

Board Members

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Diane Freeman, County Counsel
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 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. 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.

Lou Martinez, Hanford City Council expressed his concern regarding the homeless issues in downtown Hanford and stated that funding for the Kings Community Action Organization project would help their mission in serving the community in many ways.

Jason Kemp Van Ee, Program Manager, Adult Protective Services Division of the Human Services Agency, expressed his concern regarding the recommended title change by Koff & class and pay study and stated that he hopes his job stays the same because he loves what he does.

Sheri Tos, owner of Sensory Rock in Hanford, expressed her concerns regarding the homeless issue in downtown Hanford and urged the Board to approve solutions for the safety of the community and to act now.

Salvador Flores, Fire Chief gave a general Fire Department update and on the Station 5 remodel project.

Abraham Valencia, Emergency Services Manager, Fire Department introduced, Travis Mueller, Emergency Specialist to the Board.

Travis Mueller, Emergency Specialist stated that it was his second day on the job and stated he looks forward to working with the Board.

Michelle Brown, Main Street Hanford Executive Director, expressed her concerns regarding the growing homeless issue in downtown Hanford and its negative effects to local business owners.

Kimber Regan, Downton Hanford business owner, expressed her concerns and issues with the homeless population she has had to encounter and how it has affected her staff and business.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for April 30, 2024.

REPORT OUT: Rise Donlon, Assistant County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their April 30, 2024, meeting.

B. Report out of Closed Session from the special meeting for May 9, 2024.

REPORT OUT: Rise Donlon, Assistant County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their May 9, 2024, meeting.

C. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for April 30, 2024.

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

D. Approval of the minutes from the special meeting for May 9, 2024.

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



IV.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Behavioral Health Department:

1. Consider approving the second amendment with the Superior Court of California, County of Kings, for Collaborative Justice Treatment Court services effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. **[AGMT 22-177.2]**
2. Consider approving the Agreement with Kings Community Action Organization to provide mental health services for domestic violence survivors effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. **[AGMT 24-054]**
3. Consider approving the amendment to Agreement No. 22-180 with Kings County Commission on Aging for Senior Access for Engagement Program services effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. **[AGMT 22-180.1]**

B. County Counsel:

1. Consider approving the advanced step hire of Anadelia Dominguez as a Deputy County Counsel I at Salary Range 234.0, Step 5.

C. Elections Department:

1. a. Consider approving a budget adjustment for the Elections Department for the administration of a Special General Election for Congressional District 20;
b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

D. Public Works Department:

1. Consider Adopt a Resolution containing the projects planned to be constructed in Fiscal Year 2024-25 utilizing Senate Bill 1 Funding. **[RESO 24-031]**

E. Administration:

1. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by Pathway Law Firm on behalf of Jose Barrera.
2. a. Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter of opposition for Assembly Bill 2489 that governs local government processes for contracting and utilization of temporary staff to provide specialty services;
b. Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of opposition for Assembly Bill 2557 that requires special reporting and auditing for contractors, including temporary staff, providing specialty services;
c. Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of opposition for Assembly Bill 2561 that requires public agencies with a certain vacancy rate to meet and confer with employee organizations and develop and publish a comprehensive plan to reduce said vacancy rate.

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

V.

REGULAR CALENDAR

A. Behavioral Health Department – Lisa Lewis/Christi Lupkes Public Health Department – Rose Mary Rahn/Nichole Fisher

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming the month of May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness and Maternal Mental Health Month in Kings County. **[RESO 24-032]**

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

B. Community Development Agency – Chuck Kinney

1. Consider accepting the monthly report of Planning Commission's actions from their May 6, 2024 meeting.

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



C. Fire Department – Salvador Flores/Abraham Valencia

1. Consider approving and adopting the Kings County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

D. Human Resources – Carolyn Leist

1. Consider receiving the Kings County Classification and Total Compensation Study conducted by Koff & Associates.

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

E. Human Services – Wendy Osikafo/Monica Connor

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming the month of May 2024 as Kings County Foster Care Month. [RESO 24-033]

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

F. Public Works – Dominic Tyburski/Mitchel Cabrera

1. a. Consider accepting an Easement Deed for public street of a new portion of the 25th Avenue alignment;
b. Adopt a Resolution ordering the Summary Vacation of an existing portion of 25th Avenue south of Utica Avenue. [RESO 24-034]

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

G. Administration – Kyria Martinez/Megan Vega

1. a. Consider receiving an overview and update on American Rescue Plan Act funds;
b. Approve the funds for the Stratford Levee Project for preventative flooding disasters;
c. Approve funds for technology equipment for remote teleworking for participating employees;
d. 1. Approve funds for the Kings Community Action Organization Food Bank and Housing Navigation Center or;
2. Approve funds for the establishment and ongoing cost for a County Temporary Shelter;
e. Adopt the budget change. (4/5 vote required)

ACTION: APPROVED OPTION D.1. TO ALLOCATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$612,426 TO KINGS COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION FOOD BANK PROJECT (RR, RF, JN, RV, DV - Aye)

ACTION: APPROVED OPTIONS 1.A, 1.B., 1.C. AS PRESENTED (JN, RR, RV, RF, 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 stated that he attended the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council, attended the National Day of Prayer event, announced the Lemoore High School softball games, attended the Avenal Old Timers Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, assisted Supervisor Fagundes with cooking for a Lemoore High School Prom event, attended a Grizzly Stadium event, attended a Paramedic Program meeting, cooked for the Kings County Employee Appreciation luncheon event and thanked everyone who assisted to make the event a success. He cooked for the Office of Education Employee Appreciation Breakfast, announced the last softball game for Lemoore High School, attended the Health Equity Sub-Committee meeting, attended a Memorial Service for Betty Gardner, attended the Mary Immaculate Queen \$100 Dinner, and attended the 108th Stratford Portuguese Celebration.



Supervisor Fagundes stated he liked what Supervisor Neves said and his update was the same.

Supervisor Valle congratulated his son Kobe on his upcoming graduation from Fresno State University and expressed concern regarding the current Caltrans Road closures that are impacting the Kettleman City businesses and asked staff to see if there was a way to address the directions in online maps to show that the businesses are open or send out a Press Release.

Supervisor Robinson stated he attended a meeting at the Housing Authority of Kings County for a constituent, celebrated his son Patrick's 8th birthday at Air Warriors Paintball in Lemoore, attended the Stratford Portuguese Celebration, attended the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging meeting with Supervisor Fagundes, and attended the Laton Portuguese Celebration Bullfights.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated the Board received the April 2024 Monthly Kings County Investment Pool Transaction Activity Report dated May 6, 2024, from the Department of Finance. The Board received correspondence dated April 30, 2024, from the Avenal Police Department regarding the Peace Officer's Memorial which will take place this on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kings County Government Center Courtyard.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Kyria Martinez stated Kings County Behavioral Health will host its Veteran's Support Group today, Tuesday, May 14, 2024 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Hanford. Kings County Library will host its "Stay and Play", Thursday, May 16, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Avenal Branch Library for caregivers and children. Kings County Library will also host its "Maker Monday" on May 20, 2024 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Hanford Branch Library where they will create a Spring Sun Catcher. Kings County Behavioral Health will host its Family Member Support Group on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Kings Building located at 1222 West Lacey Boulevard in Hanford.**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items Kyria Martinez stated the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration - Claim for Damages; Behavioral Health – Agreement with Seng Leang Tang for depression reduction achieving wellness and local outreach to suicide prevention services and an agreement with Kings United Way for 2-1-1 and HMIS Services; County Counsel - Renewal of Local Emergency due to flood conditions in Kings County; Public Health Department– Amendment to agreement with Kettleman City Foundation for American Rescue Plan Act funding; Job Training Office - Agreement for Good Jobs Training Services with Tulare County Workforce Investment Board; Probation Department - Memorandum of Agreement with the Central Region Chief Probation Officers of California for mutual aid in a declared emergency; Sheriff's Office - Agreement with Youturn, LLC, Agreement with ICSolutions, and Agreement with Department of State Hospitals.**



- VII. CLOSED SESSION**
- ◆ **Significant exposure to litigation: (1 Case)**
[Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(3)]
Additional Info: J.G. Boswell claim for damages
 - ◆ **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, May 21, 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>		
May 21	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
May 28		Regular Meeting Canceled Due to Memorial Day Holiday on May 27, 2024
June 4	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
June 11	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
June 18	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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