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Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021
Time: 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 signed into Law AB 361 on September 16, 2021, relating to the convening of public agency meetings via teleconference in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under this authority, the Board of Supervisors will convene its public meetings via video and teleconference. Pursuant to AB 361, and as advised by local Health Officials, the Kings County Board of Supervisors, County staff and interested members of the public may attend the meeting in person. The meeting can also be attended telephonically or by the Internet by sending an email to bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us on the morning of the meeting for an automated email response with the WebEx meeting information. Members of the public attending via WebEx will have the opportunity to provide public comment during the meeting.

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I. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board

INVOCATION –Pastor Pablo Rovere – First United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: JOE NEVES, RICHARD VALLE, DOUG VERBOON, RICHARD FAGUNDES

MEMBERS ABSENT: CRAIG PEDERSEN

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.

Scott Holwell, Kings County Veterans Services Officer/Public Guardian stated that the following events would be held on November 10, 2021, Veteran's Day: VFW is having their 9th Annual Veterans Day Fest at Hanford Civic Park from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and the American Legion Post 3 in Hanford is having a dedication at Hanford Cemetery at 10:00 a.m.

Nate Ferrier, Kings County Deputy Sheriff's Association requested keeping Kings County together as a whole with the California State Assembly redistricting process.



Dave Robinson, Kings County Sheriff stated he supports keeping Kings County as one in the California State Assembly Districts and he supports the STEP opposition letter. He thanked the Human Resources staff for all of their work on the negotiations and requested the Board to give direction to Human Resources and Administration to work with his staff to address the salary compaction issues the new agreements causes.

Bill Lynch, Kings County Fire Chief requested not dividing Corcoran and keeping Kings County as one California Assembly district. He also thanked Human Resources staff for all of their hard work with negotiations.

III.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for October 19, 2021.

EDWARD HILL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STATED THAT THE BOARD TOOK NO REPORTABLE ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION ON OCTOBER 19, 2021.

B. Approval of the minutes from the October 19, 2021 regular meeting.

C. Approval of the minutes from the October 19, 2021 special meeting.

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

IV.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. County Counsel:

1. Consider adopting a Resolution making the findings required by Assembly Bill 361 to continue meeting under its abbreviated teleconferencing provisions. **[Reso 21-072]**
2. Consider appointing R. Patrick McCarthy and Craig Andrew to four-year terms as Trustees of the Wilbur Reclamation District No. 825 in lieu of election, with each to qualify, take office, and serve exactly as if elected at a general district election.

B. Human Services Agency:

1. Consider approving the Agreement with Evident Change to provide SafeMeasures, an internet reporting system, retroactively effective from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2025. **[Agmt 21-139]**

C. Public Works Department:

1. a. Consider approving the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Program Plan as Kings County policy; and
b. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign the California Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Implementation Agreement.
2. a. Consider declaring 31 vehicles and four pieces of equipment as surplus; and
b. Authorize the sale of the surplus equipment at public auction.
3. Consider authorizing the Purchasing Manager to approve the purchase order of a 2022 Flat-rack to be compliant with the Air Board Standards.
4. Consider authorizing the Purchasing Manager to approve the purchase order of a 2022 Wheel Loader to be compliant with the Air Board Standards.
5. Consider authorizing the Purchasing Manager to approve the purchase order of a 2022 Tractor to be compliant with the Air Board Standards.

D. Administration:

1. a. Consider adopting a Resolution urging Pacific Gas and Electric and the California Public Utilities Commission to reconsider General Rate Case filing for 2023-2026, request a rate freeze, implement rate reform measures and identify internal cost and spending control measures; and
b. Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission voicing concerns over General Rate Case filing for 2023-2026, request a rate freeze, implement rate reform measures and identify internal cost and spending control measures. **[Reso 21-073]**

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



V.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Administration – Edward Hill

1. Receive an update on the status of the Kettleman City emergency allocation of water supply for 2022 request, hear testimony from Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage and take additional actions as deemed necessary.

ACTION: UPDATE RECEIVED AND NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN

B. County Counsel – Diane Freeman

1. Consider adopting Ordinance No. 700 approving amendments to the Kings County Code of Ordinances repealing the descriptions of the boundaries of the five supervisorial districts in Kings County and providing that new boundaries will be adopted by Resolution.

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

2. Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter to the California Redistricting Commission commenting on the proposed legislative district boundaries separating Kings and Tulare Counties and recommending changes.

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

3. Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter to the U.S. Congress and Senate opposing the Sensible Taxation Equity Promotion Act.

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

C. Human Resources Department – Henie Ring

1. Consider authorizing the Human Resources Director and designated staff to sign the successor agreements with the Firefighters' Association with a term ending June 30, 2023.
[Agmt 21-140]

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

2. Consider authorizing the Human Resources Director and designated staff to sign the successor agreements with the Detentions Deputy Association with a term ending June 30, 2023.[Agmt 21-141]

ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED WITH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS SALARY COMPACTION ISSUES RAISED DURING PUBLIC COMMENT (RF, DV, JN, RV – Aye; CP - ABSENT)

3. a. Consider adopting the Salary Resolution, which reflects recommended and previously authorized salary increases; and
b. Approve a 6 range (approximately 6%) equity adjustments to the following classifications in the General Unit: Juvenile Center Support Clerk, Juvenile Corrections Officers I, Juvenile Corrections Officer II, and Juvenile Corrections Officer III; and
c. Approve a 6 range (approximately 6%) equity adjustment for the following classification in the Supervisors Unit: Juvenile Corrections Officer IV.

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

D. Public Health Department – Darcy Pickens/Heather Silva

1. 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.

THE BOARD RECEIVED AN UPDATE AND NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN



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 Verboon stated that he attended the Economic Development Commission dinner.

Supervisor Fagundes has been attending his assigned regular meetings on a weekly basis.

Supervisor Valle thanked Dominic Tyburski and the Public Works department for the community of Home Garden projects; he also thanked Supervisor Neves for his professionalism and knowledge of protocol for the Board of Supervisors meetings.

Supervisor Neves stated that he attended the Links for Life event, attended the LeGrand Senior Night for his granddaughter, attended the CalViva meeting, attended the West Hills College volleyball game, attended the Lemoore Lions Whiskey Tango Foxtrot event, attended the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast and the Sons of Italy Spaghetti dinner. He stated that with the rain event on Monday Stratford received ½ inch and Hanford received over 1 inch.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Edward Hill stated that the Board received a notice from Fish and Game 90-day extension of emergency action regarding taking of Western Joshua Tree and the Board received a Notice of public hearing regarding the Hanford Island Annexations Rezoning.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Edward Hill stated there is a Howl-O-Ween Spooktacular hosted by Kings County Animal Services on October 29, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. at 10909 Bonneyview Lane, Hanford. The Battle of the Badges Blood Drive will be November 22, 2021 in the Kings County Government Center parking lot off Lacey Blvd, by Human Services starting at 9:00 a.m.**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Edward Hill stated the following items would be on an upcoming agenda: Administration – Claim for damages, County Counsel – Appointment of trustee to the Lemoore Cemetery District, Fire Department – Corcoran State Prison Mutual Aid Agreement, Department of Finance – Capitalization Policy, Health Department – Monoclonal Antibody Pilot and COVID-19 update.**

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **Conference with Labor Negotiator/Meet and Confer: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]
 Negotiators: Edward Hill, Larry Spikes, Henie Ring, Che Johnson of Liebert Cassidy Whitemore**
 - Unrepresented Management
 - Blue Collar - SEIU
- ◆ **Significant Exposure to Litigation: 1 Case [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(3)]
 Item was pulled from the agenda and will be taken up at a later date.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

November 2	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
November 2	11:00 AM	California Public Finance Authority Regular Meeting
November 3	6:30 PM	Fourth Public Hearing - Redistricting
November 9	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
November 9	1:30 PM	Special Meeting/Department of Finance Interviews – Closed Session
November 16	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
November 23	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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