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Kyria Martinez, County Administrative Officer  
Diane Freeman, County Counsel  
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

## Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

**Date:** Tuesday, July 11, 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 John Smith Jr. – Lily of the Valley Church  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT



- II. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Kyria Martinez**  
Presentation of Certificates to recognize the Employee Recognition Committee and volunteers from the Jail Kitchen and Public Works.  
**THE BOARD PRESENTED CERTIFICATES AND NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN.**
- 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.*  
**Julieta Martinez, Job Training Office Director stated that James “Jay” Salyer, Economic Development Manager is retiring after 25 years of service with the County and thanked him for his service.**
- Jay Salyer thanked the Board for their support over the years and stated that he has enjoyed the time working with Kings County.**
- Kyria Martinez, County Administrative Officer introduced Alex Walker, intern for the Administration Office and Board of Supervisors Office and stated that he would be working on some large projects.**
- Alex Walker thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.**
- Claire Fitausi, Valley Voices stated that their mission is to increase civic engagement and voter education and has concerns with regular items B.1 and B.2 limiting the access and information to the voters.**
- Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board stated that the Board received email correspondence from Randell Harper and it will be made part of the permanent record of the minutes.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for June 27, 2023.**  
**REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their June 27, 2023 meeting.**
- B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for June 27, 2023.**  
**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RR, RV-Aye, DV-Absent)**
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR**
- A. Agriculture Department:**
1. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County’s European Grapevine Moth Detection Program retroactively effective from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. **[AGMT 23-096]**
- B. Community Development Agency:**
1. Consider adopting an updated Resolution authorizing the Community Development Director or Deputy Director – Planning to act on behalf of the County in all matters pertaining to the application and signing the grant agreement. **[RESO 23-050]**
- C. District Attorney’s Office:**
1. a. Consider authorizing the District Attorney’s Office to submit and sign the grant application for the performance period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program;
  - b. Approve the Grant Subaward Certificate of Assurance of Compliance for the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program. **[AGMT 23-097]**



**D. Probation Department:**

1. Consider approving the Agreement with Kings View to continue providing substance use and mental health treatment services to probation youth for a term retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 23-098]**
2. Consider approving the 1<sup>st</sup> Amended Agreement between the Superior Court of California and the County of Kings to continue providing pretrial services in Kings County retroactively effective from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. **[AGMT 22-073.1]**

**E. Public Works Department:**

1. a. Consider authorizing the Public Works Director to submit an application for the Clean Green Yard Machines Commercial Voucher Program annually;
- b. Authorize the Public Works director to submit the Commercial Voucher Authority annually;
- c. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
2. Consider awarding the construction contract to JT2, Inc. dba Todd Companies for the Burreis Park and Hickey Park Playground Shade Project.
3. Consider approving the Construction Agreement with Garcia Paving Inc., for the construction of the pathway, which start on July 11, 2023 and will terminate upon completion of the work and acceptance by the County. **[AGMT 23-099]**

**F. Sheriff's Office:**

1. Consider approving the Agreement with Justice Benefits, Incorporated to provide professional services in maximizing federal reimbursement for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. **[AGMT 23-100]**

**G. Administration:**

1. Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter of opposition for Assembly Bill 985 (Arambula) - San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District: emission reduction credit system retroactively to June 27, 2023.

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

**VI.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Assessor/Clerk-Recorder – Kristine Lee**

1. Consider waiving the second reading and adopt the proposed Ordinance governing reassessment for property damaged or destroyed by misfortune or calamity. **[ORD 444.2]**

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

**B. Elections Department – Lupe Villa**

1. a. Consider adopting a Resolution opting out of Assembly Bill 1416; **[RESO 23-051]**
- b. Authorize the Registrar of Voters to not print the list of supporters and opponents of local measures on Kings County ballots for all future elections.

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

2. a. Consider approving the one-year Agreement with Pro Document Solutions Inc., ada Pro Vote Solutions, Inc. for ballot printing, mail, and election services; **[AGMT 23-101]**
- b. Authorize the Registrar of Voters to extend the contract for the optional three one-year extensions, if warranted.

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

**C. Human Services Agency – Wendy Osikafo/Christopher Narez**

1. a. Consider authorizing the acceptance of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Grant;
- b. Approve the Standard Agreement with the State of California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program grant;



- c. Designate and authorize the Human Services Agency Director as the signature authority for the Standard Agreement, exhibits, funding acceptance form, and reports as required by the California Interagency Council on Homelessness. **[AGMT 23-102]**

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

2. Consider approving the Standard Agreement with Department of Housing and Community Development for the Transitional Housing Program and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program Allocations. **[AGMT 23-103]**

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

**D. Human Resources Department – Carolyn Leist**

1. Consider authorizing the Human Resources Director and staff to sign the successor Agreement with the Probation Officers' Association for a term beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 23-104]**

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

2. Consider authorizing the Human Resources Director to sign the Side Letters of Agreement with the General and Supervisor's Membership of California League of City Employees' Association.

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

3. Consider authorizing the Human Resources Director to sign the Side Letter of Agreement with the Prosecutor's Association extending the existing contract through June 30, 2024.

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

4.
  - a. Consider approving a 2% cost-of-living increase for unrepresented management, appointed department heads and elected officials (Assessor/Clerk/Recorder, District Attorney, and Sheriff) effective July 10, 2023, pay period 15-2023;
  - b. Approve a .446% adjustment for the Human Services Director and a .599% adjustment for the Sheriff, effective July 10, 2023, pay period 15-2023;
  - c. Approve 3% Longevity Pay for the Sheriff effective July 10, 2023, pay period 15-2023;
  - d. Approve the Salary Resolution which reflects recommended and previously authorized classification and salary changes, and the adjustment of salary bands two, three, and four. **[RESO 23-049]**

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

**ACTION: APPROVED ITEMS A, B, & D AS PRESENTED (DV, JN, RR, RF, RV-Aye)**

**E. Probation Department – Leonard A. Bakker II**

1. Consider adopting a Resolution to designate July 16 – 22, 2023, as Probation Services Week. **[RESO 23-052]**

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

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

1.
  - a. Consider approving the Specifications for the Stratford Levee Project;
  - b. Authorize the Public Works Department to advertise the project with a shortened advertisement period pursuant to the Public Contract Code. **(4/5 vote required)**

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

**G. Sheriff's Office – David Robinson**

1.
  - a. Consider accepting the 2022 Bureau of Justice Assistance – Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Abuse Site based program grant;
  - b. Allocate a 1.0 Full Time Equivalent Detentions Deputy I/II to budget unit 223000.

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



**VII. 10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Community Development Agency – Chuck Kinney/Noelle Tomlinson**

1. a. Conduct a Public Hearing;
- b. Adopt a Resolution to partially rescind Land Conservation Williamson Act contract Number 1415 and simultaneously enter into a new Land Conservation Williamson Act contract Number 2097. **[RESO 23-053]**

**SUPERVISOR VALLE OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING, NO TESTIMONY WAS RECEIVED AND THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED. ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTD (RF, JN, DV, RR, RV-Aye)**

**10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING**

**B. Community Development Agency – Chuck Kinney/Noelle Tomlinson**

1. a. Conduct a Public Hearing;
- b. Adopt a Resolution to partially rescind Land Conservation Williamson Act contract Number 605 and simultaneously enter into a new Land Conservation Williamson Act contract Number 2099. **[RESO 23-054]**

**SUPERVISOR VALLE OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING, NO TESTIMONY WAS RECEIVED AND THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED. ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTD (RR, DV, JN, RF, RV-Aye)**

**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 stated that he continues to engage in flooding issues and Tulare Lake, attended a Kings Waste & Recycling Authority meeting, attended the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency meeting, attended the Kings County Association of Governments meeting, helped Supervisor Fagundes cook for the Kings Fair Pork Feed and helped with the Lemoore Senior fireworks booth.**

**Supervisor Fagundes thanked Supervisor Neves and Kathy Neves for their assistance at the Kings Fair Pork feed, thanked Supervisor Robinson for attending the Kings Waste & Recycling Authority meeting as he had a prior engagement and then went to the Central Coast for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.**

**Supervisor Robinson stated that he attended the Kings Waste & Recycling Authority meeting as the alternate for Supervisor Fagundes, attended the Job Training Office interviews for the Economic Development Director and stated that his thoughts and prayers go out to the staff at Candice and Company Jewelers due to the active shooter event.**

◆ **Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received a California Public Records Request dated July 3, 2023 from Susan Bassi. She stated that the Board received email correspondence from Ada Waelder of CSAC dated July 5, 2023 regarding the Secure Rural Schools Allocation Election. She stated that the Board received correspondence dated May 24, 2023 from the California Board of State and Community Corrections regarding the 2023-2024 Comprehensive Inspection, Welfare & Institutions Code Sections 209 & 885, Kings County Probation Department detention Facilitates. She stated that the Board received the June 2023 Monthly Kings County Investment Pool Transaction Activity Report dated July 5, 2023.**

◆ **Upcoming Events: Kyria Martinez stated that the Kings County Employee Blood Drive this Thursday, July 13, 2023 from 9am-1pm. Walk-ups are welcome; however, for faster registration, we recommend scheduling online. We still have slots open. There will be a Kings County Public Safety Appreciation event hosted by the Hanford Chamber of Commerce with a tri-tip lunch on Thursday, July 13, 2023 from 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hanford. There will be a Free Community Resource Fair at Veterans Memorial Park in Lemoore on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Kings County Library is hosting a free event/performance by Wadaba: Drums of Africa at its library branches throughout the County. This event will take place on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Avenal Branch Library and at 2:30 p.m. at the**



**Kettleman City Branch Library.** The event will continue on July 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Lemoore Civic Auditorium and at 2:30 p.m. at the Stratford Branch Library. The City of Hanford is hosting their Dive In Theater where you can enjoy the movie Sonic the Hedgehog 2 from inside the Plunge in Hanford at 7:30 p.m. 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 - Chemical Waste Quarterly update and California State Association of Counties Challenge Award Presentation; Agricultural Department -Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the Inspections of Fruits and Vegetables; Behavioral Health - Agreement with California Correctional Health Care Services for Secure File Transfer Protocol; County Counsel - Appointment of trustees to the Board of the Corcoran Cemetery District; Department of Finance - Financial Audit Services Contract; Job Training Office – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Master Subgrant Agreement FY 2023-2025; Public Health Department - Aria Community Health Center, Tachi Tribe Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity and Kings Community Action Organization Head Start and Probation Department - purchase of firearms.**

**IX. CLOSED SESSION**

- ◆ **Conference with Labor Negotiator/Meet and Confer: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]**  
**Negotiators: 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
- ◆ **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)]**
- ◆ **Significant exposure to litigation: (1 Case)**  
**[Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(1)]**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Special Meeting of the Board of Equalization will be held Monday, July 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.  
 The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

<b>FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS</b>		
July 18	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
July 25	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
August 1	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
August 8	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.*

**From:** [Harper, Randell](#)  
**To:** [Badasci, Diane](#); [BOS Questions](#)  
**Subject:** Comment to BOS members, July 11, 2023  
**Date:** Monday, July 10, 2023 11:33:06 AM

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Hello and happy Tuesday Board of Supervisors,

I was hoping that I would be able to be before you this morning and address you in person, however I had to travel out-of-state for a medical procedure for my daughter. Please except these written comments from me today.

I would like to give the Board a little background about myself. I first worked for Kings County as a Juvenile Correctional Officer for four years. I then decided to further my education and enrolled in law school. Immediately after graduating from law school and obtaining my California Bar license, I once again, without question, returned to Kings County as a Deputy District Attorney, and now a Minors Advocacy Attorney IV. I have now worked for the County of Kings for a total of eleven years.

I wanted to speak to you about a “proposed side letter of agreement” that I believe will be presented to your board today. This side letter of agreement was proposed to my bargaining unit, the Prosecutors Association, from County Administration. Said agreement will essentially give several benefits to some, but not all attorneys who are governed by the Prosecutors Association’s Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The Prosecutors Association consists of all Deputy District Attorneys as well as two other attorneys within the county: Child Advocacy Attorney and Child Support Attorney. I am the one attorney in the Child Advocacy office that is governed by this MOU.

The proposed side letter of agreement as drafted contemplates automatically advancing all Deputy District Attorneys to Step 5 of their respective level. The agreement also calls for providing all Deputy District Attorneys with a “**Retention Bonus,**” in the amount of \$5,000 per year, up to \$15,000. As currently proposed, myself and the one attorney at the Child Support Office is excluded from these benefits.

As I am sure you can all imagine, sitting at a table and being told that this was the proposal and that I would be excluded from the above benefits felt like a slap in my face. Said benefits are being offered as an attempt to “retain employees”, however

as written, will benefit attorneys who have been hired mere months ago, and excluding myself, who have been loyal to this county for eleven years.

I respectfully ask the Board, when considering this proposed letter of agreement, to consider doing what I feel is the right thing to do and include all attorneys within the county who are governed by the Prosecutors Association MOU, rather than excluding two attorneys within the bargaining unit. If the county truly wishes to show recognition and appreciation to attorneys within the county and retain those attorneys, especially in a time where neighboring counties and the State are offering considerably more pay and benefits, this side letter of agreement, as currently drafted, will not be effective in doing so.

Thank you for your time and attention,

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