

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, October 22, 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. COUNTY SERVICE AWARDS - Carolyn Leist

Acknowledge employees that have completed various milestones of County service from the following departments: Agricultural Commissioner, Assessor/Clerk-Recorder, Behavioral Health, ~~Child Support Services~~, County Counsel, District Attorney, Elections, Finance, and Fire.

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.

Ken Baird, Kings County resident stated that he was here in support of the proposed project on the agenda today as a study session for a mental health facility in the old Public Health building and stated that there is a crucial need for a facility in Kings County.

Rebecca Bell, Kings County resident asked the Board to let her know who oversees overseeing agencies that receive funding to assist Kings County residents and are possibly misusing funds and stated that she would send an email with the information to the Board. She stated that she would contact the City of Hanford as well and stated that there is fear of retaliation for those that speak out and she just wants to make sure there is accountability for the funds.

Lupe Villa, Kings County Registrar of Voters gave an update on the Presidential election and stated that 7,500 ballots have been returned already. He also gave an update on AB3184 regarding Cure Letters and explained the process required and deadlines.

Supervisor Neves asked if the deadline for December 1, 2024 on the AB 3184 request falls on a Sunday does it roll to Monday, December 2, 2024.

Lupe Villa stated that the deadline of December 1, 2024 is the final date.

Mike Cosenza, CLOCEA Union representative, stated that the Koff study and implementation of the study has been flawed and there are bargaining problems. He stated that there is fear of retaliation amongst the employees as well as feeling of under appreciation and stated that not everyone is happy that they settled their union contracts. He stated that the holiday closure is used as part of the bargaining discussions and that the employees who pay into the health insurance plan received a 13.7% increase while all the middle and upper management employees don't have to pay for their insurance.

Supervisor Valle asked Mr. Cosenza if the holiday closure was discussed at the negotiation table and if he was willing to state that on record.

Mr. Cosenza stated on the record that the holiday closure has been discussed at the table to settle contracts and the County can take it back and their last offer.

Charlie Flores, Chief District Attorney Investigator, thanked the District Attorney and the Board for the recognition he received and for the employees as well as the support of the office and their staff.



IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A.** Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for October 15, 2024.
REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their October 15, 2024 meeting.
- B.** Report out of Closed Session from the special meeting for October 15, 2024.
REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their special meeting October 8, 2024 meeting.
- C.** Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for October 15, 2024.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RR, RF, JN, RV, DV-Aye)
- D.** Approval of the minutes from the special meeting for October 15, 2024.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RR, RF, JN, RV, DV-Aye)

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Human Services Agency:**
1. Consider approving the Agreement with the California Department of Social Services for the provision of legal services for the Resource Family Approval program retroactively effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. **[AGMT 24-198]**
- B. Public Health Department:**
1. Consider authorizing the advanced step hire of Alyssa Ayala as an Office Assistant II at Salary Range 164.0, Step 5.
- C. Public Works Department:**
1. Consider approving the notice of award to Statewide Traffic Safety and Signs, Inc., dba AWP Safety for the Kings County Roadway Safety Sign Audit Project.
- D. Administration:**
1. Consider adopting a Resolution approving the financing and the issuance of up to \$485,000,000 in qualified 501(c)(3) bonds for a rental senior living facility by the California Public Finance Authority for P3 Irvine SL Holdings, LLC. **[RESO 24-069]**
- ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RV, RR, DV-Aye)**

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

- A. Probation Department – Leonard Bakker/Kimberly Rankin**
1. Consider approving the Agreement with Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc., to provide six residential beds available to the Kings County Probation Department for outpatient substance abuse disorder treatment retroactively effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. **[AGMT 24-199]**
- ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RV, RR, DV-Aye)**
- B. Public Works Department – Dominic Tyburski/Mel Laningham**
1. a. Consider approving the purchase of fifteen Dodge Durangos and one Chevrolet Passenger Van using Sourcewell purchasing consortium and local bids;
 - b. Authorize the Purchasing Manager to approve the purchase order for the 16 vehicles;
 - c. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
- ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RV, RR, DV-Aye)**

VII. STUDY SESSION

- A. Behavioral Health Department – Lisa Lewis/Christi Lupkes**
1. Receive an overview of the Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program.
The Board received an update, and no reportable action was taken.



VIII. 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 Pink Passion luncheon, attended Dwayne Cooper's retirement luncheon, attended the CalViva Health meeting, attended the Lemoore Chamber mixer at the Sarah Mooney Museum, attended the Stanford University Solar project tour, attended the Homelessness Collaborative meeting and stated the National Future Farmers of America Convention is being held in Virginia and two grand daughters are attending. He stated that two former Kings County employees recently passed, Frank Gallegos and Bill Willard.

Supervisor Fagundes stated that he attended the Kings River Hardwick Calico Art Festival, attended Dwayne Cooper's retirement luncheon, attended Hanford Elks Lodge events, attended a Portuguese celebration event and attended his granddaughters ball games.

Supervisor Valle asked Dominic Tyburski, Public Works Director, to give an update on the Highway 41 pathway project in Kettleman City. Dominic stated that the project was awarded by an ETP grant and was designed to be a six-foot pathway and additional crosswalk flashing beacons. He stated that there was a design issue with the pre-warning beacons, and they will be continually flashing and not just when engaged. He also discussed the first stages of the Pedestrian Bridge project and the discussions and proposals for art or wording on the bridge. Supervisor Valle stated that due to cancelled meetings in November and Operation Gobble along with vacation plans he won't be at meetings until the second week of December.

Supervisor Verboon stated that he has been advised that the Houston Bridge project has been awarded and will be prioritized to the top of the list by the end of the year.

Dominic Tyburski, Public Works Director stated that during the floods of 2023 that was that the only bridge Kings County lost and the cost to replace is estimated at \$5-7 million and a long process of paperwork to get completed. He thanked Supervisor Verboon for the update.

Supervisor Robinson stated that he attended Supervisor Verboon's fifteen minutes of fame luncheon, attended a camp out with his sons Cadet group, attended his sons' football game where they won and attended the Hanford Christian School Harvest benefit event.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated the Board received a HazMat Report dated October 11, 2024 from the Department of California Highway Patrol regarding an incident that occurred on State Route 43 and Fargo Avenue. The Board received various reports including the Monthly Fund Balance Report, the Treasurer's Report of Cash and Investments, both for August 2024, and the Investment Pool Portfolio Management Portfolio Summaries for both July and August 2024 from the Kings County Department of Finance. The Board received correspondence dated October 18, 2024 from Valley Voices regarding hosting the Avenal Candidate Forum on October 24, 2024. The Board received correspondence dated October 10, 2024 from Southern California Edison regarding the Notice of Filing for Authority to Recover Costs related to the 2018 Woolsey Fire.**



- ◆ Upcoming Events: **Kyria Martinez stated that Behavioral Health will host its Veteran’s Support Group, tonight Tuesday, October 22ND from 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Hanford. Kings County Fire Department will host the Public Safety event this Thursday, October 24th at Kettleman City Park from 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. There will be free resources, raffle prizes, and food & beverages for the whole family. Kings County Library will host its Fall Book Sale this Saturday, October 26, 2024 at the Hanford Library from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Kings County will host its Annual Employee Halloween competitions on Thursday, October 31, 2024. Judging for the Office Decorating Contest will take place at 9:00 a.m. and the costume party contest will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Administration Multi-Purpose Room. If you or your office plan on competing for any of these events, you will need to complete and submit an entry form by this Thursday, October 24, 2024. Kings County Behavioral Health will be hosting a Community Meeting next Tuesday, October 29, 2024, from 5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. at 1222 W. Lacey Blvd. Hanford, CA 93230. This event invites the community to share feedback and learn more about a proposed project to renovate the Kings County Public Health buildings at 330 Campus Drive in Hanford. Kings County will be hosting the South Valley Battle of the Badges Blood Drive on November 5th to 7th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. each day.**
- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: **Kyria Martinez stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration - ARPA Allocations and Update; Agreement with Cooperative Personnel Services for Executive Leadership Development Training; and three separate Claims for Damages; County Counsel- 2024 Update of Conflict of Interest Code For County Departments; Conflict of Interest Code Amendment for Excelsior-Kings River Resource Conservation District Conflict of Interest Code Amendment for Kings County Children and Families Commission; and Advanced Step Hire for Deputy County Counsel 4; Department of Finance -Amendment Agreement with Witt O'Brien, LLC for Post Disaster Recovery Management Services; Public Health Department - Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation; Human Resources Department - County Service Awards Presentation; Human Services Agency - Medi-CAL Privacy and Security Agreement; Public Works Department - upgrade of FASTER Winn to FASTER Web and Fleet Vehicles 2024-25.**

IX. 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
- ◆ **Personnel Exemption: 1 Case [Govt. Code Section 54957]**
Public Employee Appointment – Fire Chief
- ◆ **Significant exposure to litigation: (2 Cases)**
[Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(1)]



X. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 29, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

XI. 11:00 AM CALIFORNIA PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

XII. 11:00 AM IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

October 29	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
October 31	9:00 AM	County Office Halloween Office Decorating Contest Judging
October 31	1:30 PM	County Office Halloween Costume Party Contest Judging
November 5	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
November 12	--	Regular Meeting Canceled due to Veteran's Day Holiday on November 11, 2024
November 19	--	Regular Meeting Canceled due to Board Members participating in CSAC Annual Meeting
November 26	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
December 3	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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