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Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, December 19, 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 Tyler Jones - Koinonia 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 item of interest to the public, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board, stated that the Board received electronic and hard copies of correspondence from Giovanna Isidoro from Valley Voices and the email will become part of the permanent record of the minutes from today.

Dave Clevenger, Kings County resident, gave an update to the Board on the Triangle Courtyard project.

Wendy Osikafo, Human Services Agency Director, stated that staff will be bringing an item next year to the Board to close the funding gap on the Triangle Court project. She thanked the community for the tremendous response to the Foster Youth Toy Drive; With all the support from everyone, all current children wish lists were met and additional gifts for any new youth who enter the system before the holidays.

Lupe Villa, Registrar of Voters, gave the Board an update on who will be on the ballot for the March 5, 2024 elections and discussed information on a possible special election at Reef-Sunset School District and costs associated if a recall is confirmed.

Giovanna Isidoro, Valley Voices representative and a local high school student, stated that she lives in District 4 and would like to bring attention to the need for youth programs and third spaces within the community and stated that safe spaces are important for development.

Red Fitiausi, a local high school student, stated that she is learning about elected officials in her economic class and she would love to be involved and attend Board meetings, but they are held at 9:00 a.m. when people are working and she is in school and asked for the meetings to be held later and include Spanish translation services.

Araceli Barrios, Kings County resident and Valley Voices representative, stated in Spanish that was translated by Yvette Chaidez, that she has attended meetings since August 2023 and has requested simultaneous interpretation of the meeting and attended a meeting with Supervisor Valle to discuss the request and has not seen any changes to the meeting.

Supervisor Valle stated that he did meet with the Valley Voices representatives and discussed the research that staff have been looking into as to their requests. He stated that he did offer at the meeting for bilingual County staff to be available for translation if so requested at the Board meetings and understood that was not accepted by the group.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for December 12, 2023.
REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel, stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their December 12, 2023 meeting.
- B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for December 12, 2023.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RF, JN, RR, RV-Aye)



IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Behavioral Health Department:

1. Consider approving the first amendment to the Agreement with Mental Health Systems, Incorporated to add the Mental Health Student Services Act services for children and youth. **[AGMT 21-169.1]**

B. Child Support Services:

1. Consider approving the Agreement with Consolidated Facility Services, LLC for janitorial services for a term of two years effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, with up to two additional one-year terms. **[AGMT 23-213]**

C. Elections Department:

1. Consider appointing Jeffrey Alan Gonzalez, Martin Chavez and Dianna F. Griffith to four-year terms as Directors At-Large to the Stratford Public Utility District.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RR, RF, JN, DV, RV-Aye)

V. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Behavioral Health Department – Lisa Lewis/Christi Lupkes

1. Consider approving the Agreement with Willow Glen Care Center for residential board and care services retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.
[AGMT 23-214]
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RF, JN, RR, RV-Aye)
2. a. Consider approving the participation Agreement with California Mental Health Services Authority to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with the California Department of State Hospitals on rates for state hospital beds retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025; **[AGMT 23-215]**
b. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of State Hospitals and the California Mental Health Services Authority for the purchase of state hospital beds retroactively effective from October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.
[AGMT 23-216]
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RF, JN, RR, RV-Aye)
3. Consider adopting a Resolution to delay implementation of Senate Bill 43 until January 1, 2026. **[RESO 23-091]**
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RR, JN, RF, RV-Aye)
4. Consider approving the Agreement with Bay Area Addiction Research and Treatment, Incorporated for narcotic treatment program services retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. **[AGMT 23-217]**
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, DV, RR, RF, RV-Aye)

B. Department of Finance – Erik Urena

1. Consider Approving the Agreement with Witt O'Brien's, LLC for Post Disaster Recovery Management Services effective upon execution through September 30, 2026.
[AGMT 23-218]
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, DV, RR, RV-Aye)



C. Fire Department – William Lynch

1. a. Consider authorizing the transfer of California Emergency Services grant funding to support progress payments to Teter and Associates for fire station remodel projects;
b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RF, JN, RR, RV-Aye)
2. a. Consider authorizing the purchase of two Type 1 fire apparatus from Fire Apparatus Solutions; **[AGMT 23-219]**
b. Authorize the ~~Purchasing Manager~~ **Fire Chief** to sign the Purchase Agreement;
c. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED (RF, RR, JN, DV, RV-Aye)
3. a. Consider authorizing the purchase of three Rice FH3 National Fire Prevention Association rated hose testers;
b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RR, DV, JN, RF, RV-Aye)

D. Human Resources – Carolyn Leist/Ashley Hernandez

1. Consider approving the revised Paid Sick Leave for Extra Help Employees Policy
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, DV, JN, RR, RV-Aye)

E. Public Health Department – Rose Mary Rahn/Everardo Legaspi

1. Consider approving the Agreement Amendment with Doctor Milton Teske to continue providing services as Health Officer/Tuberculosis Controller/Registrar of Births and Deaths through June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 22-076.2]**
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RR, JN, RF, RV-Aye)

F. Administration – Kyria Martinez/Matthew Boyett

1. a. Consider approving the Transfer Agreement 1 of 2 with Mojave Water Agency to transfer Department of Water Resources State Water Project Table A water to Mojave Water Agency upon approval by County Counsel; **[AGMT 23-220]**
b. Approve the Transfer Agreement 2 of 2 with Mojave Water Agency to transfer Department of Water Resources State Water Project Table A water to Kings County upon approval by County Counsel; **[AGMT 23-221]**
c. Approve the State Water Project Analysis Office Agreement with the Department of Water Resources and the Mojave Water Agency for the conveyance of Department of Water Resources State Water Project water between the Mojave Water Agency and Kings County upon approval by County Counsel; **[AGMT 23-222]**
d. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign both Transfer Agreements and the State Water Project Analysis Office Agreement for the water transfer with the Mojave Water Agency upon approval by County Counsel.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RR, JN, RF, RV-Aye)
2. Direct staff to take actions as deemed necessary for the implementation of Senate Bill 1383.
ACTION: APPROVED MOVING FORWARD WITH THE NON-MANDATORY OPTION (DV, RR, JN, RF, RV-Aye)



VI. 10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING

A. Community Development Agency – Chuck Kinney/Noelle Tomlinson

1. a. Consider conducting a public hearing on the partial rescission of a Farmland Security Zone contract and simultaneously entering into a new Farmland Security Zone contract in relation to Lot Line Adjustment Number 22-06;
- b. Find that the partial rescission of a Farmland Security Zone contract and simultaneously entering into a new Farmland Security Zone contract is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15317, and none of the circumstances in Section 15300.2 apply;
- c. Adopt a Resolution to partially rescind Farmland Security Zone Contract Number 135 and simultaneously enter into a new Farmland Security Zone Contract Number 282.

[RESO 23-092]

SUPERVISOR VALLE OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING, NO TESTIMONY WAS RECEIVED AND THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED.

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RF, JN, RR, 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 attended the Kings County Homelessness Collaborative meeting and attended the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Finance Committee meeting.

Supervisor Fagundes stated that he has been attending parties and functions with County staff and has been enjoying the time with everyone.

Supervisor Robinson stated that he attended the Armona Community Services District meeting, attended the Christmas luncheon with staff, attended the Old Jail facility tour, attended the cookies with Santa and Mrs. Clause in the office, attended a meeting with Senator Hurtado's office staff and toured the Armona Senior Center.

Supervisor Valle stated that the Wreaths Across America came to the 5 Pillars of Freedom monument and laid four wreaths and stated that he is looking for anyone who may have an additional wreath to donate to the statue representing the Navy. He stated that he attended the Kettleman City meeting to discuss the design of the pedestrian bridge project and stated that the next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on January 2, 2023 and thanked everyone for the privilege of being Chairman for 2023 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Megan Vega, Deputy County Administrative Officer, stated that the Board received a notice regarding an unannounced inspection of the Probation Department from the California Board of State and Community Corrections dated November 15, 2023.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Megan Vega stated that Hanford's Winter Wonderland is still occurring in Hanford's Civic Park through January 7, 2024. Weekday hours have changed this week. It is open Monday-Friday from 2:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 12:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online. Corcoran will have their Christmas in the Park on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Christmas Tree Park.**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Megan Vega stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration - Board Committee Assignments for 2024.**



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
- ◆ **Personnel Matter: [Govt Code Section 54957]**
Public Employee Appointment: Fire Chief
- ◆ **Personnel Matter: [Govt Code Section 54957]**
Public Employee – Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- ◆ **Litigation initiated formally. Title:**
El Rico GSA v. County of Kings, et al., Kings County Superior Court Case No. 23CU0202
[Govt Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 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, 2023 at 5 p.m. and will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 8:00 a.m..

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS		
December 26	--	Regular Meeting Canceled/County Offices Closed
January 2, 2024	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting – Board Reorganization
January 9	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
January 9	2:00 PM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting – Board Reorganization
January 16	--	Regular Meeting Canceled due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday on January 15

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From: [Valley Voices](#)
To: [BOS Questions](#)
Cc: [Jiovanna Isidoro](#); [Ivette Chaidez Villarreal](#)
Subject: Jiovanna Isidoro Public Comment 12/19/2023
Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 7:52:50 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-gppwelqa.png](#)

Good morning Chairman and members of the board,

My name is Jiovanna Isidoro. I'm a 17-year-old high school student, part-time Youth Promotora/Community Health Worker at Valley Voices, and resident of Hanford. I live in District 4, so Rusty Robinson is my representative. My address is on file, I do not feel comfortable sharing it out loud.

This is my 1st time attending a Kings County Board of Supervisors meeting, I'm usually in school on Tuesdays at 9:00 am. I'm happy to be here to learn how decisions are made on a county level.

As a concerned resident of Kings County, I would like to bring attention to the need for youth programs and third spaces within our community. Currently, it's disheartening to observe the absence of such vital resources for our young residents.

Youth programs play a crucial role in fostering personal development, providing educational opportunities, and creating a sense of community engagement. I am eager to understand what initiatives or plans the Board of Supervisors has in place to address this gap in our county. Investing in our youth today ensures a brighter and more resilient future for Kings County.

Moreover, the concept of third spaces—welcoming environments outside of home and school that do not cost money or are very low cost—is essential for the social well-being of our youth. These spaces can serve as outlets for creativity, collaboration, and positive social interactions. By creating such spaces, we not only address the immediate needs of our young population but also contribute to the overall vibrancy of our community.

I kindly request information on any existing plans, proposals, or discussions regarding the establishment of youth programs and third spaces in Kings County. Your commitment to the well-being and growth of our community is highly valued, and I believe that addressing these concerns will significantly enhance the quality of life for our residents.

Thank you for your time, attention, and dedication to making Kings County a better place for everyone, especially our youth.

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