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Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, March 28, 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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- I. 9:00 AM **CALL TO ORDER**
 ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board
 INVOCATION – ~~Pastor Chad Fagundes – Koinonia Church~~ 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.

William Oliveira, Kings County resident stated that the County and other agencies should be looking for incentives for farmers to take the flood water and discussed the Kings River flows and stated that the water must go to the ocean now because it is too late for the State to build the infrastructure we so badly need to keep the water for drought years.

Edward Neal, Kings County resident stated that he would like to see more transparency for the residents of Kings County as to the current flooding events and where to get information, by possibly doing mailers or social media to get the information out.

Supervisor Verboon stated that the County Office of Emergency Services has set up a website to put all information in one place and it's located at: www.countyofkings.com, at the top of the page you can click on Local Emergency Flooding Information link and it will take you to a page with information such as: current road closures, the call center number, property damage forms, sandbag information and FEMA flood zone maps.

Phil Hansen, Kings County resident thanked the Board for ruling to cut levee #749 but more needs to be done since there was a back up of the system there have been dairies flooded, homes and crops lost. He stated that the Brown and Cousins canals need to take on water or there could be threats to the Stratford area.

Dave Robinson, Kings County Sheriff stated that there are three west side farmers taking water from the floods and stated that there is a lot of work in progress on the logistics of the issues and everyone needs to work together to get the information out to the farmers and property owners impacted by the flooding. He stated that he is working with Caltrans to get the I-5 and Utica exit closed to help with keeping people from driving into the water and requiring rescue.

Sarah Hacker, Kings County District Attorney thanked Edward Hill, County Administrative Officer for his help during her transition to the office and stated that it was a positive experience and wished him success in his future endeavors.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the special meeting for March 18, 2023.

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated as reported on March 21, 2023 the Board approved their second order regarding flooding in Kings County at their March 18, 2023 meeting and the document was posted as required by law.

Supervisor Valle stated that the Board of Supervisors at their Special Meeting on March 18, 2023 made the decision with a second order to cut levee #749 at the highest point and that has not happened to date. It has been over 10 days and he asked why this not happened, regardless of the Emergency Operation Center being in operation, the Board of Supervisors held a special meeting and the order has not been followed, he asked for that to be implemented immediately and stated that people expect the Board to lead. He stated that people don't trust Government, the citizens of Allensworth and Alpaugh were sent a text to evacuate and he wants to let the citizens know the Board is working to keep them safe and get information to them directly.

B. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for March 21, 2023.

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board appointed Kyria Martinez as Acting County Administrative Officer effective April 1, 2023 and will set her compensation in open session at the April 4, 2023 meeting.



- C. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting for March 18, 2023.
- D. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for March 21, 2023.

ACTION: APPROVED THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 18, 2023 AND MARCH 21, 2023 AS PRESENTED (JN, RR, DV, RF, RV-Aye)

IV.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Agricultural Department:

- 1. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Exotic Pest Detection Program retroactively from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. **[AGMT 23-029]**

B. Behavioral Health Department:

- 1. Consider approving the Quality Assurance Manager Position in Behavioral Health to flexibly allocate to a Clinical Program Manager.

C. Human Services Agency:

- 1. a. Consider adopting a Resolution for the Transitional Housing Program and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Programs authorizing the application for and acceptance of the program allocations; **[RESO 23-017]**
- b. Designate the Kings County Board of Supervisors Chairman as the signature authority for the Standard Agreements and amendments;
- c. Authorize and designate the Human Services Agency Director to sign the Allocation Acceptance Forms and Annual Reports.

D. Public Health Department:

- 1. a. Consider approving an Agreement with the California Department of Public Health for the California Home Visiting Program retroactively effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; **[AGMT 23-030]**
- b. Authorize the Director of Public Health to sign all the prospective payment invoices related to the program;
- c. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

E. Sheriff's Office:

- 1. a. Consider authorizing the Sheriff's Office to allow the Detentions Deputy Association to purchase the service handguns;
- b. Approve the purchase of a Glock handguns as replacements;
- c. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
- 2. a. Consider approving the new job specification for Undersheriff and set the salary at Range 289.5 (\$10,719 - \$13,080 monthly);
- b. Allocate 1.0 Full Time Undersheriff Position in Budget Unit 222000;
- c. Delete 1.0 Full Time Assistant Sheriff Position in Budget Unit 222000.

F. Administration:

- 1. a. Consider approving the County's Fiscal Loss of Revenue Report to the State from Fiscal Years 2018 to 2020 of fees eliminated by Assembly Bill 199;
- b. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to submit the annual reporting for AB 177.
- 2. a. Consider approving the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program Participation Agreement 23-MCIPKINGS-16 with the California Department of Health Care Services for the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026; **[AGMT 23-031]**
- b. Approve the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program Agreement for Administrative Services 23-30026 with the California Department of Health Care Services for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. **[AGMT 23-032]**
- 3. Consider appointing four new members to the Kings County Behavioral Health Advisory Committee.



4. a. Consider authorizing the County Administrative Officer to sign Standard Agreement with the Board of State and Community Corrections for funding for the indigent defense providers retroactively effective from March 1, 2023 through March 1, 2025; **[AGMT 23-033]**
- b. Adopt a Resolution accepting the public defense pilot program grant. **[RESO 23-018]**

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

V.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Administration – Edward Hill/Matthew Boyett

1. Consider introducing and waiving the first reading of the Amended Ordinance for Senate Bill 1383 requirements. **[ORD 705.1]**

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

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

1. Consider receiving an update on the local emergency in Kings County and new changes to several state public health officer orders related 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 REPORTABLE 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 Neves submitted his information in writing and stated that he continues to be engaged with flooding issues. He stated that he attended the Local Agency Formation Commission meeting approved the release of 2023/24 budget and set public hearing for April 19, 2023. He attended the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency and they wrapped up a public hearing on unmet transit needs with a final report to be reviewed in June 2023, where they approved the application for low or no emission grant for bus and infrastructure and approved on-demand transit in Avenal for a 3-month pilot program, and Hanford “Uber service” will be transitioning to Ecolane Application, Lemoore is currently using the Ecolane Application, the ability to pay via the application is being developed and approximately 600 people countywide use that transportation application. He attended the Kings County Association of Governments, the commission received a report on Transportation Development Act Funding summary, finalized Regional Corridor needs study and approved top 10 identified list with some discussion and approved the Transportation Development Act, Financial and Compliance Audit Reports, with Corcoran and Avenal audits as incomplete with current funds being withheld until audits are completed. 2023 Valley Voice Trip was discussed with Terri King and Doug Verboon attending the outreach activities in Sacramento, also information about housing workshops for planning activities in the future dealing with sustainable communities. He stated that the Master Plan for Aging continues to meet, with the community outreach results were up for discussion. Planning efforts continue as we review survey questions and find much of the services are being provided, but not being communicated to needing individuals seems to be an issue. A better way to perform outreach activities and network with individuals is needed. He stated that he donated blood at the County Blood Drive, there were 37 registered with 28 donations, along with several walk ins. Attended a meeting with Valley Caregivers and services available to Seniors and families with questions about the caregiving journey. Valley Caregivers are available for service club presentations, senior citizens centers or families seeking information about their services. He stated that he attended the Cal-ID and Remote Access Network board meeting reviewed maintenance agreements on all Live Scan devices, will come before this board for final approval. Also approved both budgets for the upcoming year.



Supervisor Fagundes stated that he has been taking calls regarding flooding and road closures and has been referring them to the Sheriff's dispatch to report the information.

Supervisor Verboon stated that he held a Town Hall meeting at the Island Fire Station with approximately 200 attendees who were given updated information on flooding in their surrounding areas and speakers answered questions offered by the attendees. He stated that sand was delivered to the Island Fire Station for the surrounding residents and that was dispersed, and more sand is being delivered in the coming days. He stated that he has been working on flooding issues throughout the County. He stated that he attended the San Joaquin Valley Joint Powers Authority/Amtrak meeting where the decision to decommission the Antioch station was made and a new Oakley station will be opened in 2025 and he stated that he attended the Hanford Rotary Great Steak Out event.

Supervisor Robinson stated that he attended the Town Hall meeting hosted by Supervisor Verboon and thanked him for getting the information to the people in the Island District on the flooding events. He thanked Sheriff Robinson for allowing him to be flown over the flood locations to get a better view of the issues the County is dealing with and to understand the topography and stated that he attended the Hanford Rotary Great Steak Out event. He thanked

Supervisor Valle thanked Edward Hill, County Administrative Officer for his service with Kings County.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Edward Hill stated that the Board received a public notice from Chemical Waste Management regarding the Kettleman Hills Facility. He stated that the Board received correspondence dated March 16, 2023 from Reef Sunset Unified School District regarding donations to support educational efforts.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Edward Hill stated that the We can't Run, Walk & Roll without you will take place on Saturday, April 1, 2023. This will be a 5k Run/1Mile Walk benefiting United Cerebral Palsy Central California and the proceeds stay local. 5k Run Registration fee is \$30 and the 1 mile walk is free. For more information and for registration please visit UCPC.org. The event will be held at Civic Center Park located at 400 N. Douty Street in Hanford with check-in at 8:00 a.m. Registration closes on March 31, 2023. The Sarah A. Mooney Museum will celebrate its 182nd Birthday Celebration on Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. There will be Ice Cream by the Rolling Cones. There will also be live outdoor music, a bounce house, games, vendors, and prizes. The Children's Storybook Garden and Museum will host its Bunny Brunch and Easter Celebration on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 175 E. 10th in Hanford. There will be a Bunny Brunch from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and the cost is \$25 for kids and \$10 for adults and includes games and an Easter egg hunt. Tickets can also be purchased for only the Easter celebration without the brunch at a cost of \$12 per kid and \$5 for adults. There will be a Bike Rodeo hosted by the Avenal Community Activities Department on April 1, 2023 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Floyd Rice Park in Avenal. Bring your bike, helmet and a parent. There will be bike skill events and safety checks. Also starting earlier that same day at 10:00 a.m. there will be an Easter Egg Hunt and week of the Young child with train rides, pony rides, crafts, bounce houses, and clowns also at Rice Park in Avenal. The Hanford Knights of Columbus announce their 62nd annual Palm Sunday breakfast to be held on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023, at the Hanford Fraternal Hall. This fundraising event started in 1959, and has been ongoing for over 60 years, with the exception of the two years due to the pandemic. The menu includes ham, scrambled eggs, hashed brown potatoes, bread, coffee, orange juice and milk. The Palm Sunday breakfast will start at 7:00 a.m. and go till 12:00 p.m. Take outs are available upon request. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased from any Hanford Knights of Columbus member.**



- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: **Edward Hill stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration - Agreement for the transfer of table a water and ancillary agreement with Westlake farms, Appointments to the Kings County Agricultural Advisory Committee, Appointments to the Kings County Homelessness Collaborative, and Senate Bill 1383 Ordinance Amendment 2nd Reading,; Community Development Agency – recommendations from the Water Commission concerning the Water Resources Oversight Commission formation and revisions to Ordinance No. 706; Fire Department - Acceptance of Pass-Through Funding From CAL OES and approval of California Fire Assistance Agreement, Governing Body Resolution; Human Services Agency – Resolution regarding Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month; Public Health Department – Resolution recognizing April 3-9, 2023 as National Public Health week.**

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **Personnel Matter: [Govt Code Section 54957]
Public Employee Appointment: County Administrative Officer**
- ◆ **Conference with Labor Negotiator/Meet and Confer: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]
Negotiators: Edward Hill, Kyria Martinez, Carolyn Leist, Che Johnson of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore**
 - General Unit - CLOCEA
 - Supervisor’s Unit - CLOCEA
 - Blue Collar - SEIU
 - Detention Deputy’s Association
 - Firefighter’s Association
 - Deputy Sheriff’s Association
 - Probation Officer’s Association
 - Prosecutor’s Association
 - Unrepresented Management

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 4	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 11	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 11	2:00 PM	Board of Equalization - Regular Meeting
April 18	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 25	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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