

**Board Members**

Joe Neves, District 1  
Richard Valle, District 2 - Chairman  
Doug Verboon, District 3 – Vice-Chairman  
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 14, 2023  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Place:** Board of Supervisors Chambers, Kings County Government Center  
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

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- I. 8:30 AM **YOUTH AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY**
  - A. Consider receiving an overview of Youth in County Government Day, Orientation, and Assignments of students to Department Heads and Board of Supervisors.  
**STUDENTS WERE GIVEN THEIR ASSIGNMENTS AND ITINERARY FOR THE DAY.**



- II. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER**  
**ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board**  
**INVOCATION – Pastor Tyler Jones - Koinonia Church**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT**  
**YOUTH IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT STUDENTS SITTING WITH THE BOARD WERE: DISTRICT 1 – EMILY MARTINEZ, DISTRICT 2 – ESMERALDA MORQUECHO, DISTRICT 3 – SEBASTIAN ROBINSON, DISTRICT 4 – PATRICK ROBINSON AND DISTRICT 5- GRACIE FAGUNDES**
- III. 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.*  
**Kristine Lee, Assessor/Clerk -Recorder stated that in August 2022 she presented an annual report to the Board on property values and was directed to bring back an update which she would like to have a staff member who is taking a public speaking class to present**  
  
**Rachel Velasco, Clerk-Recorder Specialist gave a report to the Board on the current property values and projects that the Assessor’s Office staff is working on.**  
  
**Scott Holwell, Veteran’s Services Officer/Public Guardian stated that he is in support of the proposed naming of the Veteran’s Memorial in Gateway Park in Corcoran which is on the agenda today.**  
  
**Miguel Ramirez, Public Relations Manager for Pacific Gas & Electric stated that the price of natural gas is dropping. The savings are being passed on to the consumers who should be seeing a significant savings in the March bills versus their January bills and enforcement and collections is seeing a downturn as well.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for March 7, 2023.**  
**REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board appointed Leonard Bakker as Interim Chief Probation Officer at their March 7, 2023 meeting.**  
**B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for March 7, 2023.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, DV, RR, RV-Aye)**
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**A. Elections:**  
1. a. Consider accepting Empire West Side Irrigation District Resolution No. 23-02, to change district election dates to even numbered years to allow for consolidation with statewide elections;  
b. Accept Kings County Water District Resolution No. 2023-02, to change district election dates to even numbered years to allow for consolidation with statewide elections.  
**B. Public Works Department:**  
1. a. Consider approving the Plans and Specifications for the Kings County Board of Supervisors Boardroom Improvements Project;  
b. Authorize the Public Works Department to advertise the project.  
**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, DV, RR, RF, RV-Aye)**



**VI.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Fire Department – William Lynch/Aaron Parreira/Abraham Valencia**

1. Consider adopting changes in the 2022 California Fire Code, including the following Sections and Chapter: Section 503, Section 806, Section 807, Section 808, and Chapter 26.

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

2. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming the month of March 2023 as American Red Cross Month. **[RESO 23-013]**

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

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

1. a. Consider authorizing the Public Health Director to sign the California Children’s Services Plan and Budget and Certification for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 retroactively effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023;
- b. Approve the California Children’s Services Plan and Budget and Certification for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 retroactively effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; **[AGMT 23-028]**
- c. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

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

**C. Administration – Edward Hill/Domingo Cruz/Matthew Boyett**

1. Consider adopting a Resolution naming the Corcoran Veterans Memorial Statue as the “The Five Pillars of Freedom.” **[RESO 23-014]**

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

2. Consider ratifying a Resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency due to the extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the county caused by recent storms, current snowpack in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and the imminent flooding the county will experience. **[EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION 23-01]**

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

**VII.**

**STUDY SESSION**

**A. Human Services Agency – Wendy Osikafo/Maria Rodriguez-Lopez**

1. Overview and update on the impact to the Medi-Cal and CalFresh programs administered by the Human Services Agency with the ending of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 public health emergency.

**THE BOARD RECEIVED AN UPDATE AND NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

**VIII.**

**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 thanked staff for work on the emergency flood proclamation, attended Chief Probation Officer Kelly Vernon’s farewell party, cooked for the Lemoore Elementary School band pancake fundraiser, attended meetings dealing with flooding and attended the West Hills College State Basketball tournament.**

**Supervisor Fagundes stated that he was proud to have his granddaughter Gracie sitting with him for Youth In County Government Day today and that he cooked for the Lemoore Elementary School band pancake fundraiser where there was a good turnout.**

**Supervisor Verboon stated that he attended the Rural Counties Rural Caucus meeting and attended Kelly Vernon’s farewell party.**



**Supervisor Robinson thanked the students for participating in Youth in County Government Day, attended the Rural Counties Rural Caucus meeting electronically and visited possible homeless shelter sites.**

**Supervisor Valle thanked the students for participating in Youth in County Government Day and stated that the Board will be recognizing women leaders in the community with the Women's History Month on the March 21, 2023 meeting.**

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Edward Hill stated that the Board received a letter from the Bakersfield National Cemetery Support Committee dated March 3, 2023 extending an invitation for you to attend the 2023 Annual Memorial Day Weekend Ceremony on May 27, 2023. He stated that the Board submitted a letter in support of the Kings Fairgrounds Community Resiliency Center Grant Project on March 10, 2023.**
- ◆ **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. – 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 American Legion Post 100 Lemoore will be holding their Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Friday, March 17, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. – 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. – 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 is hosting Youth in County Government Day today 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 -five Claims for Damages and adopt a resolution recognizing March 2023 as Women's History Month in Kings County; Agriculture Department – Appropriation increase for rodent bait mixing supplies, Behavioral Health -Job classification revision for a Quality Assurance Manager flexible allocation, and addition of one Program Specialist, Public Health Department – adopt a Resolution proclaiming March 24, 2023 as World Tuberculosis Day in Kings County; Public Works Department – local transportation funds claim Resolution, and consideration regarding Kings County parks usage fees; Sheriff's Office – staffing allocations, donation from the Kings County Board of Realtors, and purchase of a Bidirectional Amplifier.**

**Edward Hill stated that he unfortunately has to announce that he is leaving Kings County, and would like to thank the Board and the Department Heads, and the many other staff he has had the pleasure of working with over my short 5 years with the County, and he will truly miss you all but he will be just up the road in Fresno. He stated that his last day will be Friday, March 31, 2023.**



**IX. CLOSED SESSION**

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

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

***FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS***

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
April 11	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 11	2:00 PM	Board of Equalization - Regular Meeting

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