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Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, October 29, 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
A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD FOR PARTH PATEL, BILL SHAWHAN AND MICHAEL CORBETT
INVOCATION – Pastor Sheri Winterowd – First Presbyterian 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: Child Support Services, Public Health, Human Resources, Information Technology, Job Training Office, Library, Probation, Public Guardian/Veterans Services, and Public Works.

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.

Salvador Flores, Kings County Fire Chief presented the Board with commemorative fire helmets with their names and district engraved on them as a gift and thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for Kings County.

Kyria Martinez, County Administrative Officer, thanked Chief Flores for his service with Kings County.

Ed Rhyman, Kings County Fire Association President thanked Chief Flores for his time with Kings County and for changes he has implemented in the department and forward moving path and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Doug Verboon, Chairman presented Chief Flores with a County cow hat and lapel pin and thanked him for his service to Kings County and hopes of working together in the future.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for October 22, 2024.

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at their October 22, 2024 meeting.

B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for October 22, 2024.

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

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. County Counsel:

1. Consider adopting a revised Conflict of Interest Code for County Departments for 2024.
2. Consider approving the Conflict of Interest Code Amendment for the Excelsior-Kings River Resource Conservation District.
3. Consider approving the Conflict of Interest Code Amendment for the Kings County Children and Families Commission.
4. Consider approving the advanced step hire of Ameet K. Nagra as a Deputy County Counsel IV at Range 279.0, Step 5.

B. Human Services Agency:

1. a. Consider approving the Medi-Cal Privacy and Security Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services to ensure the security and privacy of Medi-Cal recipients' confidential personal and health information retroactively effective from September 1, 2024 through September 1, 2028; **[AGMT 24-200]**
- b. Approve the first Amendment to the Medi-Cal Privacy and Security Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services to modify language retroactively effective from September 1, 2024 through September 1, 2028. **[AGMT 24-200.1]**



C. Public Works Department:

1. a. Consider approving the Agreement with FASTER Asset Solutions for the upgrade of the fleet asset management software known as FASTER Web effective from October 29, 2024 through October, 28 2029;
- b. Authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign the Purchase Order for the FASTER Asset Solutions Agreement; **[AGMT 24-201]**
- c. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
2. a. Consider approving the purchase of nine Dodge Durangos, four Chevrolet Silverado trucks, one Ford truck equipped with a CTEC Upfit, and one Chevrolet Passenger van using Sourcewell purchasing consortium and local bids;
- b. Authorize the Purchasing Manager to approve the purchase order for the 15 vehicles.

D. Administration:

1. Consider approving the Agreement with Cooperative Personnel Services dba CPS HR Consulting to provide a two-day Executive Leadership Development Training to County Department Heads effective October 29, 2024 through October 29, 2025. **[AGMT 24-202]**
2. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by Dordulian Law Group on behalf of Stephan Fobbs.
3. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by Charles W. Bunstine II.
4. Consider denying the Claim for Damages filed by Dulce Juarez on behalf of Yadira Juarez.

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

VI.

REGULAR CALENDAR

A. Finance Department – Erik Urena

1. Consider approving the first amendment with Witt O'Brien's, LLC for Post Disaster Recovery Management Services effective October 29, 2024 through September 30, 2026. **[AGMT 23-218.1]**

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

B. Public Health Department – Rose Mary Rahn/Heather Campos

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. **[RESO 24-070]**

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

The Board took a five-minute recess to allow staff to set up lights for the next item.

C. Public Guardian/Veterans Services – Scott Holwell

1. Consider adopting a Resolution in support of Operation Green Light for Veterans from November 4, 2024 through November 11, 2024. **[RESO 24-071]**

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



D. Administration – Kyrja Martinez/Matthew Boyett

1. a. Consider authorizing the cancelation of the following projects: Cohen Veteran Clinic, 2 Meg Generators, Information Technology and Dispatch Generators, and the Public Works Online Portal, totaling \$1,645,000 and redistribute funds for recommended projects;
- b. Authorize the reallocation of unspent funds in the amount of \$181,025 from previously approved projects and redistribute funds for recommended projects;
- c. *Authorize the use of American Rescue Plan Act funding to pay for the \$1,000 lump-sum payment for all permanent County employees, including elected officials and the Board of Supervisors;*
- d. Authorize the use of American Rescue Plan Act funding to pay for the \$200 lump-sum payment for all extra help employees;
- e. Authorize the Human Resources Director to sign the side letter agreements regarding the \$1,000 and one time lump sum with all bargaining groups;
- f. ~~Authorize the additional funding for the Kettleman City Foundation in the amount of \$152,000 for existing site renovation and repairs;~~
- g. Authorize the additional funding for the Kings County Fire Department in the amount of \$24,013 for the Computer Aided Dispatch upgrades;
- h. Authorize the funding for the Executive Leadership Development training for department heads in the amount of \$6,000;
- i. *Authorize the use of all remaining American Rescue Plan Act funding in the amount of ~~\$168,613~~ \$320,613 and any other remaining funds, to be obligated for revenue loss;*
- j. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

ACTION: ITEM C WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION. ITEM F WAS REMOVED AND THE FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE ADDED TO THE TOTAL IN ITEM I AND THE TOTAL TO BE OBLIGATED AS REVENUE LOSS IS AMENDED TO \$320,613. DAVE ROBINSON, SHERIFF REQUESTED FUNDING FOR A REPLACEMENT RADIO AND THREE HELMETS FOR THE NEW HELICOPTER OUT OF THE REMAINING FUNDS AND THE BOARD WAS ADVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR, ERIK URENA THAT THE PURCHASE COULD BE COMPLETED AND FUNDS DIRECTED STAFF TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE. THE BOARD APPROVED ITEMS A, B, D, E, G, AND H AS PRESENTED AND ITEM I AS AMENDED (RF, JN, RR, RF, DV-Aye) THE BOARD DISCUSSED ITEM C AND APPROVED THE ITEM AS PRESENTED (RV, JN, RR, RF, DV-Aye)

VII.

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 Kings County Area Public Transit Agency meeting, attended the Kings County Association of Governments meeting, cooked for the Public Safety event in Kettleman City hosted by Kings County Fire/Office of Emergency Services and thanked everyone for their help on the event, attended the Kings County Library book sale, attended the Knights of Columbus breakfast, attended the Pipes in the Park event, attended the Sons of Italy spaghetti fundraiser, attended the Kings United Way referral system and attempted to attend the Behavioral Health Advisory committee meeting but due to no quorum the meeting was not held.



Supervisor Fagundes stated that he assisted with cooking for the Public Safety event in Kettleman City hosted by Kings County Fire/Office of Emergency Services and stated that it was a good event, attended the Knights of Columbus breakfast event, attended a fundraiser in Laton and attended a meeting with the Kings Community Action Organization Director, Jeff Garner.

Supervisor Valle thanked everyone for their work on the Public Safety event in Kettleman City hosted by the Kings County Fire/Office of Emergency Services, attended the Valley Voices hosted candidate forum at the Hanford Civic Auditorium and thanked them for hosting a good event. He stated that he was sorry to hear about the passing of Michael Corbett and thanked Chief Flores for the personalized fire helmets and stated he was sorry to see him leave Kings County.

Supervisor Verboon stated that he attended the Kings County Association of Governments meeting, attended the Regional Policy Council meeting, attended the San Joaquin Valley Joint Powers Authority Amtrak meeting and accepted a check from California State Transportation Association in the amount of \$70 million dollars for funding for Stockton Diamond and Madera High Speed Rail Station, he stated that he was advised that \$50 million was projected for the cross valley railroad project.

Supervisor Robinson stated that Ernie Wing, long-time Kings County resident and former Superior Dairy owner passed away and stated that he attended the football game for his son and attended the Dias family party.

- ◆ Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received the Month Fund Balance Report and the Treasurer's Report of Cash and Investments, both for September 2024 and the Quarterly Portfolio Compliance Report for period July 1st through September 30th 2024 from the Kings County Department of Finance. The Board received correspondence dated October 22, 2024 from the California State Controller regarding our Kings County Department of Finance receiving an award for County Financial Transactions Reporting for Fiscal Year ending June 30th 2023. The Board received email correspondence and a flyer on October 28, 2024 from Valley Voices regarding a Voter education event that will take place on October 31st at the Visalia Convention Center.
- ◆ Upcoming Events: Kyria Martinez stated that the Kings County Behavioral Health will be hosting a **Community Meeting** tonight **Tuesday, October 29, 2024, from 5:30pm-7:00pm, 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 host its Annual Halloween Competitions this Thursday, October 31, 2024 for employees only. 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. Kings County will be hosting the South Valley Battle of the Badges Blood Drive on **November 5th to 7th from 9am - 1pm each day, at 1420 Mather Dr. Hanford, CA 93230 (in the parking lot closest to the old sheriff's office).** You can sign up online; however, walk-ins are welcome, and this is open to the public.



- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: **Kyira Martines** stated that he following agenda items are for November 5th meeting: **Administration - California Clerk of the Board of Supervisors week recognition; approving the issuance of qualified 501(c)(3) bonds for a rental senior living community (CalPFA), approval of the 2024-2025 Care Court Funding agreement, Rural Counties Representatives of California Delegate and Alternate Designations; Golden State Finance Authority Delegate and Alternate Designations; Golden State Connect Authority Delegate and Alternate Designations; and Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority Delegate and Alternate Designations; Behavioral Health - purchase for work stations; Community Development Agency -Monthly reporting of Planning Commission Actions and California Land Conservation "Williamson Act" Program Modification Public Hearing; District Attorney Office -advance step hire of a District Attorney Investigator I at salary range 227.0, step 5; and purchase of retired members firearm; Fire Department - Fire Dozer 9 Repairs; Public Health - Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency Grant Agreement, CalViva Health Sponsorship for Kings County WIC Program, Prematurity Awareness month and World Prematurity Day Proclamation and Deletion of Laboratory Positions and Addition of Program Specialist Position; Human Resources - County Service Awards Presentation, New Job Specification for Deputy Director of Public Works and Job Specification Changes for the District Attorney's Office; Information Technology - Exagrid Backup Storage Expansion; Sheriff's Office -Service Handgun Purchases and Resolution with the California Department of Parks and Recreation.**

VIII.

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: (1 Cases)**
[Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(1)]
- ◆ **Litigation initiated formally. Title:**
Sierra Club, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, Court of Appeal Case No. C100552
[Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]
- ◆ **Significant exposure to litigation: (1 Case)**
[Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(3)]
Additional Info: J.G. Boswell claim for damages



IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

October 31	9:00 AM	County Office Halloween Office Decorating Contest Judging
October 31	1:30 PM	County Employee 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
December 10	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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