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds to finance the cost of defense are contained in the Risk Management Internal Services Fund. Defense costs are supported by annual budgetary contributions based on actuarial projections.

DISCUSSION:

The California Government Code requires the County to defend its officer(s) and/or employees(s) who are sued because of their actions while in the course and scope of employment. The County may require officer(s) and/or employee(s) to agree that the County's rights under the law are protected.

In the above-mentioned action, the officer(s) and/or employee(s) who have been named in the suit have requested the County to provide legal defense. The necessary agreement to protect the County's rights has been signed by said officer(s) and/or employee(s) and is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Agreements to Defend Public Officer or Employee for Margaret Mims and Rick Hill with Exhibit "A" Article 4. Indemnification of Public Employees

CAO ANALYST:

Sonia De La Rosa