

**Board Members**

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**Staff**

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

## Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

**Date:** Tuesday, March 5, 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 – Pastor Arthur Fox – New Hope Orthodox Presbyterian Church  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT



**II. WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**A. Administration – Kyria Martinez**

Consider adopting a Resolution recognizing March 2024 as Women's History Month in Kings County. [RESO 24-008]

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

**III. 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.*

**Lupe Villa, Kings County Registrar of Voters gave the Board an update on the current election process for March 5, 2024.**

**Dominic Tyburski, Kings County Public Works Director introduced Nkauj Enquist, Fiscal Analyst to the Board.**

**Michelle Brown, Mainstreet Hanford Executive Director presented information on how the downtown business owners are being impacted by the homeless population and asked the Board to use the resources being presented to decrease the impacts.**

**Chuck Kinney, Kings County Community Development Agency Director gave an update to the Board on the Kings County Planning Commission meeting held on March 4, 2024.**

**Antony Lopez, Avenal City Manager congratulated Gloria Barrera De Balderas on her recognition as a Woman Making History in Kings County and thanked Supervisor Valle for honoring her today.**

**Alvaro Preciado, Avenal City Mayor thanked the Board for recognizing the recipients today for the Women Making History in Kings County and introduced Cecilio Velasco, Avenal Police Chief to the Board.**

**Cecilio Velasco, Avenal Police Chief thanked the Board and stated that he looks forward to working together in the future.**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for February 27, 2024.**

**REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at the February 27, 2024 meeting.**

**B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for February 27, 2024.**

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

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Child Support Services:**

1. Consider approving the Agreement with Team Legal, Incorporated for process server services effective from March 5, 2024 through June 30, 2025, with up to two additional one-year terms. [AGMT 24-025]

**B. Public Health Department:**

1. a. Consider approving an amendment to Standard Agreement 22-10254 with the California Department of Public Health for Women, Infants and Children grant funds effective upon execution through September 30, 2025;
- b. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Health to execute and submit all necessary grant documents, including but not limited to invoices and reports, to



implement Agreement 22-10254 for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children; [AGMT 22-155.2] [RESO 24-009]

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

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

## VI.

### REGULAR CALENDAR

#### **A. Human Services Agency – Wendy Osikafo/Monica Connor**

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming the month of March 2024 as Social Worker Appreciation Month in Kings County. [RESO 24-010]

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

#### **B. Information Technology – John Devlin**

1. a. Consider authorizing the Purchasing Manager to sign a purchase order for the purchase of personal computing equipment inventory;
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

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

#### **C. Public Works – Dominic Tyburski/Mitchel Cabrera**

1. Consider approving the construction Agreement with Ardent General, Incorporated for the construction of the Fire Station Number 5 Partial Remodel project. [AGMT 24-026]

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

2. a. Consider approving the Plans and Specifications for the Community Development Block Grant Kettleman City General Petroleum Avenue Improvements Project;
- b. Authorize the Department of Public Works to advertise the project.

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

3. a. Consider rejecting all bids submitted in response to Bid #2024-25 Avenal Cutoff Roadway Improvements Phase I Project;
- b. Approve the revised plans and specifications for the Avenal Cutoff Roadway Improvements Project;
- c. Authorize the Department of Public Works to advertise the project.

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

## VII.

### STUDY SESSION

#### **A. Administration – Kyria Martinez**

1. a. Receive a presentation on the temporary shelter proposal;
- b. Direct staff on implementation of the shelter proposal.

**The Board received an overview from staff and discussed the proposal. Sheriff, Dave Robison presented arial drone footage and images of previous encampments and Supervisor Rusty Robinson presented photos of homeless camping out in front of the Salmons furniture store in downtown Hanford. The Chairman reopened the unscheduled appearances portion of the meeting so that the members of the audience could speak on the issue.**

**Mark Kairis, Kings County Homelessness Collaborative Chairman, and Hanford City Council member, stated that the proposal before you today is a safe overnight sleeping facility to help with the affects of the homeless are having on the downtown businesses and the Hanford City Council will be meeting tonight to approve an ordinance for camping on City properties.**

**Amory Marple, Hanford Chamber of Commerce Director stated that the unhoused in downtown Hanford are creating an issue for the business owners and the proposal today would create a temporary solution for those individuals until permanent housing is available.**



**Jim Castleman, Kings County Chamber President, stated that the project proposed today would be a stop gap before the navigation center is ready. He stated that this project would help those who want a way out of homelessness and help up through services.**

**Sarah Hacker, Kings County District Attorney, stated that she is in support of a safe place for the homeless to sleep but she has safety and security concerns for staff and buildings at the Government Center and would like to see that be a part of the equation because she has armory and evidence in her building, if this moves forward.**

**Wendy Osikafo, Kings County Human Services Agency Director, stated that the additional position of a homeless coordinator would help as there would be someone to coordinate all of the services and information through one location through the County since there is not just one entity in charge of the collaborative efforts.**

**Robert Thayer, Kings County Under Sheriff, stated that as a Homelessness Collaborative member he is excited to see movement and not just talk about what needs to be done and as it moves forward the process and governance of the project can be worked through.**

**Board members presented information and were able to voice their thoughts on the proposed project and ask questions of staff. The Board was advised of a host of information including liability and risks associated with this type of project as well as what type of legal compliance might need to be navigated for it to move forward.**

**For a full audio on the discussion, you can click the link here for the meetings YouTube video:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrl6bRckWLk>**

**The PowerPoint and photos or images shown can be found here:**

**<https://www.countyofkings.com/departments/board-of-supervisors/calendar-agenda-and-action-summary>**

**Action: Direct staff to bring another study session in 3 weeks with more information including but not limited to: comparing the proposed site with off site locations with clarifications; case management and community partners who can engage and create a model that works for this project; information and cost for a homeless connection liaison position and financial and legal information required for the proposed project if the County should move forward (RR, JN, RV, RF, DV-Aye)**

## **VIII.**

### **REGULAR CALENDAR CONTINUED**

#### **D. Administration – Kyria Martinez/Matthew Boyett**

1. a. Consider approving the Agreement with State Water Contractors, Incorporated for participation in the 2024 Dry Year Water Transfer Program effective upon execution by all parties through December 2024 or upon the completion of all duties and obligations of all parties;
- b. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign the Agreement with State Water Contractors, Incorporated for participation in the 2024 Dry Year Water Transfer Program; **[AGMT 24-027]**
- c. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute the Buyer-Seller Agreement(s) upon receipt from State Water Contractors, Incorporated subject to County Counsel review and approval;
- d. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute the Storage and Conveyance Agreement(s) upon receipt from the Department of Water Resources subject to County Counsel review and approval.

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



2. Consider approving the fifth amendment to the Agreement with California Forensic Medical Group, Incorporated for the provision of additional Mental Health Professional Hours in the Kings County Juvenile Center retroactive to February 6, 2024. **[AGMT 20-035.5]**

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

3.
  - a. Consider authorizing staff to submit three Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Federal Earmark Project Funding submissions;
  - b. Authorize staff to submit three State Budget earmark project funding request through the State budget;
  - c. Authorize the Chairman to sign letters of support for the projects submitted to Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Laphonza Butler, and Representative David Valadao.

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED AND RANKED THE PROJECTS AS FOLLOWS: #1-ARMONA PARK REHABILITATION, #2 KINGS COUNTY CARES, #3 KETTLEMAN CITY BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY. STAFF WAS TASKED WITH SEEING IF THERE WAS OTHER FUNDING TO PRIORITIZE THE ARMONA PARK REHABILITATION PROJECT AND REVISING THE LETTER TO SHOW THAT THE KINGS COUNTY CARES PROJECT DID NOT HAVE CONSENSUS FROM THE BOARD (RV, RF, JN, RR, DV-Aye)**

**IX.**

**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 Area Public Transit Agency meeting, attended the Kings County Association of Governments meeting, attended the Lemoore College games, attended the Kings Waste & Recycling Authority meeting, attended the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Act meeting, attended the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning meeting, participated in the Read Across America event, discussed the recent storm activities and presented information on the capacity of water in Pine Flat and Kings River.**

**Supervisor Valle wished everyone good luck in the General Election today.**

**Supervisor Robinson stated that he met with Hanford Chamber of Commerce staff and took his family to Famoso Raceway and Magic Mountain.**

**Supervisor Verboon stated that he will be attending Valley Voice events and Rural California Regional Caucus events started on March 13, 2024.**

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received correspondence from the Kings County Department of Agriculture/Measurement Standards dated February 29, 2024 regarding the Disposal of Weighing and Measuring Devices. The Board received correspondence from Kathleen Miller dated February 17, 2024 regarding AT&Ts Applications to the California Public Utilities Commission which would result in loss of copper land line service throughout the State. The Board received correspondence on February 28, 2024 regarding the 2024 Soroptimist International Live your dream Awards Banquet in Hanford on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6pm. The Board received correspondence from the Central California Emergency Medical Services Agency dated February 14, 2024 regarding the appointment of Dr. Miranda Lewis as the new EMS Medical Director. The Board received the Monthly Fund Balance Report for January 2024 dated February 27, 2024 from the Department of Finance. The Board received the Treasurer's Report of Cash and Investments dated January 31, 2024 from the Department of Finance. The Board received the Kings County Investment Pool Portfolio dated January 31, 2024 from the Department of Finance. The Board received email correspondence from Elizabeth Rugg**



**dated March 4, 2024 regarding an invitation to the Kern County Pallet Shelter Village Opening. The Board received the 2024 Monthly Kings County Investment Pool Transaction Activity Report dated March 1, 2024.**

- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Kyria Martinez stated that the Kings County Behavioral Health will host their Family Member Support Group today, March 5, 2024 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at 1222 W. Lacey Blvd in Hanford. Kings County in Partnership with the Central California Blood Center will have a Blood Drive tomorrow March 7, 2024 from 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. buses will be here on campus at 1420 Mather Drive in Hanford (in the parking lot closest to the old Sheriff’s office parking across the grand jury parking lot). This is open to all employees and the public. Kings County Library Hanford Branch will host its Maker Monday on March 11, 2024 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. where participants will learn to make a budding mini garden. 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 Behavioral Health will host their Veteran’s Support Group on March 12, 2024 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Hall in Hanford. Kings County Library Kettleman City Branch will host its Movie Time on March 13, 2024 from 3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. This program is free and open to the public. Adventist Health will host a free Wellness Clinic on March 16, 2024 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There will be medical and dental services, health advice, free haircuts and community resources to help keep families informed about feeling their best. 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 will be on a future agenda: Administration - Presentation to the Employee of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023 and Presentation from Rural California RC regarding their Strategic Plan. County Counsel - appointment of trustee; Community Development Agency – Grant application; District Attorney - continued participation in grant programs; Elections Department - the March 19, 2024 Congressional District 20 election and the Special Primary Election Funding Request; Fire Department - State Homeland Security Grant Program; Public Health Department - eHARS Data Use Disclosure and a Resolution Recognizing March 2024 as American Red Cross Month; Information Technology – a Hearing of protest of Award of RFP 2024-21 Adult Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment Services.**



- X. **CLOSED SESSION**  
♦ **Significant exposure to litigation: (1 Case)**  
**[Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(4)]**

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**  
**The Special meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room.** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room, entrance is located across the hall from Board Chambers.

<b>FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS</b>		
March 11	8:30 AM	Special Meeting – Library Director interviews
March 12	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
March 12	2:00 PM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting
March 19	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Regular Meeting. This will be the Les Collins’ Memorial Youth in Government Day, sponsored by the Hanford Rotary Club.
March 26	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 2	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.*