

Board Members

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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, March 26, 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 Tim Dinkins – Grace Bible 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.

Red Fitiausi, Hanford High School student stated that she would like to see the Board hold a meeting once a month at 6:00 p.m. so that she and others can be involved. She also asked to have unscheduled appearances moved to the end of the agenda to allow for public to speak on the items they are interested in. She also stated that it is wrong that the Kings County Firefighters Association has been without a contract since June 30, 2023.

Trent James, Kings County Deputy Sheriff's Association member stated that they have been without a contract since June 30, 2023, and stated that they have been in impasse through the negotiation process and the salary survey should be accessible.

Jonathan Brewster, Kings County Deputy Sheriff's Association member stated that he is here to represent over 90 law enforcement personnel who work to keep Kings County safe and stated that they are the first called when help is needed by other jurisdictions. They have a good culture in their office and are still losing deputies to other jurisdictions for pay because they are being aggressively recruited and using an out of date survey is not worth the money and not being given the information which was paid for by public funds is keeping them from getting a fair share and he asked the Board to help them in the negotiations and follow the impasse process.

Carolyn Leist, Human Resources Department Director stated that staff met with the Deputy Sheriff's Association yesterday and will be discussing the details in closed session with the Board today.

Supervisor Verboon stated that the Board will be discussing the status of the negotiations for all bargaining units and thanked everyone for their attendance today and stated that the Board is listening to all of the requests.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for March 19, 2024.

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their March 19, 2024 meeting.

B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for March 19, 2024.

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

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Human Resources:

1. Consider approving the revised job specification for Animal Services Manager.

B. Probation Department:

1. a. Consider approving the grant funding Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services for the implementation of California Providing Access and Transforming Health program effective upon execution through March 31, 2026.

[AGMT 24-034]

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



C. Public Health Department:

1. a. Consider authorizing the Director of Public Health to submit a Local Indigent Care Needs Implementation Program Grant application to the County Medical Services Program Governing Board for the performance period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;
- b. Delegate signature authority to the Director of Public Health as necessary for the grant application, reporting, non-financial amendments, and grant closing.
2. Consider approving the closure of the Kings County Department of Public Health for a department-wide staff recognition event and luncheon on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, including the offices in Hanford, Lemoore, Corcoran, and Avenal.

D. Administration:

1. Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter of support for Senate Bill 1032 which would give the Housing and Community Development Department the authority to forgive specific legacy loans, at their discretion.

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

V.

REGULAR CALENDAR

A. Fire Department – Salvador Flores

1. a. Consider authorizing the purchase of a 105-foot aerial fire apparatus from Fire Apparatus Solutions;
- b. Authorize the Fire Chief to sign the Apparatus Agreement; **[AGMT 24-035]**
- c. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

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

B. Human Resources – Carolyn Leist/Ashley Hernandez

1. a. Consider approving the new job specification for Epidemiologist and set the salary at Range 237.5 (\$6,387-\$7,795 monthly);
- b. Allocate 1.0 Full-Time Equivalency position in Budget Unit 411300.

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

C. Veterans Services – Scott Holwell/Codi Pennington

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming the week of March 24–30, 2024 as Veteran and Military Women’s History Week in Kings County. **[RESO 24-015]**

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

VI.

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 thanked everyone who was a part of the Youth in County Government Day event on March 19, 2024, announced the softball game for Lemoore High School, attended the CalViva meetings, attended the Hanford Chamber of Commerce annual recognition dinner, attended the Knights of Columbus breakfast, attended the Cal ID/RAN Board meeting, and attended the Kings County Behavioral Health Advisory Committee meeting.

Supervisor Fagundes stated that he attended the Commission meeting, attended the Kings Community Action Organization meeting, and attended the Knights of Columbus fundraiser dinner.



Supervisor Valle stated that he wanted to address some of the topics brought up by the High School student who spoke this morning. The County hosted Youth in County Government Day where High School students from throughout Kings County participated in local government even sitting as Board members for the meeting. He stated that in 2009 when he was Chairman of the Board, he requested to hold Special Board meetings in Avenal, Corcoran and Kettleman City and stated that the County participates quarterly with all the local cities in a City/County Coordinating Conference which are public meetings that showcase what projects are happening within the County and Cities.

Supervisor Robinson stated that he attended the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District meeting, attended a meeting with Congressman David Valadao Field Representative, attended meetings with local downtown Hanford businesses to discuss homelessness issues.

Supervisor Verboon stated that he attended the Amtrak San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority meeting and thanked Supervisor Valle for his gift of a Presidential Pin from Ronald Reagan which was given to his mother when she worked for the President.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received the Kings County Operational Area Report from the Office of Emergency Services dated March 18, 2024.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Kyria Martinez stated that the Kings County Behavioral Health will host their Veteran’s Support Group on March 26, 2024 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Hall in Hanford. The Kings County Library Avenal Branch will host its Movie Time at the Library on March 27, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Kings County Library Hanford Branch will host its Sit and Stitch Group on March 27, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The Kings County Behavioral Health will host their Family Member Support Group on April 2, 2024 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in Hanford. The Kings County District Attorney’s Office Victim Witness Assistance Program will host its annual quilt unveiling in support of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Kyria Martinez stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration - Transition of County of Kings Domain Name from .com to .gov (in conjunction with IT) , Approving issuance of bonds for a qualified residential rental project; County Counsel - Renewal of local emergency due to flood conditions in Kings County; Elections Department - Certified Statement of Vote for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election, Certified Statement of Vote for the March 19, 2024 Congressional District 20 Special Primary Election results; Public Health Department - Waste Cleanup and Abatement Program Grant, Technology Software Enhancement and Support, National Public Health Week 2024; Human Resources - New Job Specification for Homeless Program Coordinator; Human Services Agency - Adopt the Revisions to the General Assistance Program Standards and Procedures Regarding Replacement of Skimmed or Scammed Benefits; Public Works Department - Houston Avenue Bridge Replacement Project.**



VII. CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **Litigation initiated formally. Title:**
Certain Underwriters of Lloyds, London et. al. v. California Department of Water Resources et. al.
Kings County Superior Court Case No. 24CU0099
[Govt Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]
- ◆ **Workers Compensation Settlement: (1 Case) [Govt Code Section 54956.95]**
- ◆ **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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room, entrance is located across the hall from Board Chambers.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 2	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 9	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 9	2:00 PM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting
April 16	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 23	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
April 30	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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