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Richard Fagundes, District 5- Vice Chairman



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

Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 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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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 clicking this link: <https://countyofkings.webex.com/countyofkings/j.php?MTID=mcbc7b4bfd8c7418e1c4fa55816504384> or 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 link information. Members of the public attending via WebEx will have the opportunity to provide public comment during the meeting.

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Members of the public viewing the meeting through YouTube will not have the ability to provide public comment.

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 the Board's consideration or action, and those comments will become part of the administrative record of the meeting. Comments will not be read into the record, only the names of who have submitted comments will be read into the record. Written comments received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the noticed meeting will be included in the record, those comments received after 8:30 a.m. will become part of the record of the next meeting. Email is not monitored during the meeting. To submit written comments by email, please forward them to bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us or by U.S. Mail, please forward them to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Kings, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA 93230.



I. 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board

INVOCATION –Pastor Arthur Fox – New Hope Orthodox Presbyterian Church

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.

David Robinson, Kings County Sheriff stated that the Sheriff's Posse made a donation to the Kings County Sheriff's Office last month and due to COVID couldn't present the check at the Board meeting so they are here today to make it official.

Larry Wilkinson, Kings County Sheriff's Posse member stated that the Sheriff's Posse has a long standing relationship with the Kings County Sheriff's Office and over the last 10 years they have donated \$120,000 and the 2021 President of the Posse will present the check.

Alan Dewey, Kings County Sheriff's Posse 2021 President presented the Sheriff with a check for \$12,500 from the Crab Feed fundraiser held in September 2021.

III.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for March 8, 2022.

REPORT OUT: Edward Hill, County Administrative Officer stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session on March 8, 2022.

B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for March 8, 2022.

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

IV.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. County Counsel:

1. Consider appointing Ruben Shortnancy as trustee of the Kings Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees.

B. District Attorney's Office :

1. Consider adopting Resolutions authorizing the District Attorney's Office to submit Fiscal Year 2022-2023 applications, sign award Agreements and amendments for the following grant programs:
 - a. Automobile Insurance Fraud Program; **[Reso 22-012]**
 - b. Workers Compensation Insurance Fraud Program; **[Reso 22-013]**
 - c. Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program; and **[Reso 22-014]**
 - d. Victim Witness Assistance Program. **[Reso 22-015]**

C. Human Services Agency:

1. Consider approving the amended Agreement with the Kings Community Action Organization for the provision of Home Visiting Program effective March 15, 2022. **[Agmt 20-140.1]**

D. Job Training Office:

1. a. Consider approving the Resolution approving the submission of a Zone Incentive Application; and
- b. Direct the Kings County Director of Economic and Workforce Development to submit the Zone Incentive Application for funding. **[Reso 22-016]**



E. Library:

1. a. Consider adopting the Resolution authorizing the County Library Director to submit an application for Lemoore Library Branch for the Building Forward infrastructure grant program; and **[Reso 22-017]**
- b. Consider adopting the Resolution authorizing the County Library Director to submit an application for Hanford Library Branch for the Building Forward infrastructure grant program. **[Reso 22-018]**

F. Public Health Department:

1. Consider approving the First Amendment to Grant Agreement extending the term of the County Medical Services Program COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant Program to December 30, 2022. **[Agmt 22-032 from 8-11-2020 and Amended Agmt 22-032.1]**
2. Consider authorizing the Director of the Kings County Department of Public Health to sign the Acceptance of Award for the Real-Time Allotment of Tuberculosis Control Program, the required certifications and all subsequent documentation thereunder to support Tuberculosis prevention and control activities.
3. a. Consider approving the request to purchase equipment and reconfigure the Hanford WIC office; and
- b. Authorize the Public Health Director or designee to sign the purchase order.

G. Public Works Department:

1. Consider awarding the construction Agreement to Kings County Air Conditioning Inc. as the apparent low bidder to replace the Branch Air Handlers. **[Agmt 22-033]**

H. Administration:

1. a. Consider approving the Board of State and Community Corrections' Standard Agreement for the Senate Bill 823 Youth Programs and Facilities Grant Program; and
- b. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign any amendments on behalf of the County. **[Agmt 22-034]**
2. a. Consider approving participation in the 2022 Dry Year Water Transfer Program; and
- b. Authorize the County Administrative Officer or his designee to execute the Buyer-Seller Agreement(s) upon receipt from State Water Contractors, Incorporated subject to County Counsel review. **[Agmt 22-035]**

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

V.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Public Guardian/Veteran's Service Office – Scott Holwell

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming the week of March 20 – 26, 2022 as Veteran and Military Women's History Week in Kings County. **[Reso 22-019]**

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

B. Administration - Edward Hill/Kyria Martinez

1. Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the letter of support for the Ratification of the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Tribal-State Compact.

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

C. Public Health Department – Rose Mary Rahn/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. 10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING

1. Hold a public forum to receive public comment regarding the Sheriff's Office's provision of information about and access to detained individuals to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency.

SUPERVISOR NEVES OPENED THE PUBLIC FORUM, CLAIRE FITIAUSI READ AN ARTICLE INTO THE RECORD AND THE PUBLIC FORUM WAS CLOSED. THE ARTICLE IS ATTACHED TO THE ACTION SUMMARY AS PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORD.

VII. 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 attended a Kings Community Action Organization meeting.

Supervisor Valle stated that CrisCom Company is working with connections in Sacramento to request Caltrans to release the \$2 million dollar check for Kings County as part of the funding from Assemblymember Rudy Salas for the pedestrian bridge in Kettleman City. He thanked Public Works staff for meeting with him and Corcoran Cemetery staff to discuss how the County can help with maintenance of the property due to direct impacts of COVID and stated that on March 26, 2022 a beautification day will be held at the site.

Supervisor Verboon thanked Public Works staff for meeting with him and a property owner impacted by the California High Speed Rail to discuss options for the property owner. He stated that he attended a People's Ditch Shareholder meeting to discuss options for funding to fill in and install a pipeline and possible bike path along the existing route of the ditch and staff will work with the City of Hanford on the project. He stated that he participated in the San Joaquin Valley Voices meeting and the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure policy council meeting.

Supervisor Pedersen thanked the Kings County Sheriff and all Law Enforcement in Kings County who have to protect our citizens and set the example of how to do the job, while the State of California provides more avenues for individuals to break the law without consequences.

Supervisor Neves stated that he attended the CalVans meeting, attended the American Legion breakfast and attended the California Community College State Basketball Championship held at West Hills College in Lemoore from March 11-13, 2022.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Edward Hill stated that the Board received three notices of proposed amendments of ground water sustainability plans from the Greater Kaweah GSA; Southwest Kings GSA; and, Tri-County Water Authority GSA (Water Code Section 10728.4).**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Edward Hill stated the Lunchtime Food Truck Takeover continues every Tuesday in March from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Court Street in Hanford Civic Park. The Board received an invitation from Recurrent Energy for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Slate Solar Project on March 15, 2022 with a lunch at 12:30 p.m. and program starting at 1:00 p.m. The Golden Eagle Pantry will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 16, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Westhills College Student Union located at 555 College Ave, Building 900 in Lemoore. He stated that the City of Lemoore's 10th Annual Gem Mineral & Jewelry Show will be held on March 19, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. & March 20, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Hall located at 470 Champion Street in Lemoore, with free admission & free parking. The Hanford Branch Library will be hosting - Perfectly Poppy Spring Story Walk and special story time with local author Tricia Stone-Shumaker on March 19, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at 401 N. Douty, St., Hanford. The Children's Storybook Garden & Museum will be hosting the**



Victorian afternoon Tea Fundraiser for on March 19, 2022 located at 175 E. Tenth Street, Hanford, cost is \$40 and doors open at 1:00 p.m. with tea time at 2:30 p.m. Hofmans' Nursery will hold a free Seminar for beginners to learn how to plant a vegetable garden on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., located at 12491 Lacey Boulevard, Hanford. The Kings County Farm Bureau Wine & Beer Showdown fundraiser is scheduled for March 31, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Hanford Civic Auditorium.

- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: Edward Hill stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration – Appointment to the Kings County Fish & Game Advisory Committee and Appointment to the Kings County Museum Advisory Committee; Agriculture Department – cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the county's pink bollworm cotton plowdown and free monitoring program; and consideration for signatory authority for invoices with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's seed law enforcement program; County Counsel – Resolution to continue teleconferenced meetings under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361; Health Department - COVID-19 update, a personal services agreement with Accela Inc. for software hosting, consideration for a personal services agreement with SEP Technology Consulting, LLC for software data migration services, and recognizing March 24, 2022 as World Tuberculosis Day in Kings County; Public Works – a Local transportation funds claim resolution; Sheriff's Office—purchase of a Stryker Power-PRO XT Electric Gurney for Jail.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ Litigation initiated formally: Title: *Martin v. County of Kings, et al. 1:20-CV-00288-DAD-BAM* [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)]
- ◆ Conference with Labor Negotiator/Meet and Confer: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]
 Negotiators: Edward Hill, Kyria Martinez, Henie Ring, Che Johnson of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
 - Deputy Sheriff's Association
- ◆ Personnel Matter: [Govt. Code Section 54957]
 - Department Head Evaluations

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that she did not anticipate any reportable action being taken in closed session today.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

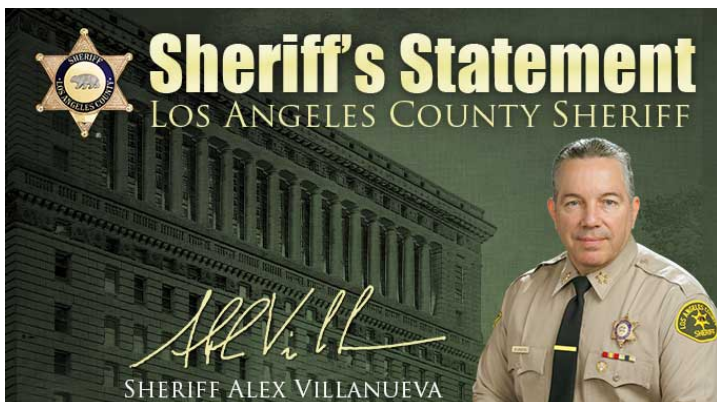
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

| FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS | | |
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| March 22 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting |
| March 29 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting |
| April 5 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting |
| April 12 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting |
| April 19 | 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.



LASD Chat



SHERIFF ANNOUNCES PERMANENT BAN ON ICE TRANSFERS

There is no greater threat to public safety than a million undocumented immigrants who are afraid to report crime, out of fear of deportation and having their families torn apart. As the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, I am responsible for everyone's public safety, regardless of immigration status. I will not allow an entire segment of the population to be afraid to report crimes to law enforcement and be forced, again, back into the shadows.

On April 24, 2020, I placed a moratorium on transfers of qualified inmates from the nation's largest jail system to ICE during the COVID-19 pandemic. After learning of the pending litigation regarding the

conditions in the Adelanto/ICE detention facility and allegations of similar conditions at other ICE facilities, the moratorium will now be permanent and we will no longer transfer individuals to the custody of ICE based solely on a civil immigration detainer. In so doing, we have created a bright line between **LASD Chat** migration enforcement and local law enforcement in the most populous County in the nation.

This permanent ban was preceded by my categorical rejection of the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant that essentially sold our undocumented inmate data base information for federal funds. This morally indefensible program netted \$122 million dollars for Los Angeles County from 2005 to 2018, at the expense of our immigrant community.

We will encourage ICE to use the constitutionally sound judicial warrant system, used by all other law enforcement agencies in the nation, to effect legal transfers from Los Angeles County to federal custody. The Sheriff's Department will also continue its work with the District Attorney's Office by providing the required assurances requested by ICE to ensure that those who have fled to other countries to avoid prosecution will return and stand trial. Violent criminals who prey on our law-abiding communities should be held fully accountable.

LASD Chat

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