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Kyria Martinez, Acting Co. Admin. Officer
Diane Freeman, County Counsel
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 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 Tyler Jones - Koinonia 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.

Chase Nunes, Kings County resident/Hanford High School student stated that he has been invited to play with the Greater Fresno Boys Baseball team and accompany them to Toyohashi Japan for three weeks to play baseball at the 39th annual World Boys Baseball tournament. He stated that he is the only Kings County player on the team and that he will have a drive through Pulled Pork fundraiser dinner to help pay for his trip and expenses on June 25, 2023 at the Laton Lions Hall and tickets are \$20 each and he has left some tickets with the Clerk of the Board if anyone wishes to purchase them.

Sarah Hacker, Kings County District Attorney stated that on June 8, 2023 operation "Movin' Out" was conducted in Kings County by the Task Force and 62 arrests were made including suspects for three homicide cases. She stated that the District Attorney's office now has to prosecute all of the defendants and asked the Board to look at using American Rescue Plan Act funding for signing bonuses and retention pay. She stated that she is looking at contacting independent contract attorneys to help with the caseload.

Maria Hoover, Administration/Minors Advocates Division stated that her office has been trying to recruit for one position since December 2022 and that Tulare County pays \$20,000 more to start than Kings County and stated that her staff has been able to recover \$691,000 out of \$791,000 available from the courts and with another position she thinks all of the funding could be recovered and asked the Board to look at using ARPA funding to increase the starting pay and signing bonuses.

Lupe Villa, Kings County Registrar of Voters stated that the notice of a public hearing to consider draft election administration plan and receive public comment pursuant to California Elections Code Section 4005 (a)(10)(D)(i) and the deadline is June 27, 2023. He stated that the Draft Renewal Election Administration Plan 2023 is posted on the Elections website at www.votekingscounty.com and posted to their social media platforms.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the special meeting for June 5, 2023.

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board voted unanimously to extend an offer of employment to Kyria Martinez as the County Administrative Officer effective June 12, 2023 with an item on the agenda today to set her compensation.

B. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for June 6, 2023.

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their June 6, 2023 meeting.

ACTION: THE BOARD APPROVED THE REPORT OUT AS PRESENTED (DV, RF, JN, RR, RV-Aye)

C. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting for June 5, 2023.

D. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for June 6, 2023.

ACTION: APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 5, 2023 AND JUNE 6, 2023 MEETINGS AS PRESENTED (JN, RV, DV, RR, RF-Aye)

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Agriculture Department:

1. Consider authorizing the Agricultural Commissioner to sign the Agreement with the California Crop Improvement Association for the County's assistance with the seed certification program effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 23-050]**



2. Consider approving the amended Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Pink Bollworm Cotton Plowdown and Host-Free Monitoring Program retroactively effective from December 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. **[AGMT 22-037.1]**
3. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement for a term from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Petroleum Enforcement Program. **[AGMT 23-051]**
4. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement for the term from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Weighmaster Enforcement Program. **[AGMT 23-052]**

B. Assessor/Clerk/Recorder:

1. a. Consider approving the purchase of one digital microfilm scanner;
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

C. Behavior Health Department:

1. Consider approving the amendment to the Agreement with Inspiring Pathways, Incorporated to provide Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program services for female minor beneficiaries residing in Kings County effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 22-142.1]**

D. Public Health Department:

1. Consider approving the addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding with Anthem to enable the sharing of protected health information effective upon execution. **[AGMT 15-113.1]**

E. Public Works Department:

1. a. Consider accepting the dedication for In-Lieu Parcel Map 22-03 (Douglas E. Martin, Gary A. Martin) into the County Maintained Mileage;
- b. Accept the dedication for In-Lieu Parcel Map 22-04 (Douglas E. Martin, Gary A. Martin) into the County Maintained Mileage.
2. a. Consider allocating 2.0 Full-Time Equivalent Janitors to the Budget Unit 925700;
- b. Allocate 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent Building Maintenance Worker to the Budget Unit 925700;
- c. Allocate 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent Building Operations Specialist to the Budget Unit 925700.

F. Sheriff's Office:

1. a. Consider approving the purchase of an airboat and trailer;
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

G. Administration:

1. Consider approving the first amendment to the Agreement with Burnham Benefits for Employee Benefit Brokerage services effective June 25, 2023 through June 24, 2027. **[AGMT 19-059.1]**

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

V.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Human Resources Department – Carolyn Leist

1. Consider confirming the appointment of Kyria Martinez to the position of County Administrative Officer effective June 12, 2023 and set the compensation retroactively to that date.

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



B. Administration – Kyria Martinez /Matthew Boyett

1. Consider confirming the appointment of Leonard Bakker to the position of Chief Probation Officer effective June 12, 2023 and set the compensation retroactively to that date.

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

2. Consider directing staff as to the County's response to the notification seeking comment regarding any potential impacts to County operations under the proposed trust land acquisition.

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

3. a. Consider authorizing the use of American Rescue Plan Act funding in the amount of \$1,706,715 for proposed projects from the ARPA Committee;

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

- b. Authorize the use of \$6,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act funding for employee retention and hiring incentives;

ACTION: INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM NUMEROUS DEPARTMENTS AND THE ITEM WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RR, JN, RF, RV-Aye)

- c. Authorize withholding any remaining allocated American Rescue Plan Act funding of \$3,015,344 until a future Board date;

- d. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RR, JN, DV, RF, RV-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 Neves stated that he continues to engage in flood related issues, attended the Kings County Child Support Services and Job Training Office "May Move" event and congratulated the participants for their success and to the Job Training Office for their win during the challenge. He stated that he attended the First 5 Children & Families Commission meeting, attended the Fresno Public Policy Committee, attended the Federal Emergency Management Agency training on Hazardous materials, attended the Corcoran Tulare Lake tour with Department heads and staff and attended the Portuguese Consulate General attendance of the Carnegie Museum 2nd phase presentation.

Supervisor Fagundes stated that he has been attending meetings and handling calls from constituents.

Supervisor Robinson stated that he attended the Kings County Child Support Services and Job Training Office "May Move" event and congratulated the participants for their success and to the Job Training Office for their win during the challenge. He stated that he attended the Corcoran Tulare Lake tour with Department heads and staff and met with Wendy Osikafo, Human Services Director on homeless issues and toured the Kings Building "Old County Hospital".

Supervisor Valle stated that he attended a meeting with the Avenal City Manager and Council members to discuss visions for the Avenal and I-5 cutoff on the Kings County side.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received an Application dated May 12, 2023 from the California High-Speed Rail Authority to Construct Four Proposed High Speed Rail Tracks. The Board received Notice of Water Right Application from the State Water Resources Control Board received June 6, 2023. The Board received a Prop 65 Hazardous Material Release Report dated June 7, 2023 from the Kings County Department of Public Health. The Board received correspondence from the State Board of Equalization dated June 6, 2023 regarding 2023 Taxpayers' Bill of Rights Hearing to be held on August 29, 2023.**



- ◆ Upcoming Events: **Kyria Martinez** stated that the **Children’s Storybook Garden & Museum** will host for three Wednesdays in a row a **Cooking 4 Kids** class on **June 14, 21 & 28** from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** The cost is **\$60** for **Grades K-5th**, must be re-registered and space is limited to **20** students. The **76th Annual Kings Fair** will take place in Hanford this week **June 15-18, 2023**. This year’s theme is **Agriculture and All that Jazz** and the Board members have been invited to a press conference at the fairgrounds on **June 15, 2023** at **11:00 a.m.** the **California Department of Food and Agriculture** Department Secretary **Michael Flores** will be announcing the first round of resiliency funding he is releasing throughout the state and the **Kings Fairgrounds** is receiving **\$3.5** million dollars. There will be a **Hanford Water Town Hall** at the **Hanford Civic Auditorium** on **June 16, 2023** from **6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** with featured speaker that will include **Supervisor Doug Verboon**, together with a panel of distinguished speakers from various backgrounds , admission is free through registration at **Eventbrite**. The **Kings County Library** will host a **Parenting Strategies** seminar taught by **Per Westlund** a retired **School Resource Officer** on **Saturday, June 17, 2023** from **2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.** at the **Hanford Branch Library**. There will be **Kings County Employee Blood Drive** will be on **Thursday, July 13, 2023** from **9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Buses will be here on campus in the parking lot closest to the old **Sheriff’s office** parking; across from the **Jury Parking Lot**. Walk-ups are welcome; however, for faster registration, we recommend scheduling online. We still have slots open. Save the date for the ribbon cutting of the **Kings Building** on **August 30, 2023** from **9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**
- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: **Kyria Martinez** stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: **Administration - Compass Health Administrators Agreement and Blue Shield Amendment;**, **Fourth Amendment to Innovative Claim Solutions (ICS) Contract, Kettleman City Community Services District Surface Water Treatment Plant Funding Request and Scope of work for Ernst and Young to audit accounting records of California Department of Water Resources regarding Kings County State Water contract; Behavioral Health - Agreement with California Health Collaborative, Agreement with Champions, Agreement with Mental Health Systems for the ACT and FSP programs, Agreement with Plumlee’s for Board and Care placements, Agreement with California Health Facilities Financing Authority for investment in mental health wellness grant program for children and youth, and Agreement with Kings View Electronic Health Record System (EHRS); County Counsel -Renewal of Local Emergency due to Flood Conditions in Kings County; District Attorney - continued participation in the victim Witness Assistance Program and Suspension of Personnel Rule 13051 and Temporary authorization for the District Attorney on employee hiring; Department of Finance -request regarding end of year budget transfers, Appropriation limits for FY 2023-2024 and Booking Fee Rate for FY 2023-2024; Public Health - Amendment to Agreement with Doctor Milton Teske, Immunization Local Assistance Grant and advanced step hire; Public Works Department - BRLO 5945 (081) – 16th Avenue at Tulare Lake canal bridge replacement (BRIDGE # 45C-0118) and Kings County bridge preventative maintenance program (BPMP)- PHASE II.**

VII.

CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **Personnel Exemption: 2 Cases [Govt Code Section 54957]**
Public Employee – Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- ◆ **Litigation initiated formally. Title:**
El Rico GSA v. County of Kings, et al., Kings County Superior Court Case No. 23CU0202
[Govt Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]
- ◆ **Litigation initiated formally. Title:**
Southern California Edison Company v. State Board of Equalization, et al., Orange County Superior Court Case Nos. 30-2022-01258057-CU-MC-CJC and 30-2022-01258109-CU-MC-CJC
[Govt Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]



VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

June 20	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
June 27	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
July 4	-	Regular Meeting Canceled due to Independence Day Holiday
July 11	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
July 11	2:00 PM	Regular Meeting – Board of Equalization

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