

**Board Members**

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Richard Valle, District 2  
Doug Verboon, District 3  
Craig Pedersen, District 4  
Richard Fagundes, District 5- Vice Chairman



**Staff**

Edward Hill, County Administrative Officer  
Diane Freeman, County Counsel  
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

## Board of Supervisors

### Regular Meeting Action Summary

**Date:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022  
**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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**I. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board**  
**INVOCATION – Nate Ferrier, Kings County Sheriff's Office**  
**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.*

**Catherine Venturella, Clerk to the Board stated that the Board received letters from: Lisa Sullivan, Danielle Gonzales, Balea Avila, Beckie Allen, Cindy Naso, Charles Taksa, Liz Toppan and Mandy Hobbs and their letters will become part of the permanent record minutes from today,**

**Mandy Hobbs, Kings County resident stated that she submitted a letter and stated her opposition for the Northstar project and concerns for the safety of the property owners near the project.**

**Becky Hudson, Kings County resident stated that she is opposed to the Northstar project and the lack of transparency to the public on this project.**

**John Darpli, Kings County resident stated his opposition to the Northstar project location and lack of transparency for the project to the public over the last 3 years.**

**Jim Nelson, Kings County resident stated his opposition to the Northstar project location and for blindsiding the community with the project.**

**Larry Faria, Kings County resident stated his opposition to the Northstar project location and stated that he feels like the project was snuck in without the community getting a chance to discuss it.**

**Judi Freitas, Kings County resident stated her opposition to the Northstar project location and the lack of transparency for the community by the County and City on the project.**

**Jeff Mora, Kings County resident stated his disgust with the lack of transparency by the County on the Northstar project and his opposition to the location of the project.**

**Ernie Harmon, Kings County resident stated his opposition to the Northstar project location and hopes that there will be 24/7 security with the project due to fears for the surrounding neighbors.**

**E. Gaiton, Kings County resident thanked the Board for keeping God in the pledge of allegiance and for holding an invocation at the beginning of the meeting and then explained the definition of the words to the pledge of allegiance and the history of the flag of our Country.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for February 1, 2022.**

**Edward Hill, County Administrative Officer stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session on February 1, 2022.**

**B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for February 1, 2022.**

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



**IV.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. County Counsel:**

1. Consider appointing Eugene Ornellas and John Camara as Trustees of the Lemoore Cemetery District to a term ending the first Monday of January 2026.

**B. District Attorney:**

1. a. Consider authorizing Purchasing Manager to sign the Purchase order for one (1) full size Toyota Sequoia SUV; and  
b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 Vote Required)**

**C. Human Services Agency:**

1. Consider approving the renewal Agreement with Kings Community Action Organization to provide Medi-Cal outreach and assistance for the Medi-Cal Health Enrollment Navigators Project retroactively effective January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022. **[Agmt 22-019]**
2. Consider approving the Agreement with MDW Credit Solutions for the provision of Financial Literacy and Credit Repair services with a budget amount of \$603,750 for the period of February 8, 2022, through February 7, 2023. **[Agmt 22-020]**

**D. Public Works Department:**

1. a. Consider authorizing the Public Purchasing Manager to accept the bid from Kings County Air Conditioning; and  
b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 Vote Required)**

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

**V.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Behavioral Health – Lisa Lewis/UnChong Parry**

1. Consider approving an Agreement with Devonderia Sanchez to provide Veterans Support Group Services from February 8, 2022 through June 30, 2023. **[Agmt 22-021]**

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

**B. Elections Department – Lupe Villa**

1. Consider authorizing the Registrar of Voters to formally transition to the Voters Choice Act election model effective beginning in the 2022 election cycle.

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

**C. Human Resources – Henie Ring**

1. Consider approving the job specification for a new classification of Risk Technician III and set the salary at Range 205.0 (\$4,621-\$5,639 monthly).

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

**D. Public Works Department – Dominic Tyburski/Tim Breshears**

1. a. Consider authorizing the opening of Kings County Parks to the public effective ~~April 22,~~ **April 1, 2022;** and  
b. Authorize staff to waive all associated fees, including gate and special event fees.

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

**E. Administration – Edward Hill/Kyria Martinez/Domingo Cruz/Matthew Boyett**

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming February 2022 as Black History Month in Kings County. **[Reso 22-004]**

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

2. Consider approving the State and Federal Legislative Platform for calendar year 2022.

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



3. a. Consider approving the American Rescue Plan Allocations in the amount of \$2,257,000.
- b. Adopt the budget change. (4/5 Vote Required)

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZED THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, EDWARD HILL TO CHANGE THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS IF NEEDED (DV, RV, CP, RF, JN-Aye)**

**F. Public Health Department –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 Fagundes stated that he presented a proclamation at the Hanford Knights of Columbus 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration event.

Supervisor Verboon stated that he attended a meeting with resident to discuss the Northstar project and stated that he was disappointed in staff from Behavioral Health and Human Services Agency who were here today for not speaking up with information to give to the public on the project and he asked Counsel if the item could be brought back to the Board for discussion. He stated that he attended the Hanford Rotary Crab Feed at the Civic Auditorium.

Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that she would look into the Northstar project and procedures and get back with the Board.

Supervisor Pedersen stated that the Board has had to deal with challenging projects and he wanted the community to know their voices are heard and that the Board takes the public trust seriously and he was not aware that the City of Hanford is not required to hold meetings on the project and that the community has lost the ability to object to the project and the Board takes staff at their word when they present at the podium. He stated that he participated in a National Association of Counties call on family farms departure and a call with Senator Padilla's office on transitions and water and then enjoyed a good weekend with his grandson.

Supervisor Valle stated that the Board is not legally allowed to respond to the public on their topics under unscheduled appearances and the Board depends on getting the correct information from staff at the podium when they present their items. He stated that he would have to refresh his memory on the project and stated that as for transparency since March of 2020 the Board has broadcast their meetings to YouTube and that he has requested more time for the Board to get the agenda and back up information, right now they get it on Friday afternoon and have to digest all the information before the meeting on Tuesday. He stated that he would like to get an update from staff on the project as well.



Supervisor Neves thanked Supervisor Verboon for attending the Aquamarine Solar project ribbon cutting and stated that Slate Solar project will host their ribbon cutting in March 2022. He stated that he attended the First 5 Children & Families Commission, attended the SouthFork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Policy meeting, stated that he asked staff that will be attending the NACo conference to look into the CalViva vs. Kaiser issue, attended his granddaughters participation in the Merced/Mariposa Future Farmers of America outreach and the Merced County Academic Decathlon, he congratulated Lemoore Middle College for their 10<sup>th</sup> win in a row, he stated that he continues to announce West Hills College basketball and has donated blood for the 117<sup>th</sup> time with only 3 more gallons to go to reach a 15 gallon total donation.

- ◆ Board Correspondence: Edward Hill stated that the Avenal Recreation Department provided your Board with their 2022 event calendar and the Board received the independent audit report of the Office of Emergency Services grant and the Department of Finance submitted various financial reports.
- ◆ Upcoming Events: Edward Hill stated that the Children’s Storybook Garden and Museum is hosting a “Kids Night Out” on Friday, February 11, 2022, Saturday, March 12, 2022 and Friday, April 22, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., located at 175 E Tenth Street in Hanford. The cost is \$25/child for members and \$28/child for non-members. He stated that the Hanford Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Business after Hours Mixer on February 15, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. at 218 N Douty Street in Hanford.
- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: Edward Hill stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Community Development Agency – Contract amendment with Self-Help Enterprises for Community Housing Program grant administration, Public Health – COVID-19 update and Human Services Agency – Consideration for the purchase of laptops.

**VII. CLOSED SESSION**

- ◆ Litigation initiated formally: Title: *Leprino v. Kings County, Case No. 20C0159*  
 [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)]

Supervisor Neves stated that the report out from closed session will be on the March 1, 2022 agenda.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The February 15, 2022 meeting has been canceled due to the Board Members participating in National Association of Counties Annual Meeting – Legislative Platform.

The February 22, 2022 meeting has been canceled due to observance of President’s Day on February 21, 2022.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

***FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS***

February 15	--	Regular Meeting Canceled/Board Members participating in National Association of Counties Annual Meeting – Legislative Platform.
February 22	--	Regular Meeting Canceled due to observance of President’s Day on February 21.
March 1	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
March 8	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
March 15	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.*

## Venturella, Catherine

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**From:** Lisa Sullivan <lsullivan25@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 8:24 AM  
**To:** Venturella, Catherine  
**Subject:** Questions/Public Comment for February 8th Meeting

The location of the new building project with Self-Help Enterprises, needs to be reconsidered. The current proposed location on Northstar Drive will be too far away from the health services that have been stated to be provided to the residents of this apartment complex. There are several properties closer to the center of town that would make more sense to have this location at. This location should be within walking distance of health services, jobs, and basic necessities such as grocery stores (the proposed location on Northstar does not provide all of these things).

-Lisa Reed  
Hanford Resident

## Venturella, Catherine

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**From:** Danielle Gonzales <d\_elise07@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 9:22 PM  
**To:** Venturella, Catherine  
**Subject:** North Star Courts

My family currently resides in Hanford, and we were recently made aware of the apartment development that is set to break ground in June. We have grave concerns about this development and I would like to bring those to your attention. I would like this to go on record as well. Our concerns are the 22 vouchers for the homeless; who will be monitoring these individuals for mental health issues and/or addiction issues? Pioneer Middle School has a bus drop off/pick up at that location. Will these individuals need to pass a background check? As you are aware we have senior living right across the street. Many members of this community feel this will have detrimental effect on traffic, crime, safety, and property value for our neighborhood.

I adamantly oppose this development and feel that the residents of this area should have had the opportunity to voice concerns prior to this project being approved.

Regards,  
Danielle Gonzales

## Venturella, Catherine

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**From:** balea avila <balealane@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 9:03 PM  
**To:** Venturella, Catherine  
**Subject:** Northstar Courts

Why is the city of Hanford trying to make the Northstar Courts sound like it's another apartment building? If that was the case they would have not tried to hide this project from the surrounding residents in the area. What needs to be pointed out is that the Remington is right there; which seniors live. With living close to Fargo Crossing it gives them access to the bus, CVS where they go pick-up their prescriptions, they can go pick-up a snack at the mini-mart or go get something to eat at one of the restaurants. There are also a lot of children who walk or ride their bikes to school daily in the area. It will also make Frago Crossing disappear at some point because the local businesses will not want to stay in that area. Northstar Courts is more like a halfway house which offers all the same services as what this so-called apartment complex is going to offer. Fargo Crossing is not a realistic area for the Northstar Courts. The key points that need to be pointed out in regards to the Northstar Courts is. This place is for individuals experiencing homelessness which can be a variety of people ex-cons just released from prison or jail, drug addicts, mentally unstable people the list goes on. The Kings County Behavioral Health Department will be providing comprehensive site services. Social services will be provided both on site and in the community by live-in staff members & community organizations to meet individual goals of the residents including case management, vocational, educational, financial literacy, wellness, after school programs and healthcare. Around the clock staffing support including property management and social service staff. The Northstar Courts is more of a facility, versus an apartment complex that the city wants to disguise it as. Therefore this location is not going to be a safe place for the surrounding residence to live anymore. If Northstar Courts needs to be built it needs to be in a localized area where there are other existing housing just like it so the surrounding people have access to the same services. There are already existing units out by Costco and plenty of land to build the Northstar Courts, plus they would have full access to the high speed rail which will be easily accessible since it is right there. The city needs to take into consideration that the area they want to build this in has been considered a safer area for many years. By bringing this to the area it will not be a safe area nor will people want to live in the area anymore.

Thank You,  
Balea Avila



## Venturella, Catherine

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**From:** Beckie Allen <beckiea@live.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 8:03 PM  
**To:** Venturella, Catherine  
**Subject:** Northstar Courts

Hello Ms. Venturella,

My family currently resides on Tamarack Ct., in Hanford, and we were recently made aware of the apartment development that is set to break ground in June. We have grave concerns about this development and I would like to bring those to your attention. I would like this to go on record as well. Our concerns are the 22 vouchers for the homeless; who will be monitoring these individuals for mental health issues and/or addiction issues? Pioneer Middle School has a bus drop off/pick up at that location. Will these individuals need to pass a background check? As you are aware we have senior living right across the street. Many members of this community feel this will have detrimental effect on traffic, crime, safety, and property value for our neighborhood.

I adamantly oppose this development and feel that the residents of this area should have had the opportunity to voice concerns prior to this project being approved.

Regards,  
Beckie Allen

Beckie Allen

## Venturella, Catherine

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**From:** Cindy Naso <cindynaso@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 7:03 PM  
**To:** Venturella, Catherine  
**Subject:** Re: Northstar 72 room project

Are there going to be tenants who have drug issues? If so how does the Hanford council plan on protecting the elderly residents in the Remington and the kids that attend the Kumon Learning Center?

We already have homeless people with mental issues harassing women in the morning who workout at Blue Print. How do you plan on making sure this new project won't make matters worse? How do you plan on dealing with tenants that may have issues?

Have you asked the surrounding businesses in the area what they thought of this new project? It would be an excellent idea to get feedback from them before building. They are trying a living in these trying times.

This is already a very congested area. Why was this land chosen when another location with way more room would be wiser?

Regards

Cindy Naso

Sent from my iPhone

**Venturella, Catherine**

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**From:** charles taksa <ctaksa@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 6:36 PM  
**To:** Venturella, Catherine

Terrible idea to put the low income housing there. Next to senior living!!!??? And it is already so crowded there.  
Absurd

Sent from my iPhone

**Venturella, Catherine**

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**From:** Liz Toppan <topppilatesqueen@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 5:42 PM  
**To:** Venturella, Catherine  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Meeting Feb 8th 2022 - Questions regarding Northstar Courts  
2601 N 11th Avenue, Hanford CA

These are question I have regarding the proposed project of Northstar Courts at 2601 N 11th Avenue, Hanford CA 93230:

**KCBHS are to offer on-site services but they close at 5pm and are not open Sat/Sun, so what hours will they be available ON-SITE for these residents?**

**Outside of the regular KCBHS hours will these residents just be left to contact a crisis hotline or 911?**

**There is a concern of density with which this project is providing resident to employee ratio (72 units, which will be well over 100 people). How many employees will be allocated to Northstar Courts?**

**regard to employee to resident how many KCBHS employees will be allocated to the 72 units (which is going to be well over 100 residents) and those with varying degrees of mental health issues.**

**Were there other locations considered for this project?**

**What criteria was looked at to chose a location?**

**If other locations were considered, where were they?**

Thank you for accepting and addressing my questions.

Sincerely

Liz Toppan  
Pilates Queen LLC  
2601 N 11th Avenue #205 #203  
(559) 381-2696

**Badasci, Diane**

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**From:** Mandy <mandehobbs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 6:57 AM  
**To:** BOS Questions  
**Subject:** Northstar Upholdings Development

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I oppose the permanent supportive housing proposed at 664 and 682 Northstar Drive in Hanford CA with 72 units. Part of the funding comes from the No Place Like Home Program per the website is for adults with serious mental illness, or children with severe emotional disorders and their families and persons who require or are at risk of requiring acute psychiatric inpatient care, residential treatment, or outpatient crisis intervention because of a mental disorder with symptoms of psychosis, suicidality or violence and who are homeless, chronically homeless, or at risk of chronic homelessness.

The Hanford citizens propose a different location closer to facilities these individuals and families will need. This side of town is miles away from affordable grocery stores, hospitals, Kings County Health Department, and Behavioral Health. There are better options in a more centralized location.

The City, the county, the developers and its elected officials are taking advantage and misleading the citizens of Hanford CA. The citizens have repeatedly opposed this project yet the county and city march forward. Even if these are privately owned, the officials should support the citizens who are against it and do what they can to stop it at the Northstar location.

The marketing materials by the developers spin what the facility truly to take advantage of homeowners in the area and citizens.

Homeowners have spent their life savings to buy their homes. It is also important to have a nice housing community to attract businesses and employers to our city.

Children should live in a safe environment. Also, there is a senior living community right across the street. Our community cannot be guaranteed safety from individuals housed in this facility.

We have worked hard to obtain our home in a nice and safe middle class neighborhood. Now our safety and property value is at stake which causes a lot of anxiety and uncertainty. What we thought would be our forever home is now not certain. Now we have to purchase additional security for our home. I will not feel safe walking my dog in my neighborhood.

There are other properties in better locations with property owners willing to consider selling. Empty lots on the NE side of 198/12th Ave. A citizen reached out to them today.

Amanda Hobbs

Hanford Citizen

Sent from Mandy's iphone :)