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Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, November 7, 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

MEMBERS PRESENT: JOE NEVES, DOUG VERBOON, RUSTY ROBINSON, RICHARD FAGUNDES

MEMBERS ABSENTE: RICHARD VALLE



II. COUNTY SERVICE AWARDS - Carolyn Leist

Acknowledge employees that have completed various milestones of County Service from the Human Services Agency.

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.

Scott Holwell thanked the Board of Supervisors, Administration staff and the Public Works staff for their efforts to implement Operation Greenlight at the Government Center and the continuing support of Veteran's in Kings County. He stated that the following events would be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023 in observance of November 10, 2023 - Veteran's Day - American Legion Post 3 will host their annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Hanford Cemetery at The Tank at 10:00 a.m. with guest speaker CDR. Kristin Findlay, CO, VFA-122; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5869 will host their annual Veterans Day Festival at Civic Park in Hanford from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Lemoore 7th Day Adventist Church Veterans Day Salute with Kings County MCL Det. 455 providing color guard will be held at 1035 East Hanford Armona Road at 10:30 a.m. and American Legion Post 100 will host their annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Lemoore at 6:00 p.m. He stated that his office still has plenty of vouchers available to Veterans, Law Enforcement, First Responders and their families, for the November 18, 2023 boxing event, at Chukchansi Park.

Doug Verboon, Supervisor District 3 stated that the State Water Resources Control Board will host a public forum tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the Hanford Civic Auditorium to provide information on the possibility of the State Water Board taking control of pumping in Kings County and asked all stakeholders to come and make their comments on how this will affect them.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for October 31, 2023.

DIANE FREEMAN, COUNTY COUNSEL STATED THAT THE BOARD TOOK NO REPORTABLE ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION AT THEIR OCTOBER 31, 2023 MEETING.

B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for October 31, 2023.

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

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Behavioral Health Department:

1. Consider authorizing the exemption from normal vehicle identification for vehicle #54808.

B. Public Health Department:

1. a. Consider allocating a 1.0 Full Time Equivalency Business Application Specialist position into budget unit 411300;
b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

C. Public Works Department:

1. Consider approving the Notice of Completion for the Motor Pool Fuel System Upgrades project to provide notice to interested parties that the work has been completed.

D. Sheriff's Office:

1. a. Consider authorizing the Sheriff's Office to purchase a Communications System Analyzer for the Kings County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center;
b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
2. Consider authorizing the purchase of a Conex box and cement slab for storage at the Kings County Coroner's Office.



E. Administration:

1. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by the Estate of Jagtar Singh.

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

VI.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. District Attorney's Office – Sarah Hacker

1. Consider authorizing the District Attorney's Office to apply for the National Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Projects Funding Opportunity for funding assistance to be used for Victims Rights Week for the period of **April 21, 2024 through** April 27, 2024 ~~through May 3, 2024.~~

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

2. a. Consider authorizing the District Attorney to sign and submit the California Office of Emergency Services' Elder Abuse Program grant application for the performance period of January 1, 2024 though December 31, 2024;
- b. Approve the Operational Agreements with the California Highway Patrol, Lemoore Police Department, Kings County Sheriff's Office, Kings County Probation Department, Kings View Behavioral Health Systems, Kings Community Action Organization, Kings County Commission on Aging, Kings County Human Services Agency, Hanford Police Department, and Avenal Police Department for participation in the California Office of Emergency Services' Elder Abuse Program for the performance period of January 1, 2024 though December 31, 2024;
- c. Authorize the District Attorney to sign the Operational Agreements with the California Highway Patrol, Lemoore Police Department, Kings County Sheriff's Office, Kings County Probation Department, Kings View Behavioral Health Systems, Kings Community Action Organization, Kings County Commission on Aging, Kings County Human Services Agency, Hanford Police Department, and Avenal Police Department for participation in the California Office of Emergency Services' Elder Abuse Program for the performance period of January 1, 2024 though December 31, 2024; **[AGMTS 23-185 THRU 23-194]**
- d. Approve the Grant Subaward Certificate of Assurance of Compliance for the California Office of Emergency Services' Elder Abuse Program.

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

B. Fire Department – Bill Lynch/Blake Adney

1. Consider approving the Agreement with Gary V. Bufkin Computer Consulting and Associates for a fire permit and record management software system. **[AGMT 23-195]**

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

C. Human Resources – Carolyn Leist

1. Consider approving the revised Chapter 6 of the Personnel Rules for the Education Reimbursement Program.

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

D. Human Services Agency – Wendy Osikafo/Monica Connor

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming the month of November 2023 as National Adoption Month in Kings County. **[RESO 23-078]**

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



**E. Public Health Department – Rose Mary Rahn/Heather Silva
Fire Department – Bill Lynch/Abraham Valencia**

1. Consider approving an Agreement with Dellavalle Laboratory for water analysis services effective upon execution through June 30, 2026. **[AGMT 23-196]**

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

F. Public Works Department – Dominic Tyburski/Natalie Brinson/Mitchel Cabrera

1. Consider dedicating Serentiy Garden to all Kings County employees as a space for mental health awareness, reflection, and respite from daily personal or occupational stressors.

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

2. a. Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing an inter-fund loan between the County's General Fund and the County's Fleet Fund for the purchase of a 2023 Vermeer CTX100 Skid Loader and a 2023 Vermeer BC1500 Brush Chipper through Sourcewell;
[RESO 23-079]

- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

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

3. Consider approving the Construction Agreement with Harris Development Corporation doing business as HBC Enterprises. **[AGMT 23-197]**

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

G. Administration – Kyria Martinez/Megan Vega

1. a. Consider approving the Agreement with Shani Jenkins to replace Marianne Gilbert's Contract Administration and Felony Indigent Defense Contract retroactively effective from October 16, 2023 through June 30, 2024; **[AGMT 23-198]**
- b. Approve the Agreement with Jamil Nushwat to replace Shani Jenkin's Felony Indigent Defense Contract retroactively effective from October 16, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 23-199]**

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

2. a. Consider appointing a Primary Director to the California State Association of Counties Board of Directors;
- b. Appoint an Alternate Director to the California State Association of Counties Board of Directors.

ACTION: APPROVED APPOINTMENT OF RUSTY ROBINSON AS THE PRIMARY DIRECTOR AND DOUG VERBOON AS THE ALTERNATE DIRECTOR AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, RR, DV-Aye, RV-Absent)

VII. 10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING

A. Community Development Agency – Chuck Kinney/Noelle Tomlinson

1. a. Conduct a public hearing to implement modifications to the California Land Conservation Williamson Act Program;
- b. Adopt a Resolution to implement Government Code Section 51244(b) to reduce Williamson Act and Farmland Security Zone contract terms by ten percent;
[RESO 23-080]
- c. Find that reducing Williamson Act and Farmland Security Zone contract terms by ten percent is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Vice-Chairman Verboon opened the Public Hearing, no testimony was received and the public hearing was closed. ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, RR, DV-Aye, RV-Absent)



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 Robinson stated that he attended a meeting with the Kings River Conservation District manager and met with constituents in Armona to discuss topics that are important to them.

Supervisor Neves stated that he continues to monitor the Corcoran flood waters, attended the West Hills College versus College of Sequoias game, met with staff to discuss the County Legislative platform, attended the West Hills College game, attended the American Legion #100 breakfast, attended the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council meeting, attended the Lemoore High School football game, attended the Lemoore Rotary Club crab feed fundraiser, attended the West Hills College Paramedic advisory meeting, will be attending the West Hills College ground breaking on December 1, 2023 and attended the Maddy Institute development meeting.

Supervisor Verboon stated that he attended the San Joaquin Valley Cross Valley Rail Corridor meeting, and will be attending the California Water Board Sustainable Groundwater Management Act town hall meeting tonight at Hanford Civic Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received correspondence from the California State Controller dated October 25, 2023 regarding an Award to Kings County for Financial Transactions Reporting for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2022. The Board received the October 2023 Monthly Kings County Investment Pool Transaction Activity Report dated November 1, 2023. The Board received the Monthly Fund Balance Report for the County of Kings for June, July, and August 2023 from the Department of Finance. The Board received the Treasurer's Report of Cash and Investments from the Department of Finance for June, July, and August 2023. The Board received the Kings County Investment Pool Portfolio Management Portfolio Summary for July and August 2023 from the Department of Finance. The Board received correspondence from Ruddell, Bixler, Mauritsen, Evans, Fox & Buss, LLP dated November 3, 2023 regarding the Tulare Lake Resource Conservation District Appointment to Fill a Vacancy.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Kyria Martinez stated that the South Valley Battle of the Badges Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, November 7th through Thursday, November 9th from 9am-2pm at the Old Sheriff's Parking Lot here at our Government Center. Those who participated in the last blood drive on September 7th are eligible to participate in the upcoming Battle of the Badges. The 10th Annual Lemoore Veterans Day Parade is happening November 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM downtown Lemoore. The 11th Annual Veterans Day Festival will be on Nov 11th from 10am-4pm at the Hanford Civic Park. The Avenal Rotary Club together with Central California Food Bank will be distributing food on November 14, 2023 from 10am-12pm through the Avenal Community Center Parking Lot. The Kings County Human Services Agency is organizing the Annual Foster Children's Christmas Toy Drive. May children do not receive a Christmas gift so if you would like to participate in donating unwrapped gifts this year, please contact HSA, at 852-4954, with the number of wish lists you would like to receive by November 15, 2023. Our PIO will be doing an outreach campaign as well and has already sent out a Press Release regarding this. Kings County Child Support Services is organizing their Slipper Sock Drive and collecting slipper socks to donate to senior citizens in Kings County. Donations can be dropped off until December 14, 2023 at Child Support Services, JTO, or KCAO.**



- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: **Kyria Martinez stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Child Support Services - Plan of Cooperation with Adventist Medical Center Hanford to Establish Paternity., County Counsel - Conflict of Interest Code Amendment for South Fok Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Appointment of Trustees to the Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 761; District Attorney - Advance Step Hire of District Attorney Investigator II; Public Health - Child Health and Disability Prevention Program Plan and Budget; Probation Department - Purchase of Furniture for the Juvenile Branch; Public Works -Kings County Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program – Phase II.**

IX. CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **Conference with Real Property Negotiator: (1 Case) [Govt. Code Section 54956.8]**
**Property: 1426 South Drive
 Hanford, CA 93230**
Agency Negotiator: Kyria Martinez
Negotiation Parties: Lacey Campus Partners, II LLP
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
- ◆ **Conference with Labor Negotiator: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]**
Negotiators: Kyria Martinez, Sarah Poots
 - 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

X. ADJOURNMENT

**The Regular Meeting for the Board of Supervisors for Tuesday, November 14, 2023 has been canceled due to Board Members participating in CSAC Annual Meeting.
 The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room, entrance is located across the hall from Board Chambers.**

XI. 11:00 AM CALIFORNIA PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS		
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
December 5	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
December 12	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
December 12	2:00 PM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting

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