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Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, August 1, 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 Arthur Fox – New Hope Orthodox Presbyterian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: NEVES, VALLE, ROBINSON, FAGUNDES

MEMBERS ABSENT: VERBOON

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.

David Robinson, Kings County Sheriff welcomed and introduced the City of Corcoran’s New Police Chief Dave Putnam.

Dave Putnam, Chief of Corcoran Police Department stated Corcoran Police Department is in good hands.

Kimber Regan, Kings County resident, real estate broker and member of Sons of Liberty stated adding extra funds to the District Attorney’s office helps support public safety, use funds that are better for the community.

Bob Ramos, Kings County resident stated public safety and the District Attorney’s office is down 50% in prosecutors, the arrested need to be prosecuted and we need staff to do that.

The following employees of Kings County also spoke at Unscheduled Appearances:

Kevin Cook, Deputy District Attorney stated he appreciates the previous speakers and their comments and he appreciates all Deputy DA’s. The big issues for leaving are the perks from different counties, less court days and tele-work. We have to recruit from all over the state. With the salary survey we need to look at Kern County also. All counties are short attorney’s. Tulare County is promoting from within with other titles to give higher pay. We need to do what we can to hire the best people.

Grigor Momjyan, Deputy District Attorney stated he is a former Tulare County and now in Kings County. What is going on in Kings is what was going on in Tulare. In August there are ten active attorneys. Retention and recruitment and possibly overtime pay for current. Increase starting pay, there is a \$26,000 gap from Tulare to Kings.

Jason Lianides, Deputy District Attorney stated he is leaving Kings County. He started in 2000 as a Prosecuting attorney. There are less people going to law school and less passing the Bar. There has to be attraction to get people to Kings County. Need law enforcement plus prosecuting attorney’s. He is leaving Kings County for money.

Vicente Reyes, Deputy District Attorney stated he is from Tulare County and worked in Tulare County. In 2019, he moved to Kings County for the benefits. Kings County has not upped benefits for recruitment. Recruiting transplants is a key issue for the Board of Supervisors to consider.

Randell Harper, Minor’s Advocate Attorney stated she is a member of the Prosecutors Union. This is across all attorney positions in Kings County.



Carolyn Leist, Human Resources Director stated Human Resources received two applications for District Attorney's last week, they are working on re-organization, recruiting at level 1 step 5 and \$5,000 retention bonus. Efforts that Kings County is doing: tele-work was offered and the summer schedule, Prosecutors have been offered to work from home.

Marie Waite, Child Support Services Director stated what we do for one attorney group we need to do for all.

Sarah Hacker, District Attorney stated after her item was tabled last week, she met with the Prosecutor's Union. Invited Board of Supervisors, Administration and Union to solve this problem.

Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated to bring this back and get this agenda item. This discussion is possibly a violation of the Brown Act.

Kyria Martinez, County Administrative Officer stated we will have a study session that is agenda item that all can speak, and everyone in the room can have an opportunity to address the matter.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for July 25, 2023.

DIANE FREEMAN, COUNTY COUNSEL STATED THAT THE BOARD TOOK NO REPORTABLE ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION AT THEIR JULY 25, 2023 MEETING.

B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for July 25, 2023.

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RR, RV – AYE, DV - ABSENT)

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Human Services Agency:

1. Consider approving the first amendment to Agreement with Champions Recovery Alternative Programs Incorporated for parenting education services effective September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024. **[AGMT 22-011.1]**

B. Administration:

1. Consider approving the first amendment to Agreement with Vanir Construction Management Incorporated for capital project management services effective August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 21-094.1]**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RR, RF, RV – AYE, DV - ABSENT)

V. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Child Support Services – Marie Waite

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming August 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023 as Child Support Awareness Month in Kings County. **[RESO 23-050]**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, RR, JN, RV – AYE, DV - ABSENT)

B. Administration – Kyria Martinez/Domingo Cruz

1. a. Consider adopting a Resolution ratifying the County Health Officer's continuing declaration of a local health emergency due to floodwater contamination and vector borne illness issued on July 27, 2023; **[RESO 23-055]**
b. Continue to declare a local emergency due to floodwater contamination and vector borne illness caused by recent flooding in Kings County.

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RR, RF – AYE, RV – NO, DV - ABSENT)



VI. STUDY SESSION

A. Administration – Kyria Martinez/Matthew Boyett/Alex Walker

1. Receive an overview of the Kings County growth and benefits.

The Board received information and discussed additions to the presentation. Comments were also received from the following Kings County employees: Sheriff Dave Robinson, Minor’s Advocate Attorney Randell Harper, Behavioral Health Director Lisa Lewis, Fire Chief Bill Lynch, District Attorney Sarah Hacker, County Counsel Diane Freeman, Human Resources Director Carolyn Leist.

VII. 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 Tulare Lake issues, attended Kings Waste and Recycling Authority meeting, attended the Master Plan for Aging meeting, attended the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Act special meeting, and announced that Hugh Hanley former 22 year Agriculture Commissioner had passed away in June.

Supervisor Fagundes stated he attended the Kings Waste and Recycling Authority meeting with Supervisor Neves.

Supervisor Robinson stated he attended California State Association of Counties final training for new Supervisors.

Supervisor Valle thanked the departments and personnel who removed graffiti at Home Gardens community park.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: The Board received correspondence dated July 26, 2023 from the Tulare Lake Reclamation District regarding an all mail ballot election that will be conducted on November 14, 2023. The Board received correspondence dated July 27, 2023 from South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency regarding Notice of Proposed Amendment of Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The Board received a meeting notice and agenda on July 27, 2023 from Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board for a meeting that will be held on August 10, 2023.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: The Kings County Library will be hosting a free Peanut’s Playhouse Show with ventriloquist Kasandra on August 1 at 11am at the Avenal Branch Library and 2:30pm at the Kettleman City Branch Library. Lemoore Police Department will host their first “Cars & Cops” car show on August 5 at the Lemoore Sports Complex from 9am-1pm. There will be a Student Success Resource Fair on Sunday, August 6 from 12pm-3pm at the Longfield Center located in Hanford. Free food and resources for students. The City of Avenal is hosting a Kids Karate Class for ages 6-13 years old beginning August 21 and continuing on Monday’s thereafter from 6pm-8pm. The Lemoore Lions Club will be hosting its annual Brewfest on August 26 from 5pm-9pm at the Lemoore Lions Park. Save the date for the ribbon cutting of the Kings Building August 30 from 9am-1pm. There will be a Links for Life Pink Passion Picnic on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. Doors open at 10:30am and tickets are \$35 and must be purchased in advance. 100% of the proceeds stay in Kings County and provide direct services.**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Administration – Final Budget Hearing, Excelsior Kings River Resource Conservation District ARPA Funds Agreement, and Photo Contest Winner Award and Presentation; Human Services Agency – Advanced Step Hire; Job Training Office – Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification Application; Public Health – Resolution**



proclaiming National Breastfeeding Month and Advanced Step Hire; Public Works Department – Surplus Vehicles/Equipment Declaration, Fleet Vehicle Purchase and Boardroom Improvement Project Approval of Contract.

VIII. 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
- ◆ **Significant exposure to litigation: (1 Case) [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(1)]**
- ◆ **Conference with Real Property Negotiator [Government Code Section 54956.8]**
Property APNs: 010-310-049-000
 010-310-035-000
 010-310-052-000
Agency Negotiator: Kyria Martinez
Negotiation Parties: Mark Hong
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE MULTI PURPOSE ROOM.

| FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS | | |
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| August 8 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting |
| August 8 | 10:00 AM | FY 2023/2024 Final Budget Hearings |
| August 15 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting – LOCATION WILL BE IN <u>MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM.</u> |
| August 22 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting |
| August 29 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting |
| <p><i>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.</i></p> | | |