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Kyria Martinez, County Administrative Officer
Diane Freeman, County Counsel
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024
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 – Doug Verboon, Chairman, District 3 Supervisor
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.

None

The Chairman reopened the unscheduled appearance portion later in the meeting:

Kristin Gardner, Kings County resident stated her concerns for the way the residents of the encampment on Houston Avenue were notified that they need to vacate by February 29, 2024. She stated that the residents won't have time to remove all their belongings and hopes that they will be able to file a temporary injunction and asked the Board to assist them with the issue.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for February 6, 2024.

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their February 6, 2024 meeting.

B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for February 6, 2024.

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

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Public Health Department:

1. a. Consider approving the request for Regional Technical Assistance funding for local home visitation support;
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
2. Consider authorizing the advanced step hire of Annabelle Mendoza as a County Health Nurse II at Salary Range 230.5, Step 5.

B. Administration:

1. Consider approving the donation Agreement with the Home Garden Community Services District for a 2008 Ford F-150 truck, ID #52758, VIN #1FTRX14W38FB59837. **[AGMT 24-018]**
2. Consider approving the Agreement with Kings County Superior Court for the use of office equipment effective from February 27, 2024 through June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 24-019]**
3. Consider Informational Only. Per Kings County Personnel Rules the Fire Department requests that Emergency Services Manager, Abraham Valenica, be placed at step 5 of the salary range beginning February 19, 2024 (Pay Period 05-2024).
4. Consider appointing one new member to the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.
5. a. Consider approving the County's renewal of the master crime bond for public officials;
- b. Approve the amounts in the declaration as the amounts required for faithful performance bonds of each elected official.

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

V. REGULAR CALENDAR

A. Agricultural Department – Jimmy Hook/Lynda Schrumpp

1. Consider approving the cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Exotic Pest Detection Program retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **[AGMT 24-020]**

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



B. Department of Finance – Erik Urena/Megan Campbell

1. Consider approving the Agreement with the Tulare Lake Drainage District for the purchase of tax defaulted property identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 028-310-013-000. **[AGMT 24-021]**

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

C. Fire Department/Office of Emergency Services – Matt SanFilippo/Abraham Valencia

1. a. Consider approving the Fire Department to accept the Prepare California JumpStart Grant for the enhancement of disaster preparedness and resilience;
- 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 24-004]**
- c. Approve the Grant Subaward Certification of Assurance of Compliance for the Prepare California JumpStart JS22-0019 Grant.

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

D. Human Services Agency – Wendy Osikafo/Chris Narez

1. a. Consider approving the amendment to the takeover Agreement with Cornerstone Community Alcohol and Other Drug Recovery Systems, Incorporated for the completion of the remaining work needed to obtain occupancy permits for the Triangle Courtyard Homekey Project. **[AGMT 22-175.1]**

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

E. Library – Tanya Russell

1. Consider adopting a Resolution to change public library hours of operation for the Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford, and Lemoore branch libraries. **[RESO 24-005]**

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

F. Public Health Department – Rose Mary Rahn/Heather Silva/Marjorie Batin

1. a. Consider approving the Agreement funding application with the California Department of Public Health for the California Home Visiting Program retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028; **[AGMT 24-022]**
- b. Adopt the budget change. (4/5 vote required)

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

2. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming the month of February 2024 as National Children's Dental Health Month. **[RESO 24-006]**

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

3. a. Consider approving the California Children's Services Plan and Budget retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024;
- b. Approve the Medical Therapy Program Plan and Budget retroactively effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024;
- c. Approve the California Children's Services Certification Statement;
- d. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required) [Agmt #24-024]**

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



G. Administration – Kyria Martinez/Matthew Boyett/Megan Vega

1. a. Consider approving the lease with the Kings County Water District to lease the County's water stock in People's Ditch Company effective March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2027; **[AGMT 24-023]**
- b. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign for the transfer of 40 acres of water stock in People's Ditch Company for water years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 in compliance with the lease terms.

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

2. Consider adopting a Resolution accepting the recordation of the Grant Deed for the purchase of the Avenal Courthouse. **[RESO 24-007]**

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

3. Consider confirming the appointment of Salvador Flores to the position of County Fire Chief effective March 11, 2024 and set the compensation.

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED AND SETTING THE COMPENSATION AT \$14,750 PER MONTH (JN, RF, RV, RR, DV-Aye)

VI. 10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING

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

1. a. Conduct a public hearing regarding the request of KWPH Enterprises, Incorporated, doing business as American Ambulance, for an adjustment of ambulance user fees;
- b. Approve the first amendment to the existing Agreement with KWPH Enterprises, Incorporated, doing business as American Ambulance, for paramedic services, extending the term until October 31, 2030, and modifying ambulance user fees effective upon execution. **[[AGMT 20-128.1]**

SUPERVISOR VERBOON OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING, NO TESTIMONY WAS RECEIVED AND THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD AND AFTER REQUESTING MORE INFORMATION, DAN LYNCH, EMS DIRECTOR AND TODD VALERI, PRESIDENT/CEO OF AMERICAN AMBULANCE COMPANY PROVIDED INFORMATION TO THE BOARD. ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RV, RR, RF, DV-Aye)

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

A. Information Technology – John Devlin/Evan Jones

Conduct a hearing and make one of the following findings:

1. a. New Perceptions' protest lacks merit and Behavioral Health's recommendation to award RFP 2024-21 to Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc. and Recover Medical Group, PC was reached in a fair and reasonable manner and, therefore, will not be overturned by the Board;
- b. New Perceptions' protest has merit and the Board finds that all proposals received in response to RFP 2024-21 must be re-evaluated by individuals other than those involved in the initial evaluation committee; or
- c. New Perceptions' protest has merit and the Board finds RFP 2024-21 a failure, rejects all proposals received in response thereto, and directs Behavioral Health to issue a new RFP for Adult Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services.

SUPERVISOR VERBOON OPENED THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING, TESTIMONY WAS RECEIVED FROM: CHRISTI LUPKES, KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DR. LISA LEWIS, KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR AND THE HEARING WAS CLOSED. ACTION: APPROVE OPTION 1a (JN, RF, RV, RR, DV-Aye)



AFTER THE MEETING IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE APPELLANT DID NOT RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING AND COUNTY COUNSEL STATED THAT THE BOARD WILL VACATE THEIR DECISION AND REHOLD A HEARING ON THE MATTER ON THE MARCH 12, 2024, AGENDA. THE APPELLANT WAS NOTIFIED OF THE NEW DATE.

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 attended the American Legion Post meeting, attended the final Master Plan for Aging meeting, attended the Hanford Sentinel new building ribbon cutting event, attended the swearing in ceremony for the new Avenal Police Chief, attended the Hanford Mall ribbon cutting, attended the First 5 Children & Families Commission, attended the CalViva meeting, wrapped up the Lemoore High School Basketball season and Lemoore College season, attended the City/County Coordinating meeting hosted by the City of Avenal, attended the Kings County Health Equity Advisory Panel, attended the Knights of Columbus event, attended the Cabrillo Club meeting, attended the Kings United Way meeting and attended the Kings County Behavioral Health Advisory Committee.

Supervisor Fagundes stated that he cooked for the Tractor Pulls at the old Tulare Fair grounds for the equipment show, attended the Kings Waste & Recycling Authority meeting, attended the Knights of Columbus event and the Kings Commission on Aging event.

Supervisor Valle thanked everyone for their well wishes during the recent passing of his mother, June Flores on February 15, 2024, she was 92 years young. He stated that he has been receiving information that the closure of the Highway 41 for bridge repairs in Stratford has been affecting the businesses in Kettleman City and asked staff to work with the larger newspaper and media outlets for messaging to travelers that Kettleman City businesses are open.

Supervisor Neves stated that the Avenal City Manager stated that their city is seeing impacts with increased traffic due to the closures on Highway 41 and may need to address the impacts at a future date. He stated that the closure of Highway 41 at Quail Avenue has not been updated on the Caltrans or State map updates that travelers use for navigation and that he would bring up the issue at the Kings County Association of Governments meeting tomorrow with the Caltrans representative and will include safety issues with the closures for Emergency Medical Services and I-5 traffic increases.

Supervisor Robinson stated that he attended the National Association of Counties conference in Washington D.C. and discussed the meetings they attended, and topics discussed. He stated that he attended the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting, attended the Kings County Homelessness Collaborative meeting and the City/County Coordinating meeting hosted by the City of Avenal.

Supervisor Verboon stated that he attended the National Association of Counties conference in Washington D.C. and discussed the meetings they attended, and topics discussed.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received the Kings County Monthly Fund Balance Report dated January 25, 2024, from the Kings County Director of Finance. The Board received the Kings County Department of Finance Treasurer's Report of Cash and Investments dated December 31, 2023, from the Kings County Director of Finance. The Board received correspondence from the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control dated February 14, 2024, regarding the designation of a subordinate officer or body to make**



determinations of public convenience or necessity regarding ABC license applications where undue concentration exists. The Board received a Public Notice from Chemical Waste Management, Inc. on February 12, 2024, regarding a permit modification in the Kettleman Hills Facility. The Board received correspondence from the County of San Mateo dated February 7, 2024, regarding the adoption of a resolution to declare “Loneliness a Public Health Crisis”. The Board received correspondence from the Tulare Lake Reclamation District #761 dated February 13, 2024, regarding the appointment of new members to their Board of Trustees.

- ◆ Upcoming Events: Kyria Martinez stated that the Kings County Behavioral Health will host their Veteran’s Support Group on February 27th from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Veterans Memorial Hall in Hanford. Kings County Library Avenal Branch will host its Movie Time on February 28, 2024, from 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. also with spring break quickly approaching, don’t forget that Kings County Library card holders can check out a California State Park pass for free that works to visit more than 200 California parks, lakes, beaches, and monuments. Contact your local Kings County Branch Library for details. Kings County is gearing up for the Presidential Primary Election which will take place on March 5, 2024, for more information please visit the Elections Department webpage on Countyofkings.com. Kings County Behavioral Health will host their Family Member Support Group today, March 5th from 5:30pm-7:30pm at 1222 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford. Kings County in partnership with the Central California Blood Center will have a Blood Drive on March 7, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Buses will be here on campus at 1420 Mather Drive in Hanford, CA 93230 (in the parking lot closest to the old sheriff’s office parking across the grand jury parking lot). Kings County will host Youth in County Government Day on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. where 60 high school students from Kings County will have the opportunity to job shadow different departments throughout the County.
- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: Kyria Martinez stated that the following items would on a future agenda: Administration - regarding the 2024 Dry Year Water Transfer Program, Women’s History Month, Wellpath 5th Amendment, Federal Earmark Project Funding Requests and Study Session on Proposal for County Temporary Homeless Shelter; Child Support Services - Request for Proposal Award for Process Server; Human Services Agency - Social Worker Appreciation Month Proclamation; Public Health Department - Second Amendment to Women, Infants, and Children Program Agreement; Information Technology - Personal Computing Refresh Purchase with Dell Computers; Public Works Department - Fire Department -Fire Station No. 5 - partial remodel, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Kettleman City General Petroleum Avenue Improvements Project, Avenal cutoff roadway improvements phase 1 project.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ Personnel Matter: [Govt Code Section 54957]
Public Employee Appointment: Fire Chief
- ◆ Personnel Matter: [Govt Code Section 54957]
Public Employee Appointment: Library Director
- ◆ Conference with Real Property Negotiator: (1 Case) [Govt. Code Section 54956.8]
Property: 501 E. Kings Street
Avenal, CA 93204
Agency Negotiator: Kyria Martinez
Negotiation Parties: City of Avenal
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
- ◆ Significant Exposure to Litigation ((1 Case) [Govt Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)(e)(1)])



X. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 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>		
March 5	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
March 12	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
March 12	2:00 PM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting
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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.