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Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting Action Summary CORRECTED

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 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 Lori Niles – Laton Church of the Nazarene
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- JOE NEVES, RICHARD VALLE, DOUG VERBOON, RUSTY ROBINSON – PRESENT
- RICHARD FAGUNDES - ABSENT



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.

Victor Chavarin, Assemblymember Melissa Hurtado’s staff member gave an overview of the bills that she has been working on and their status.

Michelle King, Kit Carson School Superintendent asked the Board to use their discretionary act to keep one of the roads open during the California High Speed Rail project road closure for safety of the students in Kings County.

Robert Inabnit, Kit Carson School Director of Transportation stated that he is concerned for the safety of their students if the County allows two major roads to be closed for the California High Speed Rail project as proposed.

Micah Kuiper, Kings County resident stated that allowing the California High Speed Rail to close Houston Avenue and Hanford Armona Road at the same time will create safety issues for residents and students in the County.

Sarah Clark, Kings County resident stated that she is concerned about the safety of residents and delays for first responders if the two major roads are allowed to be closed at the same time by the California High Speed Rail project.

Cheryl Leal, Kings County resident stated that she is concerned for the safety of her grandchildren and other children being bused to local schools if the Board allows the California High Speed Rail project to close two major roads at the same time.

Supervisor Valle stated that the Board has heard from many members of the public on this topic of the road closures and asked staff to place an item on the agenda to allow for open discussion and to invite Caltrans and California High Speed Rail staff to address the concerns of the citizens. He proposed writing a stern letter to the California High Speed Rail Authority addressing the issues brought forward by the public, he stated that he has a relationship with a member of the California High Speed Rail Authority and could contact him to get a discussion started on the safety concerns brought to the Board.

Supervisor Verboon stated that the Board does not have authority to stop the California High Speed Rail project but stated that he has heard the concerns of the public and would like to work to get answers for the residents who have brought their concerns to the Board.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for September 10, 2024.

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their September 10, 2024 meeting.

B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for September 10, 2024.

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



IV.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Agricultural Department:

1. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Asian Citrus Psyllid Bulk Citrus Program effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. **[AGMT 24-171]**
2. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Asian Citrus Psyllid Detection Program effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. **[AGMT 24-172]**
3. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to industrial hemp cultivation in Kings County retroactively effective from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. **[AGMT 24-173]**

B. Behavioral Health Department:

1. Consider approving the grant award Agreement with Tulare County Superintendent of Schools for the Friday Night Live program retroactively effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. **[AGMT 24-174]**

C. District Attorney's Office:

1. Consider authorizing the District Attorney's Office to submit a grant application with the California Office of Emergency Services for the Victim Witness Assistance Grant Program for the performance period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. **[AGMT 24-175]**

D. Job Training Office:

1. Consider approving the closeout documents to conclude the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Subgrant. **[AGMT 22-119.1]**

E. Public Health Department:

1.
 - a. Consider approving a third amendment with the California Department of Public Health for Women, Infants and Children program funding effective September 17, 2024 through September 30, 2025;
 - b. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Health to execute and submit all necessary grant documents;
 - c. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required) [AGMT 22-155.3] [RESO 24-059]**

F. Public Works Department:

1. Consider authorizing the Public Works Director to sign the Funds Disbursement Request, the Title Acceptance Form, and the Escrow Closing Documents for the acquisition of additional right of way from Ruben S. Thorbus and Linda M. Thorbus, Mary Donita Hansen, and Monica A. Barcenas for a traffic signalization project at 17th Avenue and Houston Avenue.
2.
 - a. Consider approving the Construction Contract Change Order No. 4 with Ardent General, Inc., for the Kings County Fire Department Fire Station No. 5 – Partial Remodel project;
 - b. Authorize the Public Works Director to sign Change Order No. 4.

G. Administration:

1. Consider approving Kings County Local Agency Formation Commission's response to the Grand Jury report titled, "Kings County Local Agency Formation Commission's Policies and Procedures Manual and Municipal Service Reviews for Cities and Community Districts Need Updating" as the Board's response.
2. Consider approving the letter to the Governor requesting the veto of Assembly Bill 884 regarding state-mandated election accessibility requirements.
3. Consider approving the Updated Telework Policy.

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



V.

REGULAR CALENDAR

A. Behavioral Health Department – Lisa Lewis/Christi Lupkes

1. a. Consider approving the Agreement with Mental Health Systems, Incorporated for adult specialty mental health services, housing supportive services, and court treatment services effective October 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required) [AGMT 24-176]**

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

B. Human Services Agency – Wendy Osikafo/Christopher Narez

1. a. Consider adopting a Resolution that allows for the transfer of ownership of Sunrise Apartments to Kings Community Action Organization, Incorporated;
- b. Approve the Subordination Agreement with Stardust KTHA, LLC and the City of Hanford requiring that any potential repayment of project funds for Homekey first be paid to the California Department of Housing and Community Development before City and County grant funds are repaid. **[RESO 24-060] [AGMT 24-177]**

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

C. Job Training Office – Julieta Martinez/Laura Magana/Cobi Revious

1. a. Consider approving the Agreement with the Tulare County Workforce Investment Board for training and other workforce services as part of the Good Jobs Challenge Project provided by the Kings County Job Training Office retroactively effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026;
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required) [AGMT 24-178]**

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

2. Consider approving the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Master Subgrant Agreement with the California Employment Development Department for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding retroactively effective from April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. **[AGMT 24-179]**

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

D. Public Works Department – Dominic Tyburski/Mitchel Cabrera

1. Consider approving the Consultant Services Agreement with Dokken Engineering to prepare the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate package for the Kings County Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program. **[AGMT 24-180]**

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

2. Consider approving the Professional Services Agreement Amendment with Teter Architects + Engineers, LLP for the new Sheriff's Evidence Storage Facility.

ACTION: ITEM WAS PULLED AND WILL BE BROUGHT BACK ON A FUTURE AGENDA.

3. Consider approving the Joint Use Agreement with Southern California Edison and the California High Speed Rail Authority. **[AGMT 24-181]**

ACTION: ITEM FAILED TO BE APPROVED (RR – Aye, JN, RF, RV, DV – No, RF-Absent)



E. Administration – Kyria Martinez

MAAS Energy Works – Eileen Martinho

1. a. Receive a presentation from Maas Energy Works for information on the Kings County Dairy Digester Project;
- b. Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support for the California Department of Food and Agriculture’s Dairy Digester Research and Development Program grant application for the Lakeside Dairy Digester Pipeline Project.

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

F. Administration – Kyria Martinez/Matthew Boyett/Gisselle Coyt

1. Consider adopting the Resolution approving the Final Fiscal Year 2024-25 Kings County Budget. [RESO 24-061]

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

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 (Govt. Code Section 54954.2a).

Supervisor Neves stated that he attended the Lemoore College 9-11 memorial event where the boatlift rescue story from lower Manhattan on that day saving half a million people was shared, participated in the State Controllers Office committee meeting, attended the Kings County Health Equity Advisory Panel and attended the Kings County Homelessness Collaborative meeting. He stated that today is US Constitution Day, it has been 237 years since the signing in 1787 by 39 delegates and to date there have been 27 amendments, with the first 10 amendments ratified in 1791 being known as the Bill of Rights.

Supervisor Valle thanked Supervisor Verboon for representing Kings County in Washington, D.C. and stated that the City/County Coordinating meeting will be hosted by the City of Corcoran on September 18, 2024 at the Corcoran Veteran’s Memorial building. He stated that at the September 10, 2024 Corcoran City Council meeting Pacific Gas & Electric has stated that they have heard the issues brought forward on the Fox Run subdivision and are committed to getting power turned on for the families affected by Thanksgiving and stated that he has requested an item to be on the September 24, 2024 agenda for the Board to hear from PG&E leadership on the project and give updates. He stated that he reached out to local leadership in the Senate and did not receive any feedback and discussed the impacts the current representative has placed on the people who cannot afford it.

Supervisor Robinson stated that he has been speaking with constituents on various subjects over the past week.

Supervisor Verboon stated that he spoke at the Maddy Institute at Fresno State event on Exploring the Coexistence of Water Users in California, attended a meet and greet with the Kings County Grand Jury, attended Policy Council meetings in Washington D.C. and discussed topics from the meetings and stated that he was thankful to be invited to represent the community and shared stories from his trip. He stated that he will be attending Rural County Representatives of California Board of Directors meetings this week.



- ◆ **Board Correspondence:** Matthew Boyett stated that the Board received correspondence dated **September 3, 2024** from the American Medical Association regarding a request to submit nominations for the **2024 AMA Award for Outstanding Government Service**. The Board received the **Treasurer's Report of Cash & Investments for July 2024** together with the **Monthly Fund Balance Report for July 2024** from Erik Urena, our Kings County Director of Finance. The Board received the **Kings County Operational Area Report for the week of September 9th** from the Fire Department. The Board received correspondence on **September 17, 2024** from the City of Lemoore regarding their **100 Year Time Capsule Opening Celebration** which will take place at the **Old Lemoore City Hall on September 26, 2024 from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events:** Matthew Boyett stated that Behavioral Health will host its **Family Member Support Group, tonight Tuesday, September 17th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** at the Kings Building located here on our campus. Behavioral Health will also host its **1st annual Suicide Prevention Awareness Walk this Wednesday, September 18th from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** at the Hanford Civic Park. The Human Services Agency is hosting its **Rodeo Employee Appreciation picnic for HSA employees this Wednesday, September 18th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** in their Courtyard. The **3rd Quarter City/County Coordinating Meeting** will be held at the **Veteran's Memorial Building in Corcoran on September 18th at 6:00 p.m.** Kings County Commission on Aging will host its **Senior Day on Friday, September 20th at Burriss Park.**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items:** Matthew Boyett stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: **Administration - Recognize the Employee Recognition Committee Members & Volunteers for 2024 BBQ, Update from Pacific Gas and Electric on Fox Run Homes, Proposition 35 Support Resolution; Agricultural Commissioner - Study Session – Release of the 2023 Agricultural Crop Report for Kings County; Behavioral Health - Agreement with Recover Medical Group PC for adult substance use disorder treatment services, Agreement with Champions for Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Outpatient Drug-Free Collaborative Justice Treatment Court services, Agreement with Champions for Residential Treatment services, Memorandum of Understanding with Managed Care Plans for Drug Medi-Cal Services, Agreement with Kings View for 24/7 Access line, Warm Line and Crisis Center, and Mobile Crisis response and placement services; Fire Department - Water Tender Repairs; Public Health Department - Temporary Closure for an All-Staff Department Meeting and Training; Human Services Agency - Amended Agreement with Reading and Beyond for Employment and Training Program Services; Amended Agreement with Aspiranet for Adoption Promotion and Support Services;**

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
- ◆ **Significant exposure to litigation: (1 Case) [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(5)]**



VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

September 24	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 1	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 8	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 8	2:00 PM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting
October 15	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 22	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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