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Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: BOARD of SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, 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 Tyler Jones – Koinonia Church
 - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - ALL MEMBERS PRESENT



II. CITIZEN RECOGNITION – Kyria Martinez/Richard Valle

Recognize Kirsten Robinson for making it to the quarter finals of the Woman’s World Magazine Super Mom contest and her unwavering commitment to her community.

Supervisor Valle presented a certificate and gifts to Kirsten Robinson.

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.

Duane Cooper, Kings County Roads Superintendent, stated that he is here today on behalf of his staff and requested that the Board consider a pay raise and longevity pay for them. He said that many new staff get trained and licensed while here in the County and then leave for better pay.

Robert Angel, Road Maintenance Worker, stated he was here on his own time to express his concern regarding the current salary survey and the unfair salary negotiations. He stated many of his peers have multiple jobs due to the current cost of living. He asked the Board to consider higher wages as he and his co-workers put their lives in danger every day performing their job duties and expressed seeing many co-workers leave over the years once they have been trained and get their licenses to other jobs that pay higher wages.

Eduardo Oquita, Road Maintenance Worker and SEIU Member, stated he was here before the Board today to speak on behalf of the Blue-Collar Union and requested the Board to consider wage increases and to work with their union to meet this goal and he expressed his concern for the retention issues their current wages cause.

Carolyn Leist, Human Resources Director, introduced Jessica Cervantes, Human Resources Technician, she stated that Jessica previously worked for the Human Resources Department. Jessica stated that she was happy to be back working at the County.

Sarah Hacker, Kings County District Attorney, stated that she was here to speak on behalf of all county employees and the dissatisfaction of the current salary survey and requested the Board to consider higher wages for all employees and rejecting the salary survey. She expressed her concern over the inaccuracies of the survey and the high cost of the survey and to please consider putting investing money in our employees.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for July 2, 2024.

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their July 2, 2024 meeting.

B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for July 2, 2024.

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

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Agricultural Department:

1. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County’s Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Program retroactively effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. **[AGMT 24-129]**



2. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Organic Inspection Program retroactively effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. **[AGMT 24-130]**

B. Assessor/Clerk/Recorder:

1. Consider adopting the Resolution for the participation in the Electronic Recording Delivery Act of 2004 for the implementation of an Electronic Recording Delivery System with Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Deigo Counties to provide the Statewide Electronic Courier Universal Recording Environment electronic delivery system of recordable documents. **[RESO 24-041]**

C. Human Resources:

1. a. Consider approving the revised job specification for Planner IV;
b. Set the salary at Range 242.5 (\$6,713 - \$8,195 monthly).

D. Probation Department:

1. Consider approving the Kings County Probation Department's Electronic Monitoring System program and the rules and regulations governing the program for fiscal year 2024-25.

E. Administration:

1. Consider authorization to be added to a coalition letter with Fresno, Madera, and Tulare Counties urging Governor Newsom to include language in the State's 2024-25 final budget that would help create coordinated strategies for development of energy transmission and distribution infrastructure in the Central Valley.

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

VI.

REGULAR CALENDAR

A. Administration – Kyria Martinez

Chemical Waste Management – Bob Henry

1. Consider accepting the quarterly report from Chemical Waste Management regarding activity at the Kettleman Hills Hazardous Waste Facility.

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

B. Probation Department – Leonard Bakker/Mandeep Bhangoo

1. Consider approving an Agreement with Kings View to continue providing youth substance use and mental health treatment services to probation youth retroactively effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. **[AGMT 24-131]**

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

C. Public Works Department – Dominic Tyburski/Mitchel Cabrera

1. Consider approving the Construction Agreement with Granite Construction Company for construction of the Avenal Cutoff Roadway Improvements Phase I project effective upon execution for a period of sixty working days. **[AGMT 24-132]**

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

VII.

STUDY SESSION

A. Human Services Agency – Wendy Osikafo

Kings County Homelessness Collaborative – Mark Kairis/Jeff Garner

1. Receive an overview and update of the Kings County Homelessness Collaborative Annual Report and initiatives.

The Board received an update, and no official action was taken.



VIII. 10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING

A. Community Development Agency – Chuck Kinney/Yesenia Kharufeh

1. a. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the County's 2020 Community Development Block Grant accomplishments:
- b. Authorize the Community Development Agency Director to sign and submit the documents required to close out the grant to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Supervisor Verboon opened the Public Hearing, no testimony was received, and the Public Hearing was closed. ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RV, RR, RF, 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 the 4th of July fireworks sales have wrapped up, he stated that he participated in an online class regarding the transmission of Avian Flu from animals to humans, he stated that he continues to monitor the current high temperatures through the Office of Emergency services in relation to animal mortality, he stated that he attended Babe Ruth baseball tournaments and attended the County Blood drive where they collected 27 units,, he stated that the Pint for Pint drive will kick off next week and the next County blood drive event is scheduled for September 5, 2024.

Supervisor Fagundes stated he was on the Central Coast during the week of the July 4th and has spent the last several days catching up on phone calls with concerned constituents regarding water and other issues.

Supervisor Robinson stated he attended the Armona Community Services District, he stated that he attended a meeting with the City of Hanford Police Chief Stephanie Huddleston where she reported that violent crimes are currently up by 30%, and he attended the K/T AAA Tulare Agency meeting

Supervisor Verboon stated he attended the National Association of Counties conference in Tampa, Florida along with County Administrative Officer, Kyria Martinez and expressed his gratitude for being able to attend and stated that it was a great conference.

County Administrative Officer, Kyria Martinez stated that she also wanted to thank the Board for allowing her to attend the NACo conference and stated that she sits on the Pension Finance committee for NACo.



- ◆ **Board Correspondence:** Kyria Martinez stated the Board received correspondence from Amplio Services dated June 21, 2024 regarding maximizing funding for the County. The Board received a Notice of Consolidated Board Member Election from the Kings County Office of Education on July 3, 2024. The Board received a Public Notice regarding an extension of the public comment period regarding the proposed renewal of hazardous waste facility permit for Kettleman Hills Facility from the Department of Toxic Substances Control on July 8, 2024. The Board received correspondence from Procure America regarding cost reduction strategy services which was received on July 11, 2024. The Board received the following correspondence and reports from the Kings County Department of Finance: Treasurer's Report of Cash and Investments for February, March, April, and May 2024; all received July 8, 2024; Monthly Fund Balance reports for February, March, April & May 2024; all received July 8, 2024; June 2024 Monthly Kings County Investment Pool Transaction Activity Report received July 2, 2024
- ◆ **Upcoming Events:** Kyria Martinez stated Behavioral Health will host its Family Member Support Group tonight, Tuesday, July 16, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Kings Building located on campus. The library will host Movie Time at the Corcoran Branch Library tomorrow, Wednesday, July 17, 2024 from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The library will host its Maker Monday at the Hanford Branch Library next Monday, July 22, 2024 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. where they will do Firework Painting. Behavioral Health will host its Veteran's Support Group, next Tuesday, July 23, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Hanford. Department of Child Support Services will host a Kids Day event to celebrate Child Support Awareness month on Thursday, August 1, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at 312 W. 7th Street in Hanford. This outreach event is for families in our community to provide back to school items from kids along with information on services available to our community.
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items:** Kyria Martinez stated the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration/BOS - Multiple Appointments to Boards; Behavioral Health - Agreement for Family Urgent Response Services program, Community Development Agency - Public Hearing for an License for Off-site Sales of Beer/Wine in Kettleman City and a Public Hearing for Density Bonus Agreement for Phases; County Counsel - Agreement with West Publishing Corporation to provide resources for legal research; Public Health Department – Internship Agreement with Bakersfield College; Human Resources - Salary Resolution; Human Services Agency – Agreements with Fresno Pacific University for internship field placement for employee and student interns; Probation Department – Recognition of Probation Services Week; Public Works Department –Recognition of Americans with Disabilities Act Week and Sheriff's Office - Agreement with Motorola.

X.

CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **Significant exposure to litigation:** (1Case)
[Govt Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(1)]
- ◆ **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



XI. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

July 23	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
July 30	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
August 6	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
August 13	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
August 13	2:00 PM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting
August 20	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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