

Board Members

Joe Neves, District 1 - Chairman
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, April 26, 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 – 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.

Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board stated that the Board received a copy of an email from Claire Fitiausi, which will become part of the permanent record for the minutes of today's meeting.

Eileen Martinho, Maas Energy Works stated their company is working on several projects in the County for Dairy Digesters and asked the Board to consider approving a letter of support for a grant they are applying for to fund the project.

The Board discussed the information received and by consensus directed staff to send the letter of support with the Chairman's signature. Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that she would like to refer to policies and procedures and asked the Board to address the topic during Board member announcements to allow time for her to advise on how to address the request.

Rebecca Bell, Kings County resident stated her concerns for government overreach by the State and Federal Governments and asked the Board to intervene on behalf of the people they represent.

Claire Fitiausi, Kings County resident stated that she submitted her email before the deadline of the last meeting and asked the Board to continue to allow teleconferencing of the Board meetings for the public.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for April 19, 2022.

REPORT OUT: Edward Hill, County Administrative Officer stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session on April 19, 2022.

B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for April 19, 2022.

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

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Agriculture Department:

1. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Program effective July 1, 2022 through June 20, 2024. **[Agmt 22-049]**

B. Public Health Department:

1. a. Consider authorizing the Director of Public Health to sign the County Medical Services Program Governing Board Local Indigent Care Needs Planning Project Grant Program Agreement retroactively in effect from February 1, 2022 to April 17, 2023; and
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required) [Agmt 22-050]**
2. a. Consider approving the purchase of four MoonBeam disinfection devices from Inland Supply Company; and
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

C. Public Works Department:

1. a. Consider authorizing the financing of a Pruning Tower through Community Leasing Partners; and
- b. Authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign the Agreement; and
- c. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 Vote Required) [Agmt 22-051]**
2. Consider authorizing the Public Works Director to sign the Maintenance Agreement with the Armona Union Elementary School District. **[Agmt 22-052]**



D. Sheriff's Office:

1. Consider approving the Agreement with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for temporary housing of a County of Kings' inmate. **[Agmt 22-053]**
2. Consider authorizing Sheriff David Robinson to sign an Agreement with the Department of State Hospitals for the Incompetent to Stand Trial Program. **[Agmt 22-054]**

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

V.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Administration – Edward Hill

Waste Management – Bob Henry

1. Consider accepting the report from Chemical Waste Management.

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

B. Behavioral Health Department – Lisa Lewis/UnChong Parry

1. a. Consider approving the Kings County Behavioral Health Department to accept the grant funding under the Mental Health Student Services Act; and
- b. Authorize the Director of Behavioral Health to accept and sign the grant Agreement, including any future amendments, or additional grant documentation.
- c. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required) [Agmt 22-055]**

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

C. Elections Department – Lupe Villa

1. Consider approving the outreach and education funding by the California Secretary of State under Agreement 21S10100 in the amount of \$30,000. **[Agmt 22-056]**

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

D. Public Works Department – Dominic Tyburski/Mitchel Cabrera

1. a. Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the installation of a multi-way (all-way) stop at the intersection of 18th Avenue and Kansas Avenue; and **[Reso 22-033]**
- b. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the installation of a multi-way (all-way) stop at the intersection of 14th Avenue and Front Street. **[Reso 22-034]**

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

E. Administration – Edward Hill

1. a. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming May 2 – May 6, 2022 as Public Service Recognition Week and declaring the Kings County Annual Employee Recognition Barbecue as a Tobacco-Free event; and
- b. Authorize the Chairman to sign letters of thanks on behalf of the Board to California Public Finance Authority, Kings Federal Credit Union, and other organizations for their contributions during the event. **[Reso 22-035]**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, DV, RV, CP, JN-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 he met with Public Works staff to discuss the gap in funding for the proposed Kettleman City pedestrian bridge. He stated that staff from Assemblymember Rudy Salas office and CrisCom Consulting worked together to get a deadline to send information to Assemblymember Salas to pursue additional funding for the bridge. He wants to be ready before they bring the study session and action item to the Board for approval. He stated that Caltrans is



requesting the County to submit an attestation that we are going to build this bridge before releasing the \$2 million dollars.

Supervisor Verboon stated that he would like to address the request for a letter of support for the Dairy Digester project proposed by Maas Energy Works this morning and that the letter is required to be submitted with the grant request on May 9, 2022.

Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that due to the urgent need to act on the request, the Board would need to first determine there is an urgent need to act and approve adding the urgency item. **ACTION: APPROVE ADDING AN URGENCY ITEM TO THE AGENDA TO TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM A BOARD MEMBER TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MAAS ENERGY WORKS TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR DAIRY DIGESTER PROJECTS IN KINGS COUNTY TODAY DUE TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE ON MAY 10, 2022 AFTER THE REQUIRED DATE NEEDED FOR THE APPLICATION DEADLINE. (DV, RV, CP, RF, JN-Aye)**

ACTION: AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MAAS ENERGY WORKS TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR DAIRY DIGESTER PROJECTS IN KINGS COUNTY TODAY DUE TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE ON MAY 10, 2022 AFTER THE REQUIRED DATE NEEDED FOR THE APPLICATION DEADLINE AND DIRECT STAFF TO SUBMIT TO SECRETARY ROSS AND MAAS ENERGY WORKS. (DV, RF, RV, CP, JN-Aye)

Supervisor Verboon stated that he attended the California State Association of Counties legislative conference and attended the Sheriff's Association conference in Tulare County which was hosted by Kings and Tulare Counties.

Supervisor Pedersen stated that he participated in the National Association of Counties Agriculture & Natural Resources meeting and attended the California State Association of Counties legislative conference.

Supervisor Neves stated that he attended a Caltrans Highway 41 planning meeting, attended the Cal-ID/RAN Board meeting, attended the Kings Federal Credit Union Board meeting, attended the Lemoore Kiwanis meeting, attended Sanja Bugay's farewell luncheon, attended the South Fork Kings meeting, attended the Sarah Mooney ice cream social, attended the Lemoore High School Future Farmers of America dinner, attended the 128th annual Sheriff's conference, attended the Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting and attended the Kings County Historical Society meeting.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Edward Hill stated that the Board received e-mail correspondence from Claire Fitiausi dated April 19, 2022 requesting that the Board continue to offer teleconferenced meetings per AB361 and an e-mail to California Office of Emergency Services regarding the Kings County Deputy Agricultural Commissioner's request for USDA Primary Disaster Declaration for Kings County Growers dated April 20, 2022.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Edward Hill stated that the Kings County District Attorney's Office is hosting National Crime Victims' Right Week from April 24 – 30, 2022, there will be a quilt display on Thursday, April 28, 2022 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Hanford located at 9125 13 ½ Avenue in Hanford. He stated that Waste Management will be holding their annual Kettleman Hills Facility informational meeting on April 26, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., this will be a virtual meeting hosted on Zoom and those interested can reach out to Waste Management for meeting information at 559-386-6151. He stated that the City of Avenal will be hosting its Annual Old Timer's Day Celebration from April 29, 2022 – May 1, 2022, with an event kick off Rotary Dinner on Friday, April 29, 2022 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center located at 717 E. Monterey Street in Avenal. The cost is \$12 per person. On Saturday, April 30, 2022 there will be a breakfast at the Veterans Hall from 7-10:00 a.m. with the parade starting at 10:00 a.m. and park activities from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Reunion Dinner will take place on Saturday, April**



30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Veterans Hall and Memory Lane Tours & Movie will occur on Sunday, May 1, 2022. The Youth Spring Fest is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Coe Park located at 543 South Douty Street in Hanford. This is a free event with free food, games, face painting, prize giveaways and also an opportunity to connect with local organizations serving Kings County. He stated that the Kings County Employee Recognition BBQ will take place on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, kicking off with a health walk from 11:00 -11:30 a.m. The BBQ will be from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and County employees are encouraged to wear their favorite hat to the BBQ with a hat contest at 12:00 p.m. The Kings County Elections Department & the California Secretary of State will celebrate California’s Democracy on May 4, 2022 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. where they will encourage community discussion and inform voters of their options for the upcoming election. This event will be held virtually and requires registration. We will be posting the flyer in our News section on our website today. (<https://bit.ly/3rjaRsf>). The Central California Blood Center will be holding the Kings County Employee Blood Drive on Monday, May 23, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. located in the Old Jury Parking lot at 1400 Lacey Boulevard.

- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: Edward Hill stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Agricultural Department - Agreement with the California Crop Improvement Association for the County's assistance with the seed certification program; Behavioral Health Department – new Estoppel Certificate on a Lease with Hanford P&J Associates, LLC. for 530 Kings County Drive, Suite 102; District Attorney’s Office – Advance Step Hire; Fire Department - State Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-Recipient Agreements; Health Department - Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency Grant; Human Resources Department - Agreement for the Classification and Total Compensation Study; Information Technology Department – Purchase of cloud backup storage space, and purchase of cloud backup solution; Probation Department - Senate Bill 823 Youth Programs & Facilities Grant Program.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ Conference with Labor Negotiator/Meet and Confer: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]
 Negotiators: Edward Hill, Kyria Martinez, Che Johnson of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
 - Deputy Sheriff’s Association
- ◆ Personnel Matter: [Govt. Code Section 54957]
 Public Employee Appointment: Human Resources Director Position

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The May 3, 2022 meeting has been canceled due to Kings County Employee Recognition barbecue. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

IX. 11:00 AM CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY HOUSING AGENCY REGULAR MEETING

X. 11:15 AM IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

May 3	-	Regular Meeting Canceled due to Kings County Employee Recognition barbecue
May 10	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 17	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 24	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 31	-	Regular Meeting Canceled due to Observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 30

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.

From: [Claire Fitiausi](#)
To: [BOS Questions](#)
Subject: DO NOT discontinue teleconferenced meetings
Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 1:00:57 AM

I am writing to request that the Kings County Board of Supervisors continue to offer teleconferenced meetings, pursuant to AB 361.

The Brown Act allows the legislative body of a local agency to use teleconferencing for the benefit of the public and the legislative body in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law. Utilizing teleconferencing for weekly BOS meetings allows people to participate in local government even if they are not able to be in BOS chambers on a Tuesday morning.

According to the County of Kings website: "All meetings are open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend." The best way to encourage attendance is to allow people to attend from any location via teleconferencing.

Please continue to offer teleconferencing for all KC BOS meetings.

Thank you,

Claire Fitiausi
Community Outreach



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