

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, September 12, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: MULTI PURPOSE ROOM, Administration Building 1, Kings County Government Center
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

☎ (559) 852-2362 ❖ bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us ❖ website: <https://www.countyofkings.com>

The meeting can be attended on the Internet by clicking this link:

<https://countyofkings.webex.com/countyofkings/j.php?MTID=ma265dd24baf319c8fabb6652e2b929a2>

or by sending an email to bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us on the morning of the meeting for an automated email response with the WebEx meeting link information. Members of the public attending via WebEx will have the opportunity to provide public comment during the meeting. Remote WebEx participation for members of the public is provided for convenience only. In the event that the WebEx connection malfunctions or becomes unavailable for any reason, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to conduct the meeting without remote access.*WebEx will be available for access at 8:50 a.m.*

Members of the public who wish to view/observe the meeting virtually can do so on the internet at:

www.countyofkings.com and click on the “Join Meeting” button or by clicking this link:

<https://youtube.com/live/n7zGWCUZwz4?feature=share>

****Members of the public viewing the meeting through YouTube will not have the ability to provide public comment.**

Members of the public may submit written comments on any matter within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether it is on the agenda for the Board’s consideration or action, and those comments may become part of the administrative record of the meeting. Comments will not be read into the record, only the names of who have submitted comments will be read. Written comments should be directed to bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us email by 8:00 a.m. on the morning of the noticed meeting to be included in the record, those comments received after 8:00 a.m. may become part of the record of the next meeting. E-mail is not monitored during the meeting. To submit written by U.S. Mail to: Kings County Board of Supervisors, Attn: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Kings, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA 93230.



I. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board

INVOCATION – Pastor Candace Cortez - Koinonia Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: JOE NEVES, RICHARD VALLE, RUSTY ROBINSON, RICHARD FAGUNDES

MEMBERS ABSENT: DOUG 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.

Pedro Aguilar, Kings County resident stated that he ran the swap meet at the Kings Fair Grounds for 18 years and recently opened his own swap meet in Armona at the Kings Drive In Theatre and was shut down due to code enforcement issues.

Rose Mary Rahn, Kings County Public Health Director gave an update on COVID-19 cases in the County and on West Nile Virus cases.

Darrin Ellis, Kings County resident and former Kings County Deputy/School Resources Officer stated the importance of the School Resources Officers and the role they have in students lives and the safety of the students and staff in the schools.

For the record due to technical difficulties the recording for WebEx and Youtube were corrected and available from this point forward.

Christi Lupkes, Kings County Behavioral Health Deputy Director stated gave an update on the commitment to the community through the mobile crisis services and stated that phase 2 of the grant process has been applied for to receive additional funding for the program.

Lisa Lewis, Kings County Behavioral Health Director expressed her gratitude to Katie Arnst, Kings County Behavioral Health Deputy Director who is leaving for a job in Oregon on September 15, 2023.

Kyria Martinez, Kings County Administrative Officer introduced Matthew Boyett, who recently promoted to Kings County Deputy Administrative Officer and Megan Vega, who recently was hired as Kings County Deputy Administrative Officer and stated that she was excited to have them on the team of staff in Administration. Matthew Boyett thanked CAO, Martinez for the opportunity and stated that Kings County is a great place to work, and he looks forward to the future. Megan Vega thanked CAO, Martinez for the opportunity to work for Kings County and stated that her family is from Kettleman City, and Avenal and she is looking to working at Kings County.

Daniela Peralta, Valley Voices representative stated through an interpreter that she is a resident of Avenal and stated that there are challenges to services due to language barriers and would like to see the County look to State and Federal levels for funding to help with the services to the community.

Ivette Chaidez, Kings County stated that she has heard that the flea market at the Kings Drive-In was shut down due to not having permits to run that type of business at that location asked the Board to support a text change to the General Plan to allow the applicant to continue to do business at the location.



Ereyda Jaimes, stated through an interpreter that she is a Kings County resident and has known Pedro Aguilar for 15 years while he ran the swap meet at the Kings Fair Grounds and followed him to the Kings Drive-In location and stated that before the move to the new location the Kings Fair Grounds was not providing running water for the vendors or restrooms and that was a health issue and wanted to bring that to the attention of the Board.

Mary Roach, Kings County resident stated that she is in support of Pedro Aguilar as a friend and one of his vendors and stated that new management at the Kings Fair Grounds let him go and when he moved to the Armona location she followed him and stated that he and the vendors need the swap meet to make a living and he got permission from the property owners to be there.

William Lynch, Kings County Fire Chief gave a brief update that all Fire Personnel are back in the County after being deployed to fires in Northern California.

III.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for August 29, 2023.
- B. Report out of Closed Session from the special meeting for September 7, 2023.

REPORT OUT: DIANE FREEMAN, COUNTY COUNSEL STATED THAT THE BOARD TOOK NO REPORTABLE ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION AT THEIR AUGUST 29, 2023 AND SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 MEETINGS.

- C. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for August 29, 2023.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, RR, JN, RV-Aye, DV-Absent)
- D. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting for September 7, 2023.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RR, RF, RV- Aye, JN-abstained, DV-Absent)

IV.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Agricultural Department:

- 1. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Noxious Weed Program retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025. **[AGMT 23-132]**
- 2. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Organic Inspection program retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 23-133]**
- 3. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Certified Farmers Market Inspection Program retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 23-134]**

B. Behavioral Health Department:

- 1. Consider approving the Agreement with Public Health Management Corporation for the Risk and Needs Triage software program for Collaborative Justice Treatment Court retroactively effective from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024. **[AGMT 23-135]**

C. Child Support Services:

- 1. Consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Kings County Child Support Services and Kings County Department of Public Works for vehicle maintenance and motor pool services retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 23-136]**
- 2. Consider approving the Intra-County Plan of Cooperation between Kings County Child Support Services and Kings County Information Technology Department for maintenance, monitoring, and data processing services retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 23-137]**

D. County Counsel:

- 1. Consider approving the advanced step hire of Zachary Adams, Deputy County Counsel I, Range 232.5, Step 5, \$42.79 per hour effective on date of hire.



- E. Department of Finance:**
1. Consider adopting a Resolution establishing property tax rates within Kings County for Fiscal Year 2023-24. **[RESO 23-065]**
- F. Human Resources Department:**
1. Consider receiving a report on the suspension of competition for the Assistant Sheriff-STC position approved by the Human Resources Director, and the appointment of Chrystal Thomas to the Assistant Sheriff-STC position effective September 4, 2023 (Pay Period 19-2023).
 2. Consider approving the revised job specification for Paralegal.
- G. Human Services Agency:**
1. a. Consider authorizing the Director of the Human Services Agency to accept additional Medi-Cal Health Enrollment Navigators Project grant funds that includes a revised and approved Work Plan and Budget Plan from the Department of Health Care Services;
 - b. Authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to sign the Medi-Cal Health Enrollment Navigators Project amended allocation agreement for the revised Work Plan and Budget Plan that becomes effective once signed by the County and the Department of Health Care Services. **[AGMT 22-182.1]**
- H. Public Health Department:**
1. Consider authorizing the Public Health Department to waive the administrative fee for influenza vaccines offered to Kings County residents via community vaccination events and for clients who are uninsured, until all State provided free flu vaccines are distributed.
 2. a. Consider approving the Agreement with California Association of Environmental Health Administrators to provide part-time Registered Environmental Health Specialist effective upon execution through December 31, 2024; **[AGMT 23-138]**
 - b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
 3. Consider authorizing the Public Health Director to accept the California Department of Public Health's Future of Public Health funding allocation annually for the purpose of enhancing the public health workforce and infrastructure.
 4. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding with Cal Poly Corporation, San Luis Obispo for the Early Intervention to Promote Cardiovascular Health of Mothers and Children program effective upon execution until June 1, 2030. **[AGMT 23-139]**
 5. Consider approving the Agreement with the Department of Health Care Services for participation as a provider in the Family Planning Access Care Treatment program effective upon execution. **[AGMT 23-140]**
- I. Public Works Department:**
1. Consider approving the construction contract with JT2, Incorporated, doing business as Todd Companies for the Burris Park and Hickey Park Playground Shade Project. **[AGMT 23-141]**
- ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RR, RF, JN, RV-Aye, DV-Absent)**

V.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Human Resources Department – Carolyn Leist/Ashley Hernandez/Danyele Leap/Adrian Lambing/Melissa Avalos

1. a. Consider approving the new job specification for County Health Officer and set the salary at Salary Band Designation 1 (\$14,000-\$19,000 monthly);
- b. Allocate a 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent County Health Officer in Budget Unit 411100.

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

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

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



3. a. Consider approving the new job specification for the Animal Shelter Technician Trainee and set the salary at Range 154.0 (\$2,782 - \$3,394 monthly);
- b. Approve the revised job specification for Animal Shelter Technician I and set the salary at Range 159.0 (\$2924 - \$3567 monthly);
- c. Set the salary for Animal Shelter Technician II at Range 169.0 (\$3,229 - \$3,942 monthly);
- d. Set the salary for Animal Control Officer I at Range 169.0 (\$3,229 - \$3,942 monthly);
- e. Set the salary for Animal Control Officer II at Range 179.0 (\$3,567 - \$4,354 monthly);
- f. Set the salary for Animal Control Officer III at Range 189.0 (\$3,942 - \$4,808 monthly).

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

4. Consider authorizing the Human Resources Director to sign the Side Letter of Agreement with the Probation Officers' Association.

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

5. Consider authorizing the Human Resources Director and designated staff to sign the successor Agreement with the Detention Deputy Association for a term beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

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

6. Consider authorizing the Human Resources Director to sign the revised Side Letter of Agreement with the Prosecutor's Association.

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

7. a. Consider approving the new job specification for Environmental Health Technician and set the salary at Range 184.0 (\$3,749 - \$4,576 monthly);
- b. Allocate a 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent Environmental Health Technician in Budget Unit 411500.

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

8. Consider authorizing the Human Resources Director to sign the Side Letter of Agreement with the Firefighters' Association.

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

9. Consider authorizing the Human Resources Director to sign the Side Letter of Agreement with the Blue Collar Membership of Service Employees International Union, Local 521.

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

10. Consider authorizing the Human Resources Director to sign the Side Letter of Agreement with the Deputy Sheriff's Association.

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

11. a. Consider approving a 1.5% cost-of-living increase for all unrepresented management, appointed department heads and elected department heads (Assessor/Clerk/Recorder, District Attorney, and Sheriff) effective September 4, 2023 (Pay Period 19-2023);
- b. Approve the Salary Resolution which reflects recommended and previously authorized classification and salary changes, including benefit changes to unrepresented management, and the adjustment of salary bands one and two. **[RESO 23-060]**

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

B. Information Technology Department- John Devlin

1. Consider approving the Agreement with Qualys for vulnerability and software patch management for computers and servers for the term of five (5) years, effective upon execution by all parties. **[AGMT 23-142]**

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

C. Public Works Department – Dominic Tyburski/Mitchel Cabrera

1. Consider adopting the Resolution accepting additional Right of Way on behalf of the general public for County Right of Way along Houston Avenue. **[RESO 23-066]**

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



2. Consider approving the Plans and Specifications for the New Fabric Shade Structure at the Burris Park Amphitheater.

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

3. Consider canceling Bid # 2023-51 for the Avenal Cutoff Roadway Improvements Phase I project.

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

D. Probation Department - Leonard A. Bakker II/Leticia Ibarra

1. Consider approving the Agreement with Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Incorporated to provide residential and outpatient substance abuse disorder treatment retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 23-143]**

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

E. Sheriff's Office – David Robinson

1. a. Consider approving the Agreements with Lakeside Union Elementary School District, Armona Union Elementary School District, and Reef-Sunset Union School District for School Resource Deputy Services retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024;
- b. Authorize the Sheriff to sign Agreements with Lakeside Union Elementary School District, Armona Union Elementary School District, and Reef-Sunset Unified School District for School Resource Deputy Services retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; **[AGMT 23-144, AGMT 23-145, AGMT 23-146]**
- c. Add 2.0 Full-Time Equivalent Deputy Sheriff I/II to Budget Unit 222000;
- d. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

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

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 monitor the Tulare Lake flooding and stated that the elevation is receding, he stated that he attended the Kings Waste & Recycling Authority meeting, he thanked Administration for putting together the ribbon cutting event for the Kings Building and stated that he is glad it is still standing, attended a meet and greet at Lemoore Naval Air Station, attended the South Fork Kings meeting, attended the San Joaquin Clean Energy zoom meeting, attended the West Hills College preseason Volleyball game, attended the CalViva Public Policy meeting but due to no quorum no business was conducted, attended the Madera County Fair, attended the Kings County Blood Drive where 36 pints were collected, attended the Lemoore High School football game which wrapped up the season home games, he stated that two structures were a total loss from fires in Stratford but no one was hurt and stated that he attended the Avenal Health walk.

Supervisor Fagundes stated that he attended the Kings Waste & Recycling Authority meeting and attended the Kings Building ribbon cutting event and was really impressed with the facility.

Supervisor Robinson stated that stated that he had a meeting with Kings Commission on Aging on homelessness in the County, attended the Kings County night at the Grizzlies game and is the assistant coach for soccer for his sons youth team.

Supervisor Valle stated that he is working on preparing for Operation Gobble.



Mary Roach, Kings County resident stated that she lives in Home Garden and that the area needs a lot of attention, homes recently burned down and clean up of trash.

Supervisor Valle stated that he represents Home Garden, and a lot of money and effort has gone into the area and that that he is aware of the homes that burned down and Mr. Reed on the Home Garden Community Services District Board is a contact for some of the issues brought up today. He asked Mrs. Roach to call him directly and stated that he would give her a business card after the meeting.

- ♦ **Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received the August 2023 Monthly Kings County Investment Pool Transaction Activity Report from the Director of Finance dated September 1, 2023.**
- ♦ **Upcoming Events: Kyria Martinez stated that the City of Hanford together with the Hanford Chamber of Commerce will host a free Concert in Civic Park on September 12 & 19, 2023 from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. with KJUG radio. Job Training Office will host its Kings County Job Fair on Thursday, September 14, 2023 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Hanford Civic Center. Kings County Commission on Aging will host their Senior Carnival Park Event on Friday, September 15, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Burriss Park. This is a free event. The Sarah Mooney Museum will host the Legends of Lemoore Cemetery Walk on September 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$20. The Links for Life Pink Passion Picnic is on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. There will be a free Kings County Public Safety Event that will take place on Thursday, October 19, 2023 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Kettleman City Park. There will be BBQ and information on many services that Kings County Offers.**
- ♦ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Kyria Martinez stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Agriculture Department - Study Session regarding the Release of the 2022 Agricultural Crop Report for Kings County; Behavioral Health Department - Advanced Step Hire for a Clinical Program Manager; County Counsel - Appointment of 3 directors to the Angiola Water District in Lieu of Election; District Attorney - Proposed Contract for Legal Services for John Bratsch and Sherriff's Office - firearm purchase.**

VII.

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)
In Re: Report on Conditions at Kings County Juvenile Center
[Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(2)]**



VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room, entrance is located across the hall from Board Chambers.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

September 19	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
September 26	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 3	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 10	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 17	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.