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Board of Supervisors

Special and Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Monday, November 23, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and
Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers, Kings County Government Center
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

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COUNTY OF KINGS PUBLIC MEETING PROTOCOL IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 on March 12, 2020 and March 17, 2020, respectively, relating to the convening of public agency meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The County of Kings hereby provides notice that it will convene its regularly scheduled public meetings of the Board of Supervisors by video and teleconference going forward, and will close its Board Chambers to the public generally, except as described below, until further notice.

Pursuant to the Executive Orders, and to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting, Kings County will allow the Board Supervisors, County staff and interested members of the public to attend the meeting telephonically or by the Internet, and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present in the Board's Chambers. Only those members of the public who cannot participate virtually, due to a need for a special accommodation (vision, hearing, etc.), may attend the meeting in the Board Chambers. A maximum of 10 individuals will be allowed in the Chambers at a time. To secure the accommodation consistent with the American's with Disabilities Act and to attend in person, interested parties will need to contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as directed below no later than 8:30 a.m. the morning of the meeting.

Members of the public who wish to observe the meeting virtually can do so via the worldwide web at:

<https://youtu.be/ycg2WGWKaOM> (Monday) <https://youtu.be/lhJ1r7JblIM> (Tuesday) or go to www.countyofkings.com and click on the "Join Meeting" link.

Members of the public who wish to comment may submit written comments on any matter within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether it is on the agenda for Board consideration or action, and those comments will be entered into the administrative record of the meeting. To submit written comments by U.S. Mail or email for inclusion in the meeting record, they must be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the noticed meeting. To submit written comments by email, please forward them to either bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us. To submit such comments by U.S. Mail, please forward them to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Kings, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA 93230

To comment during the meeting by telephone or the Internet, E-mail the Clerk of the Board at any time before or during the meeting at bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us for a phone number, access code and meeting link.

Special Meeting

Monday, November 23, 2020

- I. 8:00 AM **CALL TO ORDER**
ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT



II. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any other items of interest to the public, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

None

III. CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **Personnel Matters: [Govt. Code Section 54957]**
Public Employment
Title: Public Works Director

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 24, 2020

I. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board
INVOCATION – Brian Kleinhammer – Kingdom Culture 2.0
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

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Keith Fagundes, District Attorney stated that the department is holding a blanket drive for an assisted living facility.

Lee Burdick, County Counsel introduced Tran Nguyen new Deputy County Counsel in her office to the Board.

Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board stated that the Board received four letters from the following members of the public which will be made part of these minutes: (1) City of Hanford signed by by Mayor, John Draxler; (2) Kings County Office of Education signed by Superintendent, Todd Barlow; (3) City of Hanford Police Department signed by Chief of Police, Parker Server; (4) Kings County residents signed by Charles Gazarek & Elizabeth Harrah-Gazarek and Timothy and Stephanie Harrah.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of the minutes from the November 10, 2020 regular meeting.**
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RV, CP, DV-Aye)

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Agriculture Department:**
 - 1. Consider approving an Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to industrial hemp cultivation in Kings County. **[Agmt 20-097.1]**
 - 2. Consider approving the cooperative Agreement, retroactively, with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Exotic Pest Detection Program retroactively for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. **[Agmt 20-139]**



CONSENT CALENDAR CONTINUED

B. Human Services Agency:

1. Consider approving the advanced step hire of Tarae Wilcox, Social Services Program Manager for the Human Services Agency, Range 236, Step 5.
2. Consider approving the Agreement, retroactively, with the Kings Community Action Organization for the provision of Home Visiting Program services for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and Fiscal Year 2021-2022. **[Agmt 20-140]**

C. Probation Department:

Consider approving an Agreement, retroactively, with Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc. for residential substance use treatment and other rehabilitative services rendered from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. **[Agmt 20-141]**

D. Public Works Department:

1. Consider:
 - a. Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept the Proposition 68 grant; and
 - b. Authorizing the Public Works Director to sign all grant documents; and
 - c. Approving the deed restriction. **(4/5 vote required)**
2. Consider authorizing the Fleet Superintendent to purchase one Kenworth Water Truck using Sourcewell (formerly known as the National Joint Powers Alliance) purchasing consortium. **[Agmt 20-142]**

E. Sheriff's Office:

1. Consider:
 - a. Authorizing the Sheriff's Office to allow the Deputy Sheriffs' Association to purchase Shawn McRae's service handgun; and
 - b. Approving the purchase of a Glock model 22, .40 caliber handgun, as a replacement; and
 - c. Adopting the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

ACTION: APPROVED CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, RV, CP, DV-Aye)

V.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Department of Finance – James Erb

1. Consider:
 - a. Approving an amendment to Agreement No. 19-026 with Capital Partnerships, Inc. for completion of the Finance Enterprise software implementation; and **[Agmt 19-026.2]**
 - b. Adopting the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, RV, CP, DV-Aye)

B. Fire Department – William Lynch

1. Consider approving the addendum to the Agreement for fire services with the City of Avenal. **[Agmt 18-079.1]**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RV, CP, DV-Aye)

2. Consider:

- a. Approving the acceptance of the replacement fire apparatus and temporary transfer of vehicle equipment with the California Office of Emergency Services; and
- b. Approving the Agreement with the California Office of Emergency Services for temporary transfer of vehicular equipment-type III engine.

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RV, CP, DV-Aye)



C. Department of Public Health – Edward Hill/Nancy Gerking/Clarissa Ravelo

1. Consider:

- a. Authorizing the Director of Public Health to retroactively sign the Home Visiting Coordination Program Agreement from October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022; and
- b. Adopting the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, CP, RV, RF, DV-Aye)

2. Consider adopting a Resolution delegating to the First 5 Kings County Children & Families Commission the power to contract for goods and services. **[Reso 20-075]**

ACTION: SUPERVISOR PEDERSEN MOVED TO APPROVE AS RECOMMENDED AND THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

ACTION: TABLE THE ITEM AND BRING BACK ON APRIL 6, 2021. (CP, JN, RV, RF, DV-Aye)

D. Human Services Agency – Sanja Bugay/Antoinette Gonzales

1. Consider:

- a. Approving the purchase of the Stardust Motel at the negotiated price of \$1,450,000 for the Homekey Program; and
- b. Authorizing Human Services Director to complete any documentation necessary to complete the purchase; and
- c. Adopting the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

ACTION: SUPERVISOR NEVES MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED AND A SECOND BY SUPERVISOR PEDERSEN (JN, CP, DV-Aye, RV, RF-No) MOTION FAILED DUE TO REQUIRED 4/5 VOTE.

E. Information Technology – John Devlin

1. Consider:

- a. Approving the purchase of a firewall system to enhance the County's Internal Network Security; and
- b. Adopting the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, RV, CP, DV-Aye)

F. Public Works Department – Kevin McAlister/Dominic Tyburski

1. Consider approving Tract 756 Phase 5 Subdivision Improvement Agreement with Armona Community Services District, Jerry M. Irons and Renee M. Irons, Trustees of the Jerry M. and Renee M. Irons Family Revocable Trust, and Barry J. Nottoli, Trustee of the Barry J. Nottoli Revocable Living Trust. **[Agmt 20-144]**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, CP, RV, RF, DV-Aye)

2. Consider:

- a. Awarding the consultant services Agreement for geotechnical engineering, materials testing, and construction inspection services to Moore Twining Associates, Inc. for the Sheriff's Operations Building Project; and
- b. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the consultant services Agreement; and
- c. Authorizing the Public Works Director or Chief Engineer to approve additional costs up to ten percent of the contract amount. **[Agmt 20-138]**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RV, CP, DV-Aye)



G. Administration – Rebecca Campbell/Kyria Martinez/Domingo Cruz

1. Consider approving the Public Safety Realignment & Post Release Community Supervision 2020 Plan.

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (CP, RF, JN, RV, DV-Aye)

2. Consider:
 - a. Authorizing the following position changes in Court Security Services in the Sheriff's Department:
 - i. Delete 1.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff I/II;
 - ii. Allocate 1.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff Bailiff I/II;
 - b. Authorizing the following position changes in the Human Services Agency:
 - i. Allocate 1.0 FTE Employment and Training Supervisor; and
 - ii. Allocate 2.0 FTE Employment and Training Worker I/II; and
 - iii. Allocate 1.0 FTE Human Services Office Supervisor; and
 - iv. Delete 3.0 FTE Office Assistant I/II; and
 - v. Delete 1.0 FTE Work Crew Supervisor; and
 - c. Adopting the budget change for the District Attorney's Office miscellaneous budget changes and computers. **(4/5 vote required)**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (CP, JN, RV, RF, DV-Aye)

H. Administration – Rebecca Campbell

Department of Public Health – Edward Hill

1.
 - a. Receive an update on the local emergency in Kings County due to the imminent and proximate threat of exposure of COVID-19 on the residents of the County of Kings and take action as deemed necessary; and
 - b. Receive an update on the County's Employee Protocols, Coronavirus Relief Funds, and the State's roadmap for modifying the statewide order and take action as necessary.

THE BOARD RECEIVED AN UPDATE AND SUPERVISOR VERBOON MOVED AND A SECOND BY SUPERVISOR VALLE, TO REALLOCATE \$1,000,000 OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR TESTING AND SUPPLIES TO THE KINGS ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. (DV, RV, JN, CP, RF-Aye)

VI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

On their own initiative Board Members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. They may ask questions for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Gov. Code Section 54954.2a).

Supervisor Valle stated that Operation Gobble was held on November 23, 2020 in Avenal and Corcoran and 700 turkeys were handed out. He thanked Pat Nolan for her assistance with the project and all the donors to make this event successful.

Supervisor Neves stated that he attended the Veteran's Day events at Hanford Cemetery on November 11, 2020, participated in the CalVans meeting on November 12, 2020, participated in the West Hills College Paramedic Advisory Committee meeting on November 18, 2020, participated in the County Brown bag luncheon on November 19, 2020, participated in the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting on November 20, 2020, participated in the Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting 23, 2020, participated in the Kings County Homelessness Collaborative meeting on November 23, 2020 and stated that the Santa visits are starting up but most are virtual.

Supervisor Verboon stated that he attended a tour of the Fire Station in Visalia for proposed Santa Rosa Rancheria new station on November 18, 2020, participated in the County Brown bag luncheon on



November 19, 2020 and stated that that he has been taking calls from residents regarding the enforcement of COVID-19 guidelines.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Rebecca Campbell stated that the Board received a notice to potential responsible agency of legal action pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Challenging the Department of Water Resources. She stated that the Board received a copy of the adopted resolution from the Board of Forestry & Fire Protection suspending the Board's Fire Safe Regulations in the State Responsibility Area and a Kings County Investment Pool Activity report from the Kings County Department of Finance.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: None**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Rebecca Campbell stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration – COVID-19 update, Administration – Water Managements Tools Contract Amendment, Administration - SB 81 Round Two juvenile center remodel project – plans, specifications, and advertising, District Attorney's office – Child Advocacy Center Program Grant, Department of Finance – 2021 Statement of Investment Policy and Delegation of Investment Authority to the KC Director of Finance, Fire – Mutual Aid Agreement with the Lemoore Naval Air Station, Assessor – Agreement for Petroleum Property Appraisal Services, Administration – Board Meeting Schedule, Administration/KC Office of Education – Annual Williams Report on KC Schools, Administration - Master Fee Schedule Study Session, Administration – Master Fee Schedules Public Hearing, Administration – Master Fee Five Year Report.**

VII.

CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **Significant exposure to litigation.** 1 case [Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2),(e)(2)]
- ◆ **Conference with Labor Negotiator/Meet and Confer: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]**
Negotiators: Rebecca Campbell, Henie Ring, Che Johnson of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
 - Blue Collar – SEIU
 - Detention Deputy Association
 - Firefighters' Association
 - General – CLOCEA
 - Probation Officers Association
 - Prosecutors Association
 - Supervisors – CLOCEA
 - Unrepresented Management
- ◆ **Personnel Matters: [Govt. Code Section 54957]**
Public Employment
Title: Public Works Director

REPORT OUT Lee Burdick, County Counsel stated that the she did not anticipate the Board taking any reportable action in closed session today.:



VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on December 8, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. **The meeting for December 1, 2020 has been cancelled due to the observance of Thanksgiving on November 26-27, 2020.**

<i>FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS</i>		
December 1		Regular Meeting Cancelled
December 8	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
December 15	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
December 22	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

Agenda backup information and any public records provided to the Board after the posting of the agenda will be available for the public to review at the Board of Supervisors office, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford, for the meeting date listed on this agenda.

City of **HANFORD**

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November 19, 2020

Doug Verboon, Chairman
Kings County Board of Supervisors
1400 West Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230

RE: Letter of Support – Project Homekey

Dear Chairman Verboon and members of the Board:

On behalf of the City of Hanford, I want to express support for Project Homekey, which provides funding for the acquisition/rehab of permanent housing solutions. At the November 17, 2020, City Council meeting, Council received a report from Machael Smith and Sanja Bugay on the lack of housing to address homelessness in Kings County. As part of that presentation, we understand that Kings HSA was awarded \$3.5 million for the acquisition and conversion of the Stardust Motel into 22 permanent housing units for people experiencing homelessness. This project fills a crucial gap in addressing unsheltered homelessness in Kings County and we urge the Board to approve the purchase of the Stardust Motel as part of Project Homekey.

The City recognizes that the Stardust project is an important step in addressing the affordable housing shortage. In addition to the Council's support for the project, the City of Hanford is committed to partnering on the project and, as such, the full Council will be voting on a request from Kings County HSA for CDBG CARES funding at the December 1, 2020 City Council meeting.

We are excited to continue the collaborative partnership that our governing bodies have enjoyed over the years and look forward to addresses the lack of low-income housing in Hanford and Kings County as a whole.

Should you have any questions about this letter of support, please contact John Draxler at jdraxler@cityofhanfordca.com.

Sincerely,

John Draxler
MAYOR of the City of
Hanford



Kings County Office of Education

Todd Barlow - County Superintendent of Schools

November 23, 2020

Kings County Board of Supervisors:

This letter is written regarding the proposed purchase of the Stardust Motel by the Kings County Human Services Agency with the intent of converting the facility into studio apartments.

My understanding that the intent is to deed the property to Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO). KCAO will oversee the construction aspect, adding kitchens to the rooms, upgrading the electrical, and making other overall improvements to the facility. Ultimately, KCAO will serve as a landlord and serve as a link to employment and other services for residents. Having served on the KCAO board for just over two years now, I am pleased to say that this organization is more than capable of conducting this work successfully.

Many thanks to all involved for facilitating the consideration of this venture. Access to affordable long-term housing is a persistent and growing need in our community. Meeting that need by landing a competitive grant that will fund the entire project is a testament to the hard work and dedication of Human Services Agency staff and the partnerships they have created.


The Motel sits within the boundaries of two local school districts, Hanford Joint Union High School District (HJUSD) and Kit Carson Union Elementary School District. With any residential construction comes some possibility of increased student enrollment. With studio apartments, that likelihood might be low, but any new residents with school-aged children would be well served by both districts. Furthermore, the conversion from commercial motel property to residential apartments would bring schools any current statutory developer fees to allow them to respond to potential increases.

Having spent 21 years of my career at Kit Carson, and serving as the superintendent there for ten, I know the community well. In my time, it has been a privilege to serve two generations of students from the El Rancho neighborhood surrounding the Stardust Motel. These residents have a stake in this development and I appreciate the outreach by KCHSA Director Bugay and KCAO Director Garner in hosting the recent, virtual town hall meeting. Many residents took the opportunity to ask questions and the current superintendent of Kit Carson attended as well. The motel has, in the past two decades, served as a long-term residence for low-income individuals/families and a short-term daily or hourly habitation for others. More recently, it has been used to shelter homeless individuals who are COVID-19 positive or vulnerable. The local community might see the upgrade of the facility into long-term apartments and the overarching involvement of KCAO as an improvement.

You certainly have a broader area of consideration for this topic than what I have addressed here. My intent is simply to give you information, which might factor into your decision. I appreciate your commitment to your individual communities and the county as a whole.

Respectfully yours,

Todd Barlow



PARKER SEVER. CHIEF OF POLICE

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City of **HANFORD**

HANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

November 23, 2020

Doug Verboon, Chairman
Kings County Board of Supervisors
1400 West Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230

RE: Letter of Support – Project Homekey


Dear Chairman Verboon and members of the Board:

On behalf of the Hanford Police Department, I support this proposal by Project Homekey. This project which would acquire and rehabilitate permanent low-income housing, is desperately needed. There is a severe lack of this housing available in our area that can be used to assist those experiencing homelessness or transiting out of it. This project will go a long way toward our County and City providing a full range of services to this at-risk population.

Ignoring this issue will not make it go away and we need to take advantage of resources that are available to us at this time. My Homeless Assistance Resource Team Officers (H.A.R.T.) has experienced a benefit in our interactions with the homeless community since the implementation of Project Homekey. We are excited to continue and expand upon this successful partnership with the addition of permanent housing and transitional support project.

Should you have any questions about this letter of support, please contact Chief Parker Sever at psever@cityofhanfordca.com.

Sincerely



Parker Sever, Chief of Police

Mr. Chair, Members of the Board,
RE: Purchase of Stardust Motel for conversion to Apartments under Project Home Key

We have resided in the El Rancho neighborhood since 1979, and we support this project.

For many years, both during my father's childhood, and my own, my grandparents would have people living in their home. These people were sometimes extended family, but often were members of our church family. Folks that had fallen on hard times, and just needed a hand for a few months, to save a few dollars on housing expenses, and a safe, secure place to sleep at night, while they got their feet back on the ground. One of the most important things my grandparents provided for these boarders, was support. Having shelter and someplace safe to sleep provided an opportunity to focus on finding a job; saving a few dollars on shelter enabled the opportunity to be able to afford a deposit; but having someone looking out for them, believing in them, praying for them, and providing support for their mental health was probably the most important thing my grandparents could do.

This opportunity with the Stardust Motel, to provide safety, security, and a support system reminded me of the boarders my grandparents often had. I cannot imagine what it must be like to lose my home and have no support system, because I have always known that my family would be there to help out. But what if I didn't. This amazing opportunity, to create a small apartment community, where folks that have fallen on hard times can obtain not only housing, but access to greatly needed services and support as well, would fill that void, for those that are not as fortunate as I have been.

This site, as well as the Holiday Lodge, often show up on the police blotters and the Megan's Law website due to the activities of the residents. If the Stardust Motel were converted to apartments, with security, as has been indicate, and rules prohibiting illegal activities the leaseholders were held to, we truly believe that this area would become much safer for the surrounding residents, and our children, than it is today.

Please consider approving the purchase of the Stardust Motel for conversion to apartments, for our children, and for our "family".

Charles Gazarek & Elizabeth Harrah-Gazarek
8820 Carolyn Avenue (since 2004)
Hanford

Timothy & Stephanie Harrah
8812 Carolyn Avenue (since 1979)
Hanford