

**Board Members**

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Richard Fagundes, District 5



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Matthew Boyett, Deputy Co Admin Officer  
Cindy Kliever, Deputy County Counsel  
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

## Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

**Date:** Tuesday, October 17, 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 Toby Hendrix – Church of Christ - Hanford  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT



**II. COUNTY SERVICE AWARDS - Carolyn Leist**

Acknowledge employees that have completed various milestones of County Service in the Community Development Agency, District Attorneys Office, Fire Department and Public Health Department.

**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.*

**Robert Thayer, Kings County Undersheriff stated that Hanford Police Chief Parker Sever has left for his new job in Utah and the City has named Jack Amaroso as Interim Police Chief until the position is filled.**

**Sarah Hacker, Kings County District Attorney introduced Timothy Baker, Treasurer of the Kings County Detentions Deputy Association and asked the Board to consider allowing the flyer for their fundraiser Christmas event to be placed on the County social media page. The Chairman with consensus of the Board directed the County Administrative Officer or staff to place the flyer on the social media page.**

**Amory Marple, Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council stated that one of the new goals for the council is the creation of the Commercially Exploited Youth Coalition "CEYC" and the first meeting will be held on October 25, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at the Kings County Office of Education building and invited local leaders to attend to provide input and awareness to the issues.**

**Mike Ornellas, Kings County Firefighters Association thanked the Board for approving the purchase of equipment and retention bonuses but the department is still losing firefighters to other jurisdictions with 35% higher wages than Kings County and asked the Board to support and help the department to retain firefighters.**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for October 10, 2023.**

**REPORT OUT: CINDY KLIEVER, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL STATED THAT THE BOARD TOOK NO REPORTABLE ACTION IN THEIR OCTOBER 10, 2023 MEETING.**

**B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for October 10, 2023.**

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

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. County Counsel:**

1. Consider appointing Kim Brown, John Vidovich, and Matt Payne to four-year terms as Directors of the Dudley Ridge Water District in lieu of election to qualify, take office, and serve exactly as if elected at a general district election.
2. Consider renewing the declaration of a local emergency due to flood conditions in Kings County. **[RESO 23-070]**

**B. Human Services Agency:**

1. a. Consider approving the Agreement with the University of Massachusetts Global for employee social work program internship placement in the Human Services Agency effective October 17, 2023 through October 16, 2027; **[AGMT 23-168]**
- b. Approve the Agreement with the University of Massachusetts Global for non-employee social work program student internship placement in the Human Services Agency effective October 17, 2023 through October 16, 2027. **[AGMT 23-169]**



**C. Information Technology Department:**

1. Consider approving the first amendment for technical support with CherryRoad Technologies effective October 17, 2023. **[AGMT 21-066.1]**

**D. Library:**

1. Consider approving the closure of all Kings County Library branches on Saturday, November 11, 2023, and Saturday, November 25, 2023.

**E. Public Health Department:**

1. a. Consider accepting the California Department of Public Health Control Branch real-time allotment to support tuberculosis prevention and control activities;
- b. Authorize the Director of Public Health to sign the Acceptance of Allotments and the required certifications thereunder to support tuberculosis prevention and control activities and any future real-time allotments retroactively effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; **[AGMT 23-170]**
- c. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
2. a. Consider authorizing the Director of Public Health to accept the \$10,000 sponsorship from Anthem for Women, Infant, and Children program Baby Shower incentives and prizes; **[AGMT 23-171]**
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
3. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding with Kings Community Action Organization for joint use of the Family Resource Center in Kettleman City effective December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024. **[AGMT 23-172]**
4. Consider approving the Agreement with California State University, Fresno to provide students internship placements in the Department of Public Health, effective upon execution until December 31, 2026. **[AGMT 23-173]**

**F. Sheriff's Office:**

1. a. Consider authorizing the retroactive purchase of a new garbage disposal for the Kings County Jail;
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

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

**VI.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Human Resources Department – Carolyn Leist/Danyeale Leap/Melissa Avalos**

1. a. Consider approving the new job specification for Law Clerk and set the salary at Range 204.0 (\$4,576 - \$5,583 monthly);
- b. Add 2.0 Full-Time Equivalency Law Clerk positions in Budget Unit 216000;
- c. Delete 2.0 Full-Time Equivalency Paralegal positions allocations in Budget Unit 216000.

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

2. a. Consider approving the new job specification for the Senior Deputy District Attorney and set the salary at Range 284.0 (\$10,147 - \$12,383 monthly);
- b. Approve the new job specification for the Deputy District Attorney Supervisor and set the salary at Range 294.0 (\$11,209 - \$13,678 monthly);
- c. Approve the Range change for the Assistant District Attorney position to Range 304.0 (\$12,383 - \$15,109 monthly) effective pay period 22-2023 (October 16, 2023) and adjust the incumbent's salary in accordance with Personnel Rule 13071 (Salary Range Adjustments);
- d. Add 2.0 Full-Time Equivalent Senior Deputy District Attorney position allocations in Budget Unit 216000;
- e. Add 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent Senior Deputy District Attorney position allocation in Budget Unit 216500;



- f. Add 2.0 Full-Time Equivalent Deputy District Attorney Supervisor position allocations in Budget Unit 216000;
- g. Delete 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent Assistant District Attorney position allocation in Budget Unit 216000;
- h. Delete 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent Executive Assistant District Attorney position allocation in Budget Unit 216000;
- i. Delete 4.0 Full-Time Equivalent Deputy District Attorney I/II/III/IV position allocations in Budget Unit 216000;
- j. Delete 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent Deputy District Attorney I/II/III/IV position allocation in Budget Unit 216500.

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

- 3. Consider approving the Range change for the Assistant County Counsel position to Range 304.0 (\$12,383-\$15,109 monthly) effective pay period 22-2023 (October 16, 2023).

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

**B. Library – Natalie Rencher**

- 1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming October 15-21, 2023, as Friends of the Kings Library Week in Kings County, during National Friends of Libraries Week. **[RESO 23-071]**

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

**VII.**

**STUDY SESSION**

**A. Human Services Agency – Wendy Osikafo/Antoinette Gonzales**

- 1. a. Receive an overview and update on the General Assistance benefits stolen via electronic theft;
- b. Direct staff as necessary to update the General Assistance Standard and Procedures to address electronic theft replacement.

**THE BOARD RECEIVED AN UPDATE AND DIRECTED STAFF TO BRING BACK OPTION A WITH A CAP OF \$8,000 ON A FUTURE AGENDA.**

**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 monitor the Tulare Lake flooding, he announced the Lemoore High School football game, attended the Lemoore High School Hall of Fame event and attended the Kings County Homeless Collaborative meeting.**

**Supervisor Fagundes stated that he attended the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging meeting in Cutler and will be cooking at the Kettleman City community event on October 19,2023.**

**Supervisor Verboon stated that he has been busy with family medical issues and has been out of state this past few days.**

**Supervisor Robinson stated that he attended a meeting with Tal Eslick, attended the going away party for Intern Alex Walker and attended the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging meeting in Culter.**

**Supervisor Valle stated that he attended a meeting with the Grand Jury and stated that the current stipend for the Grand Jury is \$15 per day and stated that he would like to look at the negative impacts that might be causing for getting members of the outlying county areas to apply.**



- ◆ Board Correspondence: **None**
- ◆ Upcoming Events: **Matthew Boyett** stated that the Kings County Sheriff’s Office Explorer Post is once again selling pink versions of their shoulder patch and has teamed up with Raising Cane’s in Hanford again this year in hopes to raise even more money for Adventist Health’s Breast Care Center. Today, Tuesday, October 17, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Raising Canes will donate 15% of their sales to the Explorer Post for this cause. All you must do is mention the Explorer Post or Pink Patch Project at the register. For this event, the Explorers will be on the patio of the restaurant from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to sell the shoulder patches, and will also have t-shirts available for purchase. 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 Fall 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 City of Avenal will host their Annual Trunk or Treat event on October 27, 2023 at the Avenal High School Parking Lot from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. There will be various community resources and candy that will be handed out. The Kings County Farm Bureau will host its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Classic Golf Tournament at the Kings Country Club on Monday, October 30, 2023 with check-in starting at 8am. For more information call 559-584-3557.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room, entrance is located across the hall from Board Chambers.

**FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

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
November 7	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
November 14	--	Regular Meeting Canceled due to Board Members participating in CSAC Annual Meeting
November 21	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
November 28	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.*