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Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, November 28, 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 Arthur Fox – New Hope Orthodox Presbyterian Church
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT



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. None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for November 21, 2023.

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

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Behavioral Health Department:

1. Consider approving the amendment to the Agreement with Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for the Mental Health Student Services Act Grant effective upon execution through December 31, 2026. **[AGMT 22-055.1]**

B. Human Services Agency:

1. Consider approving the first amendment to the Agreement with Plexus Global Limited Liability Company for drug testing services effective December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024. **[AGMT 22-203.1]**

C. Public Health Department:

1. Consider authorizing the advance step hire of Gelline Galgana as a Senior Dietitian at Salary Range 235.5, Step 5.

D. Public Works Department:

1.
 - a. Consider declaring 18 vehicles as surplus;
 - b. Authorize the sale of the surplus at public auction.

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

V. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Assessor/Clerk/Recorder – Kristine Lee/Susan Morris

1. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding with Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Deigo Counties to provide electronic delivery of recordable documents through the Statewide Electronic Courier Universal Recording Environment software system. **[AGMT 23-202]**

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

B. Fire Department – Bill Lynch/Abraham Valencia/German Ortiz

1.
 - a. Consider authorizing the Fire Department to accept the 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant;
 - b. Adopt a Resolution designating the County Fire Chief, County Administrative Officer, or Assistant County Administrative Officer as authorized agents to execute all grant documents. **[RESO 23-081]**

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

2.
 - a. Consider authorizing the Fire Department to accept the 2023 Homeland Security Grant;
 - b. Adopt a Resolution designating the County Fire Chief, County Administrative Officer, or Assistant County Administrative Officer as authorized agents to execute all grant documents. **[RESO 23-082]**

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



C. Human Resources – Carolyn Leist

1. Consider approving the Agreement with Tripepi Smith Talent Solutions for Countywide Professional Recruitment Services. **[AGMT 23-203]**

ITEM WAS PULLED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE BROUGHT BACK ON A FUTURE AGENDA

D. Public Health Department – Rose Mary Rahn/Heather Silva

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming Friday, December 1, 2023, as World AIDS Day in Kings County. **[RESO 23-083]**

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

E. Public Works Department – Dominic Tyburski/Mitchel Cabrera

1. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Avenal to provide assistance with the Avenal Cut-Off Roadway Improvements Project. **[AGMT 23-204]**

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

F. Administration – Kyria Martinez

Kings County Office of Education – Genevieve Almanzar

1. Consider accepting the 2023-2024 Final Williams Report, the “State of the Schools” annual report, for Kings County.

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

G. Administration – Kyria Martinez/Megan Vega

1.
 - a. Consider approving the Agreement with Matthew Andrews to replace Jamil Nushwat’s Conflict Indigent Defense effective December 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; **[AGMT 23-205]**
 - b. Approve the Agreement with John Umscheid to replace Matthew Andrew’s Misdemeanor Indigent Defense Contract effective December 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 23-206]**

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

2. Consider approving health insurance premium holidays for active Kings County employees for pay period 24 (December 1, 2023) and pay period 25 (December 15, 2023).

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

VI. STUDY SESSION

A. Administration – Kyria Martinez

1. Receive an overview of Kings County workforce efforts on recruitment and retention.

THE BOARD RECEIVED AN OVERVIEW FROM STAFF AND TOOK QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION FROM THE AUDIENCE ON THE TOPIC AND NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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 cooked breakfast for the quarterback club on Thanksgiving morning, attended the Lemoore tree raising ceremony and Sarah Mooney Museum event, donated blood at the Central California Blood Center and attended the West Hills College rebranding group meeting.

Supervisor Fagundes stated that he attended the Lemoore tree raising ceremony and attended the Hanford Christmas Parade and attended meetings with staff this past week.



Supervisor Verboon stated that he had a good Thanksgiving with his family and wrapped up walnut harvest season.

Supervisor Robinson stated that he met with the Hanford Mayor and Vice-Mayor to discuss homelessness and had a good Thanksgiving with his family.

Supervisor Valle thanked Supervisor Verboon for stepping in to chair the meetings in November that he missed due to his wedding at Graceland and for Operation Gobble. He stated that this is the 22nd year of Operation Gobble and thanked everyone who assisted with the event and to the sponsors who made it possible to feed 1,400 families in Kings County.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received the Monthly Fund Balance Report from the Department of Finance dated November 15, 2023. The Board received the Treasurer's Report of Cash and Investments from the Department of Finance dated September 20, 2023. The Board received email correspondence from SoCalGas regarding Winter Messaging information dated November 21, 2023. The Board received correspondence from the City of Hanford Utility Division regarding a Notice of Public Hearing on proposed utility increases which will take place on January 16, 2024. The Board received the Riverside County Assessor-Clerk Recorder Annual Report on November 27, 2023.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Kyria Martinez stated that on Friday, December 1, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. West Hills College in Lemoore will have a ground breaking for the Visual Arts and Applied Sciences building. Attendees can park near Golden Eagle Arena in parking lot A. Registration for the event can be done online with West Hills College Lemoore. The Wine & Chocolate Tasting event will take place in Downtown Hanford on December 1, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$45 at the door. The Kings County Library will host its 14th Annual Winter Open House on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Hanford Branch Library. There will be raffles, refreshments, face painting, model train display, and a visit from Santa. Corcoran will host its 104th Annual Christmas Parade on December 7, 2023 in Downtown Corcoran which will include a lighting ceremony. Adventist Health will be doing their Light Up a Life Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. wherein the purchase of memorial ornaments of loved ones that have passed can be purchased to support the Hospice Patience Assistance Fund which helps patients and their families during a difficult time. Memorial ornaments can be purchased by December 4, 2023. 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, Job Training Office, or Kings Community Action Organization.**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Kyria Martinez stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration - Presentation to Employee of the 3rd Quarter, CalPFA approving the issuance of qualified 501c3 bonds for healthcare facilities, Purchase of Avenal Courthouse; County Counsel - Appointment to fill vacancy of director to the Tulare Lake Resource Conservation District; Department of Finance - Delegation of Investment Authority to the Director of Finance, Director of Finance's 2024 Statement of Investment Policy; Fire Department - donation of Narcan from the Tachi Palace Casino Resort; Human Resources Department - Study session regarding the Vantagecare Retirement Health Savings Program; Information Technology Department - Service agreement for Cortex by Palo Alto; Public Works Department - Roads Equipment Purchase, Highway Safety Improvement Program – Cycle 11 Grant- Roadway Project; Sheriff's Office - Agreement with Pigeonly Incorporated, Resolution with the California Department of Parks and Recreation.**



VIII. CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **Conference with Labor Negotiator: [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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next special meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room, entrance is located across the hall from Board Chambers.
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room, entrance is located across the hall from Board Chambers.
The December 26, 2023 meeting has been canceled due to the holiday closure of county offices. County offices will be closed on Thursday, December 21 at 5 p.m. and will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 8:00 a.m..

<i>FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS</i>		
December 4	9:00 AM	Special 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
December 19	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
December 26	--	Regular Meeting Canceled/County Offices Closed
January 2, 2024	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.