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Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: MULTI PURPOSE ROOM, Administration Building 1, 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 Orris Whitley – Mt. Olive Baptist Church - Lemoore
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
JOE NEVES, RICHARD VALLE, DOUG VERBOON, RUSTY ROBINSON, RICHARD FAGUNDES



II. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Kyria Martinez/Carolyn Leist

Presentation to the Employee of the 2nd Quarter of 2023.

Briana Allen, Personnel Technician with the Human Resources was the recipient of the Employee of the 2nd Quarter of 2023.

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.

Abraham Valencia, Emergency Services Manager stated that on October 4, 2023 at 11:20 a.m. Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending out a warning tone to all phones, televisions and radios for one minute to test the system for effectiveness in case of a national event. He stated that the County Office of Emergency Services has their own system and can send out a warning tone in the case of a local emergency.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for September 26, 2023.

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their September 26, 2023 meeting.

B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for September 26, 2023.

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

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Community Development Agency:

1. a. Consider finding that the Notice of Partial Non-Renewal of Land Conservation “Williamson” Act Contract Number 866 is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15317, and that none of the circumstances in Section 15300.2 apply;
- b. Approve the Notice of Partial Non-Renewal of Land Conservation “Williamson” Act Contract Number 866.

B. Human Services Agency:

1. a. Consider authorizing the purchase of three minivans from Freeway Toyota;
- b. Authorize the purchase of ten hybrid sedans from Freeway Toyota;
- c. Authorize the Purchasing Manager to approve the purchase order for three minivans and ten hybrid sedans using the state contract cooperative Agreement.

C. Job Training Office:

1. Consider approving the State of California Standard Agreement M93201-7100 for telephone service retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 through September 29, 2023. **[AGMT 23-156]**

D. Probation Department:

1. Consider approving an Application for Discharge from Accountability for the collection of delinquent court-ordered criminal fines, fees, penalties, and assessments.

E. Sheriff’s Office:

1. a. Consider authorizing the Sheriff’s Office to purchase two vehicles from the Public Works Fleet Division and the Human Services Agency using Kelley Blue Book’s value for the vehicles’ cost;
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
2. Consider authorizing the advanced step hire of Fabian Avalos as a Deputy Sheriff II at Salary Range 222.5, Step 5.

F. Administration:



1. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by Luis Herrera.
2. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by the Downtown LA Law Group, on behalf of the Estate of Luz Aurelia Soto.
3. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by the Downtown LA Law Group, on behalf of Julian Dominguez.
4. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by the Downtown LA Law Group, on behalf of Jennifer Penuelas.
5. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by the Downtown LA Law Group, on behalf of Dephanie Bella Soto.
6. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by the Downtown LA Law Group, on behalf of Fernando Soto.
7. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by the Downtown LA Law Group, on behalf of Jorge Soto.
8. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by Rafael Borbon.
9. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by Maria Diaz Soto.
10. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by Antonio Diaz Catarino.
11. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by Wilshire Law Firm, on behalf of Walter Espinoza Ceja.
12. Consider approving the amendment with the Home Garden Community Services District for residential customer utility arrearages. **[AGMT 22-045.1]**
13. a. Consider approving the Agreement with Matthew Andrews to provide indigent defense services retroactively effective from October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; **[AGMT 23-157]**
b. Approve the Agreement with Jamil Nushwat to provide indigent defense services retroactively effective from October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 23-158]**

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

VI.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Human Services Agency – Wendi Osikafo/Monica Connor Probation Department – Leonard Bakker

1. Consider approving the Human Services Agency and the Kings County Probation Department's five-year System Improvement Plan covering August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2026 which includes activities and strategies associated with improving outcomes in child welfare areas. **[AGMT 23-159]**

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

B. Human Resources Department – Carolyn Leist/Ashley Hernandez/Adrian Lambing

1. Consider authorizing the Human Resources Director to sign the Side Letter of Agreement with the Detention Deputy Association.

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

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

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

3. Consider approving the Salary Resolution update, which is effective October 2, 2023 and reflects recommended and previously authorized classification and salary changes.

[RESO 23-067]

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



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 monitor the Tulare Lake flood waters, attended the Housing Authority of Kings County meeting, attended the CalViva Public Policy meeting, attended the Local Agency Formation Committee meeting, attended the Kings County Local Agency Formation Commission, attended the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency meeting, announced Volley Ball at West Hills College, attended the CalViva Commission meeting, participated in the Sarah Mooney Cemetery walk where he represented his great grandfather Jose Neves, attended the Court Appointed Special Advocates event at the Civic Auditorium, assisted cooking at the Mary Immaculate Queen School fall festival and donated his 125th pint of blood yesterday.

Supervisor Fagundes stated that he attended the Housing Authority of Kings County meeting and cooked for the Mary Immaculate Queen School fall festival.

Supervisor Verboon stated that he has attended conferences for the past three weeks, the Valley Voice trip to Washington D.C., attended the Rural County Representatives of California conference, attended the San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of California Counties conference hosted by Madera County at Bass Lake, and attended an awareness event in Alderwood for a family member who passed away last year.

Supervisor Robinson stated that he attended the Housing Authority of Kings County meeting, attended the San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of California Counties conference hosted by Madera County at Bass Lake, and thanked Hanford High School for naming the West Campus baseball field Robinson Field as a dedication for his late father Mike Robinson and late uncles, Charlie Robinson and Joe Robinson.

- ♦ **Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received correspondence from the Lovelace Reclamation District No. 739 and also the Melga Water District, both letters dated September 14, 2023 regarding the Certificate of Secretary Notice. The Board received the signed TT 936 Resolution for Summers Pointe dated August 21, 2023 and received September 28, 2023. The Board received a Meeting Notice/Agenda for October 11, 2023 from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board on September 29, 2023. The Board received an ABC License Application from Water Tower Services LLC dated September 26, 2023.**
- ♦ **Upcoming Events: Kyria Martinez stated the Kings County Sheriff's Office and Hanford Police Department will host their Annual Cornhole Tournament on October 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at 10842 Elder Avenue in Hanford. Contact Sergeant Mazza for more details. Rise Above will be hosting a Youth Empowerment Program "Career Building" where they will share valuable insights, practical tips, and professional development to help take your career to the next level. The event will happen on Monday, October 16, 2023 from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Technology Learning Center located at 1101 Dairy Ave., Corcoran. For more information contact Kings Partnership at 559-242-6483. The Links for Life Pink Passion Picnic will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at the Hanford Civic Auditorium. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and tickets are \$35 and must be purchased in advance by calling 559-786-4632. 100% of proceeds stay in Kings County and provide direct services. There will be a Male Fashion show, Opportunity drawing and picnic lunches will be catered by Pardini's of Fresno. 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.**



Friends of the Kings County Library will have their book sale at the Hanford Library on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Items for sale will include new and used books, DVDs, CDs and most items are only \$1. There will be a Candy Crawl in downtown Lemoore on October 21, 2023 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Various downtown businesses will be participating in this event. For more information please contact the City of Lemoore Parks and Recreation Department. The Kings County Farm Bureau will host its 9th Annual Harvest Classic Golf Tournament at the Kings Country Club on Monday, October 30, 2023 starting at 8am. For more information call 559-584-3557 .

- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: **Kyria Martinez** stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: **Administration - Chemical Waste Management Quarterly Update; Agriculture Department -Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the Pink Bollworm Cotton Plowdown and host free monitoring program; Behavioral Health Department – Memorandum of Understanding with Medication Assisted Treatment in jails and drug courts; Public Health Department - Resolution proclaiming October 2023 as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month, Lease of Public Health Buildings to Kings View Corporation, Fiscal Year 2023-24 Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Funding Agreement Application and Appointments to the Kings County Ambulance Commission; Public Works Department - State Route 41 Pedestrian Overcrossing Facility – Kettleman City – Residential District; 17th Avenue & Houston Avenue Signalization Project Appraisal Summaries and Kings County Fire Department Fire Station No. 5 – Partial Remodel; Sheriff’s Office - School Resource Deputy Service Agreement; All Terrain Vehicle Purchase; and Resolution and Grant Agreement with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.**

Supervisor Valle stated that he wanted to recognize the passing of Senator Diane Feinstein and her many years of service and accomplishments and adjourned the meeting in her memory.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room, entrance is located across the hall from Board Chambers.

<i>FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS</i>		
October 10	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 10	2:00 PM	Regular Meeting – Board of Equalization
October 17	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 24	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 30	9:00 AM	County Office Halloween Decorating Contest Judging
October 31	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.