

**Board Members**

Joe Neves, District 1  
Richard Valle, District 2 - Chairman  
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Rusty Robinson, District 4  
Richard Fagundes, District 5



**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, March 7, 2023  
**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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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  
SUPERVISOR VALLE REQUESTED A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR THE PASSING OF ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR, RICHARD VALLE.  
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 letter from Dr. Willard Roberson electronically and in hard copy and the letter will be made part of the permanent record of the minutes from today's meeting.**

**Dena Rizzardo, Chief Executive Officer for Kings Fair stated that her Board would like to apply for a grant available through the Community Resiliency grant program to enhance and improve the grounds and build a new 30,000 square foot building and stated that she would like the Board of Supervisors to submit a letter of support to send with the application which is due by March 10, 2023.**

**Edward Hill stated that staff will work with Ms. Rizzardo to determine the course of action given the quick turnaround of the request and possibly bring an item on a future agenda to discuss.**

**Rose Mary Rahn Kings County Public Health Director stated that there are several updates to state orders that will go into effect this month relating to the pandemic orders set by the California Department of Public Health which are ending and stated that she would return on the March 28, 2023, agenda to give an overview.**

**Tom Pires, Kings County resident thanked the Board for amending the Hemp Ordinance to allow for Hemp growers to be able to grow crops.**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for February 28, 2023.**

**REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their February 28, 2023 meeting.**

**B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for February 28, 2023.**

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

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Human Services Agency:**

1. Consider approving the amendment with Kings Community Action Organization for the provision of Childcare Programs.
2. Consider approving the purchase of 120 replacement laptops and 135 docks.  
**[AGMT 22-069.1]**

**B. Information Technology Department:**

1. Consider authorizing the Purchasing Manager to sign the Agreement with Oracle for the County payroll system effective March 17, 2023. **[AGMT 23-025]**

**C. Public Health Department:**

1. a. Consider approving the grant carry over balances from Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for two grants under budget unit 417400 Health – Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP);  
b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

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



**V.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. County Counsel – Diane Freeman**

**Agriculture Commissioner-Sealer – Jimmy Hook**

1. a. Consider waiving the second reading of the proposed Ordinance amending regulations for industrial hemp in the unincorporated areas of Kings County;
- b. Adopt the Ordinance amending regulations for industrial hemp in the unincorporated areas of Kings County. **[ORDINANCE 696.1]**

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

**B. Human Resources – Carolyn Leist**

1. Consider approving the updated Deferred Compensation Investment Policy and Procedure Statement.

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

**C. Human Services Agency – Wendy Osikafo/Monica Connor**

1. Consider adopting a ~~Proclamation designating~~ **Resolution proclaiming** March 2023 as Social Worker Appreciation Month in Kings County. **[RESO 23-012]**

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

**D. Information Technology Department – John Devlin**

1. a. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding with Golden State Connect Authority for implementation of the Broadband Planning Grant; **[AGMT 23-026]**
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

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

**E. Public Health Department – Rose Mary Rahn/Heather Silva**

1. a. Consider accepting the California Strengthening Public Health Initiative allocation;
- b. Approve the Acknowledgement of Allocation Letter to the California Department of Public Health for \$764,714 for the period December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2027; **[AGMT 23-027]**
- c. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

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

**F. Public Works Department – Dominic Tyburski/Mitchel Cabrera**

1. Consider authorizing the Public Works Director to sign the Consultant Services Agreement with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc., to prepare Plans, Specifications, and Estimate package for the Kettleman City Pedestrian Bridge Project. **[AGMT 23-021]**

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, DV, RV-Aye, RR-No)**

**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 Neves stated that he attended the Kings Federal Credit Union meeting, attended the CalViva meeting, attended the SouthFork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Act meeting, the Lemoore Raceway event was canceled due to weather, attended the Local Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting, will be attending the Keith Hernandez memorial event on March 11, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Island Fire Station, has received several calls from constituents stating that they were happy with the Kings Community Action Organization income tax preparation service and we was appreciative of kind and courteous service provided, stated that the Tulare Lake Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Act and SouthFork Kings plan was rejected along with many others.**



**Supervisor Fagundes stated that he attended the Kings County Housing Authority meeting and stated that he would be helping with the St. John's Society take out pork dinner on March 11, 2023. Supervisor Verboon stated that he virtually attended the California State Association of Counties Rural Caucus meeting and the CSAC Board meeting and visited with family this weekend.**

**Supervisor Robinson stated that he met with Kings Community Action Organization Director, Jeff Garner regarding our homelessness issues, looked at a sidewalk in Armona in reference to a constituent complaint, spoke on the phone with the Hanford City Mayor Travis Paden regarding city/county issues, spoke on the phone with Armona Elementary School District regarding drainage issues and a few weeks ago his family hosted a reawakening of evidenced based learning program - phonics meeting to try to get that back into schools.**

**Supervisor Valle stated that he has been working with the City of Corcoran and County staff to prepare for the unveiling of the Veterans Memorial statue on April 29, 2023 and thanked the Boards for their support of the project.**

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Edward Hill stated that the Board received a letter from Dr. Willard Roberson regarding continued financial support of the Commission on Aging that the Clerk of the Board stated would be part of the permanent record and the Board received email correspondence from Karla Orosco (Akers 7th Grade Science Teacher) regarding a request for a seismology station in Lemoore with UC Berkley and staff will be working with Supervisor Neves on bringing the project to West Hills College in Lemoore.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Edward Hill stated that on March 17, 2023, there will be a St. Patrick's Day Bash in Downtown Hanford, from 9:00 p.m. until midnight, the event is open to all. The Chalk it Up, Chalk Art Festival will be held on March 25, 2023, between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Kings Art Center at 605 N. Douty Street in Hanford. The cost is \$25/square with chalk included, prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> the event is open to all ages. There will be a Music in Park/Baked Potato Fundraiser in Avenal on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Floyd Rice Park, at this time that is all the details we have and will update them as they become available. The Mary Immaculate Queen Parents Association will be holding their 14<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament on Monday, March 13, 2023, at the Kings County Country Club. The cost is \$800 for teams of four and there will be a shotgun start at 10:30, they are also looking for sponsors for the event. The American Legion Post 100 Lemoore will be holding their Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Friday, March 17, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., tickets are \$12 per person. There will be a Kings County Employee Blood drive on March 23, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The blood drive buses will be here on campus in the parking lot closest to the old sheriffs building, appointments need to be scheduled on-line only and an email with the sign-up link has been sent out to all County staff through the KCPIO email. Kings County will be hosting Youth in County Government Day on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. invitations have been extended to all high schools within Kings County to send students who will be able to job shadow a Board Member, Department Head, or designee throughout the day. Students will be able to attend a special luncheon sponsored by Hanford Rotary. Kings County looks forward to bringing back this event and inspiring our youth to be our future in government careers.**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Edward Hill stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration - Youth in Government Day and a resolution supporting the Corcoran Veterans Memorial Statue; Elections – Resolutions to change election years to even numbered years for Empire West Side Irrigation District and Kings County Water District; Fire Department – Adoption of California Fire Code changes and a Resolution recognizing March as American Red Cross Month; Human Services Agency – study session on the impact to Medi-Cal**



and Calfresh programs with the ending of the coronavirus public health emergency; Public Health – California Children's Services medical therapy program plan and budge; Sheriff's Office – staffing allocations.

**VII. CLOSED SESSION**

- ◆ Significant exposure to litigation: (1 Case)  
 [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(3)]
- ◆ Workers Compensation: (3 Cases) [Govt. Code Section 54956.95]

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. This will be the Les Collins' Memorial Youth in Government Day, sponsored by the Hanford Rotary Club.

***FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS***

March 14	8:30 AM	Regular Meeting. This will be the Les Collins' Memorial Youth in Government Day, sponsored by the Hanford Rotary Club.
March 21	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
March 21	2:00 PM	Board of Equalization - Regular Meeting
March 28	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 4	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.*

February 24, 2023

Kings County Board of Supervisors

To Whom It May Concern,

Rarely have I been exposed to an agency that offers faith, hope and charity to Senior Citizens. Seniors in the county of Kings are the benefactors of the Commission on Aging. The Commission on Aging often helps to alleviate the financial strain that many Seniors experience in Kings County.

The role of the Board of Supervisors in allocating funds to assist Seniors can never be underestimated. Without the continued funding, many Seniors would be unable to pay for basic needs such as food, heating, and electricity. Hopefully, the Board will continue assisting a multitude of Seniors in Kings County with financial help. It is my fervent desire that the funding will continue in much greater amounts to accommodate as many Seniors as possible.

I wish to extend a heart felt thank you to the Kings Country Board of Supervisor and Mrs. Bobby Warton and her staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Willard Roberson".

Dr. Willard Roberson