

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, April 23, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: MULTI PURPOSE ROOM, Administration Building 1, Kings County Government Center
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

☎ (559) 852-2362 ❖ bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us ❖ website: <https://www.countyofkingsca.gov>

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- I. 9:00 AM **CALL TO ORDER**
ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board
INVOCATION – Pastor Tim Brown – First 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 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 an electronic copy and hard copy of a letter from Sheriff, Dave Robinson which will become part of the permanent record of the minutes for today.

Jonathan Brewster, Kings County Deputy Sheriff's Association stated that their members participated in the 3rd annual First Responders Battle of the Beef competition where they took first place in the chicken category winning a trophy and \$5,000 for their scholarship fund. He stated that they were the only Kings County First Responders to participate, and their association has provided \$30,000 in scholarships to local youth.

Sherri Tos, Kings County resident and Sensory Rock owner stated that she is in support of the County and Cities working on the homelessness issues and stated that her business has been affected by the homeless and shared interactions she has had with them.

Salvador Flores, Kings County Fire Chief stated that remodels are underway at County fire stations and staff will give an update on their status.

Matt Sanfilippo, Battalion Chief stated that staff has met and discussed the remodels of the fire stations and wanted to let everyone know that personnel are onsite and responding to calls.

Supervisor Valle asked if staff has temporary shelters or portable stations on the remodel sites.

Matt Sanfillippo stated that there are temporary quarters onsite during the remodel.

Ivette Chaidez, Valley Voices representative thanked Supervisor Robinson for being receptive to meeting with Armona residents to listen to their concerns and for recommending they attend the Armona Community Services District meeting to address concerns they have. She stated that the residents were appreciative of him being an engaged member of the County.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for April 16, 2024.

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their April 16, 2024 meeting.

B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for April 16, 2024.

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

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Public Health Department:

1. a. Consider approving the budget adjustment for the Department of Public Health for additional grant funding from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery Senate Bill 1383 Local Assistance Grant;
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
2. Consider approving an Agreement with the University of Southern California-Leonard Davis School of Gerontology to allow dietetic interns to obtain practical learning experience at the Kings County Department of Public Health effective upon execution with automatic annual renewals until cancelled. **[AGMT 24-026]**



B. Administration:

1. Consider ratifying a Resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency due to the recent localized migration of the beet leaf hopper, a vector for the curly top virus.

[RESO 24-024] [Emergency Proclamation 24-01] ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION. ACTION: APPROVED WITH CHANGES TO RESOLUTION #7 WHEREAS WORDING.

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

V.

REGULAR CALENDAR

A. Behavioral Health Department – Lisa Lewis/Christi Lupkes

1. Consider approving the subcontract Agreement with Advocates for Human Potential, Incorporated for the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program retroactively effective from January 11, 2024 through June 30, 2027. **[AGMT 24-047]**

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

2.
 - a. Consider approving the amendment to the Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services for the Mental Health Plan contract retroactively effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027; **[AGMT 22-159.1]**
 - b. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Behavioral Health to sign the Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services for the Mental Health Plan contract and any addendums retroactively effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027. **[RESO 24-025]**

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

B. District Attorney's Office – Sarah Hacker/Shanna Meier

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming April 21-27, 2024 as Crime Victim's Rights Week. **[RESO 24-026]**

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

C. Department of Finance – Erik Ureña/Tammy Phelps

1.
 - a. Consider approving a property tax advance loan Agreement with the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency to assist in meeting current operating expenses and cash flow needs pending receipt of direct assessment payments; **[AGMT 24-049]**
 - b. Adopt a Resolution approving the temporary transfer of fund to the South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency to assist in meeting current operating expenses and cash flow needs pending receipt of direct assessment payments, and directing the County Treasure to make such transfer. **[RESO 24-027]**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RR, RF, JN, RV, 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 Robinson stated that he attended the California State Association of Counties Legislative Conference along with Supervisor Verboon, CAO Martinez and Deputy CAO Boyett and discussed topics from the conference. He stated he met with Senator Hurtado's Chief of staff and stated that he attended a meet and greet with Kings County Fire Chief, Salvador Flores.

Supervisor Valle stated that he attended his Marine Unit's 8th annual event in Las Vegas where he shared the information on the 5 Pillars of Freedom memorial. He stated that he wished Jose Ramirez luck on his upcoming fight in Fresno and stated that vouchers are still available at the Public Guardian/Veteran's Services Office.



Supervisor Neves stated that he attended the Soroptimist International of Hanford banquet, thanked Supervisor Valle for attending the Local Agency Formation Commission meeting, attended Kim Eggerts retirement event, announced softball at Lemoore High School, attended the Kings County Behavioral Health Advisory Committee meeting, attended a meet and greet with Kings County Fire Chief, Salvador Flores and thanked staff for their work on the Curly Top Virus emergency proclamation and resolution on the agenda today.

Supervisor Verboon thanked Supervisor Valle for sitting in on the Local Agency Formation Commission meeting so he could attend the State Water Resources Board hearing in Sacramento where he testified on behalf of the Groundwater Subbasins in the Tulare Lake area and explained how the probation designation will affect residents and farmers as well as ground water pumping in the region. He stated that he attended the California State Association of Counties Legislative conference in Sacramento.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received correspondence from Women with Visions Unlimited dated April 17, 2024, regarding a sponsorship request. The Board received correspondence on April 22, 2024 from Waste Management regarding the Kettleman Hills Facility Annual Information meeting on Wednesday May 1, 2024. The Board received email correspondence dated Monday, April 22, 2024 from Sheriff Dave Robinson regarding public comment and Public Safety Compensation Packages.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Kyria Martinez stated that 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 tonight on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Koinonia Church Learning Center Auditorium in Hanford. Kings County Behavioral Health will host its Veteran's Support Group tonight on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Hanford. Kings County Library will host its Movie Time at the Avenal Branch Library on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Kings County Public Health will host the Kings County Employee Blood Drive on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 1420 Mather Drive, Hanford (the Parking lot closest to the old Sheriff's Office). Registration is open online and all those who register and attempt to donate blood will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card. Kings County Library will host its Spring Book Sale on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Hanford Branch Library. Kings County Behavioral Health will host its Family Member Support Group on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Kings Building located on our campus.**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Kyria Martinez stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration - Resolution proclaiming May 5 – May 11, 2024 as Public Service Recognition Week and Health Insurance Renewal for FY 24-25; Agricultural Department - Authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to sign an Agreement with the California Crop Improvement Association Behavioral Health - California Mental Health Services Authority Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Amendment and Agreement with The Source LGBT+ Center; Human Resources - Fire Association Memorandum of Understanding; Human Services Agency - Amendment Agreement for Adult Protective Services Referral and Case Management System and Kings County's Five-Year System Improvement Plan for the California Work Opportunities and Responsibilities to Kids and California Outcomes and Accountability Review; Public Health - Allotment Budget Change, Amendment to the Kings County Homelessness Collaborative Bylaws, HIV Care Program, and Solid Waste Grant Application; Public Works- Surplus Vehicles/Equipment Declaration, Roads Division Purchase of Heated Patch Truck, Agreement to provide County surveyor service and Surplus Vehicles/Equipment Declaration.**



VII. 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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room, entrance is located across the hall from Board Chambers.

IX. 11:00 AM CALIFORNIA PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING

X. 11:00 AM IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY MEETING

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 30	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 7	-	Regular Meeting Canceled due to Kings County Employee Appreciation Event
May 14	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 14	2:00 PM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting
May 21	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 28		Regular Meeting Canceled Due to Memorial Day Holiday on May 27, 2024

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<https://www.countyofkingsca.gov/departments/board-of-supervisors/calendar-agenda-and-action-summary>

From: [Robinson, Dave](#)
To: [BOS Questions](#)
Subject: Written public comment
Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 8:43:51 AM

Good Morning members of the Board and thank you for your service!

I would like this email added to the public comment for the meeting date 4/23/24.

Public Safety is crucial to our community. You have all demonstrated an unwavering commitment to this. Now is the time to get them a compensation package that keeps these men and women here for the duration of their careers.

One unit in particular, the Deputy Sheriff's Association has 106 members. (this number varies, but is around this number consistently)

85 of those 106 members have less than 15 years of service with he county. (80.19%)
53 of those 85 have less than 10 years.
28 of the 53 have less than 5 years.
21 of the 106 have more than 15 years. (19.81%)
5 of the 106 have 20 to 24 years.
6 of the 106 have 25+ years of experience.

As you can clearly see we have a retention problem. A fair wage and long term incentives is the best approach to remedy this. Please agree to terms that address this problem. Your community deserves men and women who are compensated in a manner that reflects how much you value and appreciate them.

I stand ready to work with your CAO to address any budget changes you direct for any salary changes to ALL of my bargaining units, to make sure we keep a balanced budget, which also addresses a fair compensation package.

Respectfully,

David Robinson
Kings County Sheriff
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