

**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**

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

## Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

**Date:** Tuesday, August 8, 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 Candace Cortez – Koinonia Church  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT



**II. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Kyria Martinez**

Recognize the winners of the 2023 County Employee Budget Book Photo Contest.

**KYRIA MARTINEZ, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STATED THAT 50 PHOTOS WERE RECEIVED FROM COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR THE 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BUDGET BOOK PHOTO CONTEST. SHE ANNOUNCED THAT TINA BLANCHARD, HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY WON FOR BEST AGRICULTURE CATEGORY, ELIZABETH GAZEREK, HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY WON FOR BEST HISTORIC CATEGORY AND BRIAN SAPIEN, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WON FOR BEST LANDSCAPE CATEGORY. BRIAN SAPIEN WAS NAMED FOR OVERALL WINNER OF THE CONTEST AND STATED THAT HIS LANDSCAPE PHOTO WILL BE ON THE 2023/2024 FINAL BUDGET BOOK COVER.**

**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.*

**Bob Ramos, Kings County resident stated that he feels that public safety is important to the community and asked the Board to continue to work to help with recruitment and retention to fill positions.**

**Frank Gornick, Kings County resident stated that he sits on the San Joaquin Valley Broadband Consortium and stated that he is here seeking three representatives to sit on the panel. Supervisor Valle directed staff to bring an item back on a future agenda for appointments.**

**Dave Robinson, Sheriff gave a report to the Board on the Kings River opening first weekend, he stated that no issues were reported, and residents seem to be enjoying the river safely.**

**Supervisor Valle stated that this is the last Board meeting in the Board Chambers before the remodel and asked the Clerk of the Board to comment.**

**Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board stated that the Board Chambers project has been in the works for the past three years and that she looks forward to the project being completed and allowing access to all to participate in the meetings.**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for August 1, 2023.**

**REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their August 1, 2023 meeting.**

**B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for August 1, 2023.**

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

**C. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting for August 1, 2023.**

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



**V.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Human Services Agency:**

1. Consider approving the advanced step hire of Jacinta Vargas for the position of Social Service Supervisor-Child Protective Services at Salary Range 238.0, Step 5, \$45.20/hour.

**B. Job Training Office:**

1. Consider approving the Application for Subsequent Local Area Designation and Local Board Recertification Program Year 2023-2025 to administer workforce services and resources under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. **[AGMT 23-113]**

**C. Public Health Department:**

1. Consider approving the advanced step hire of Michelle Mora, County Health Nurse, at Salary Range 220.0, Step 5, \$37.78/hour.

**D. Public Works Department:**

1. a. Consider declaring 31 vehicles as surplus;  
b. Authorize the sale of the surplus at public auction.
2. Consider approving the purchase with Sourcewell (formerly known as the National Joint Powers Alliance) purchasing consortium for two Dodge Durango sport utility vehicles.
3. Consider approving the Construction Agreement with R.E. Jacobs Construction for the Boardroom Improvement project. **[AGMT 23-114]**

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

**VI.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. District Attorney's Office – Sarah Hacker**

1. Consider approving the Agreement with Katie Smith for legal services, retroactively effective from July 16, 2023 for a term of one year. **[AGMT 23-112]**

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

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

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming the month of August 2023 as National Breastfeeding Month in Kings County. **[RESO 23-056]**

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

**C. Administration – Kyria Martinez/Matthew Boyett**

1. Consider approving the Agreement with the Excelsior Kings River Resource Conservation District for American Rescue Plan Act relief funding. **[AGMT 23-115]**

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

2. Consider approving the response to the Grand Jury report titled Follow Up to Corcoran Cemetery District Report 2021-2022.

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

**The Board took a recess into closed session from 9:36 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**



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

**A. Administration – Kyria Martinez/Matthew Boyett/Domingo Cruz**

1. a. Overview of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Proposed Budget and Final Budget changes
- b. Department budget reviews.

**SUPERVISOR VALLE OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. TESTIMONY WAS RECEIVED FROM MIKE RODARMEL.**

**ACTION: TEMPORARY DUE PASS AND CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. (DV, RR, 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 deal with Tulare Lake water concerns, attended the First 5 Children & Families Commission, attended the Southfork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Act meeting, attended the City of Lemoore hosted Cars and Cops show and stated that schools are returning this month and reminded everyone to be safe.**

**Supervisor Fagundes stated that he attended the Saint Anthony celebration.**

**Supervisor Verboon stated that he attended the Pacific Gas & Electric tour in San Ramon and took his mom on a road trip through five states this last week.**

**Supervisor Robinson stated that he met with Frank Ruiz from Champions, attended the tour of the communal Tulare Housing project, attended a meeting with Hanford Mayor Travis Paden and attended a homelessness meeting.**

**Supervisor Valle stated that he participated in retention and recruitment discussions with the County Administrative Officer and stated that Avenal City lost power on August 7, 2023 and Pacific Gas & Electric worked quickly to get power restored.**

- ◆ Board Correspondence: **None**
- ◆ Upcoming Events: **Kyria Martinez stated that the Lemoore Lions Club will be hosting its annual Brewfest on August 26, 2023 from 5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at the Lemoore Lions Park. Save the date for the ribbon cutting of the Kings Building on August 30, 2023 from 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. The Kings County Sheriff's Posse will be holding their annual Dinner Dance and Crab Feed September 9, 2023. The event is being held at Burriss Park. Tickets are \$150.00 per person which includes all you can eat crab and tri-tip. You must be 21 years or older to attend. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Amy KempVanEe. There will be a Links for Life Passion Picnic on October 17, 2023. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and tickets**
- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: **Kyria Martinez stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Community Development Agency – Development Code Text Changes to the Kings County Development Code; County Counsel - Appointment of Members to the Tulare Lake Reclamation District Number 761 November 2023 Election Board and Authorization for Lemoore Union Elementary School District to Sell Bonds; Health Department - Amendment to the WIC Agreement 22-10254 and Agreement with the California Department of Public Health for the California Integrated Vital Records System; Human Services Agency - Agreement with the California State University Fresno Foundation, Agreement with West Hills College District for General Equivalency Diploma Preparation and Support for CalWorks Participants, and Annual Recertification to Disburse Funding from the Domestic Violence Shelter-Based Programs Special Fund to Kings Community Action Organization; Information Technology Department – Karpel**



**Maintenance Renewal, Spillman Maintenance Renewal and a Management Agreement with Communication Resources, Inc.; Job Training Office - Independent Contractor Agreement with San Joaquin County; Public Works Department - 5 Parks Equipment Leases.**

**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
- ◆ **Workers Compensation: (3 Cases) [Govt. Code Section 54956.95]**
- ◆ **Significant exposure to litigation: (1 Case) [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(1)]**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose room, entrance is located across the hall from Board Chambers.**

<b><i>FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS</i></b>		
August 15	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting – <b>LOCATION WILL BE IN <u>MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM.</u></b>
August 22	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
August 29	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
September 5	-	Regular Meeting Canceled due to Labor Day Holiday on September 4, 2023
September 12	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
September 12	2:00 PM	Regular Meeting - Board of Equalization

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