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## Board of Supervisors

### Regular Meeting Action Summary

**Date:** Tuesday, November 4, 2025  
**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 – John Devlin – Information Technology Director**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: JOE NEVES, DOUG VERBOON, RUSTY ROBINSON, ROBERT THAYER**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: RICHARD VALLE**

**II.**

**UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

*This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest within the Board's jurisdiction, and which are not already on the agenda. The Board will not answer questions impromptu, and concerns or complaints will be referred to appropriate staff. For items which are on the agenda, members of the public will be provided with an opportunity to address the Board as each item is brought up for discussion. Speakers should limit their comments to not more than two (2) minutes.*

**Victor Chavarrin, Jr. presented a Resolution to Sheriff Dave Robinson from Senator Melissa Hurtado in recognition of his career and service to the people of Kings County.**

**Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board stated that correspondence was received from Laverne Lima and Charles Meyer on October 28, 2025, after the 8:00 a.m. deadline for the meeting and copies have been placed online, hard and electronic copies submitted to the Board, electronic copies submitted to Community Development Agency staff and they will become part of the permanent record of today's minutes.**

**III.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for October 28, 2025.**

**REPORT OUT: Mary Lerner, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session at the October 28, 2025 meeting.**

**B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for October 28, 2025.**

**PUBLIC: None**

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

**IV.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

*All items listed under the consent calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. If a Board member has questions, requests additional information, or wishes to comment on an item, the vote should not be taken until after questions have been addressed or comments made, and the public has had an opportunity to comment on the Consent Calendar items.*

**A. Elections:**

1. Consider adopting an Ordinance adding Section 2-9 of Kings County Code of Ordinances requiring specified candidates, committees, slate mailer organizations and lobbyists, lobbyist firms and lobbyist employers to file their Campaign Disclosures Statements and their respective Fair Political Practice Commission documents electronically. **[ORD 719]**

**B. Library:**

1. Consider approving the closure of the Hanford and Corcoran Branch Libraries on Saturday, December 27, 2025, and Saturday, January 3, 2026, during the 2025 Winter Closure.



**C. Sheriff's Office:**

1. a. Consider approving the Agreement with the Board of State and Community Corrections for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program retroactively effective from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; **25-187]**
- b. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Undersheriff to sign the agreement including any amendments; **[RESO 25-080]**
- c. Approve the purchase of a handheld narcotic testing kit for the Detentions Division;
- d. Approve the purchase of Drugloo Contraband Separating Equipment;
- e. Approve the purchase of two covert drone kits;
- f. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**

**PUBLIC: None**

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

**V.**

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**A. Behavioral Health Department – Lisa Lewis/Polo Ortiz**

1. Consider approving the Subcontractor Release and Assignment to confirm completion of the Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Planning Grant and release funds. **[AGMT 22-173.1]**

**PUBLIC: None**

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

**B. Human Services Agency – Wendy Osikafo/Monica Connor/Christopher Narez**

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming November 2025 as Adoption Month in Kings County. **[RESO 25-081]**

**PUBLIC: None**

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

2. Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of allocations awarded under the Transitional Housing Program Round Seven and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program Round Four. **[RESO 25-082]**

**PUBLIC: None**

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

**C. Veteran's Services Office – Scott Holwell**

1. Consider adopting a Resolution in support of Operation Green Light for veterans from November 4, 2025 through November 11, 2025. **[RESO 25-083]**

**PUBLIC: Scott Holwell, County Veteran's Services Officer/Public Guardian stated that he wanted to announce the upcoming events to be held on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2025. He stated that a dinner will be hosted in Corcoran for Veteran's, American Legion Post 3 will hold their event at the Tank at Hanford Cemetery, Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW) 5869 will hold a Veteran's Festival and the City of Lemoore will host a Veteran's Day parade at 6:00 pm.**

**Carolyn Leist, Human Resource Department Director stated that through a partnership with Grand Canyon University a County Veteran Employees luncheon will be hosted on November 10, 2025, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Administration Building Multipurpose room.**

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

**The Board took a recess from 9:57 am to 10:00 am.**



**VII. 10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Community Development Agency – Chuck Kinney/Noelle Tomlinson**

1. a. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider proposed Ordinance Number 668-2-25 to amend Article 11, Section 1112.B.2.a of the Kings County Development Code;
- b. Introduce Ordinance Number 668-2-25 amending Article 11, Section 1112.B.2.a of the Kings County Development Code. **[ORD 668-2-25]**

**Supervisor Verboon opened the public hearing, no testimony was received, and the public hearing was closed.**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**B. Administration – Kyria Martinez/Michael Powers**

1. a. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the County's Master Fee Schedule Biennial update;
- b. Introduce an Ordinance amending number 520.25 of the Kings County Code of Ordinances governing the County's Master Fee Schedule. **[ORD 520.25]**

**Supervisor Verboon opened the public hearing, no testimony was received, and the public hearing was closed.**

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

**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 request staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Govt. Code Section 54954.2a).*

**Supervisor Neves stated that he attended the Comcast broadband groundbreaking at Island Fire Station, attended the Hanford Library remodel groundbreaking, attended the Rockin' the Purple luncheon for domestic violence awareness, announced at the Lemoore College volleyball game, attended the Lemoore Library remodel groundbreaking, attended the American Legion Post breakfast, was a judge for the County Office Halloween decorating and costume contests, announced at the Lemoore College volleyball game and attended a Lemoore College Paramedic Advisory committee meeting.**

**Supervisor Thayer stated that he spent the month of October in Europe with his wife as part of a gift given to him two years ago for his planned retirement after 35 years of service in the Kings County Sheriff's Office and was a judge for the County Office Halloween decorating and costume contest where he was very impressed with the entries.**

**Supervisor Robinson stated that he attended the Comcast broadband groundbreaking at Island Fire Station, spoke at the Hanford Library remodel groundbreaking, congratulated his son Patrick on his soap box car win, attended the Lemoore Library remodel groundbreaking, and was a judge at the County Office Halloween decorating and costume contest.**

**Supervisor Verboon stated that he attended the Comcast broadband groundbreaking at Island Fire Station and afterwards took the representative from California Public Utilities Commission to dinner, finished walnut harvesting and then drove to Lake Havasu Arizona to surprise his mother on her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday and take her to dinner and was back in time to be a judge for the County Office Halloween decorating and costume contests and stated that he was impressed with the creativity of the staff and for their participation, he stated that each location was live streamed and those videos are on the County Instagram page.**



- ◆ **Staff Updates and/or Reports**  
**Alex C. Walker and Gisselle Coyt, Administrative Analysts presented information on the County office Halloween decorating and employee costume contest and stated that the office winner of the coveted milk can is Human Resources Department – Legend of Sleepy Hollow with second place going to Human Services Agency-Unit 16 – Night at the Movies. The Costume contest winner is Agricultural Commissioner/Sealers Office – Ghost Busters and second place going to Human Services Agency-Unit 16 – Night at the Movies. Erik Urena, Department of Finance Director stated the Pumpkin decorating contest winner in his office was the “Where pumpkin pie comes from” entry. Rose Mary Rahn gave an update on the Women Infants & Children program and stated that the California Department of Public Health has stated that they are looking at a loan to the program to keep it operational until December 31, 2025. Kyria Martinez presented information for Wendy Osikafo, Human Services Director stating we understand that partial payments for Calfresh will go out, we are waiting for information from the state related to the timing and manner in which partial payment will be calculated. Once we have that information Human Services Agency will provide further updates, we just don’t have specifics to provide timing, they are estimating 1-3 weeks at this point.**
- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Kyria Martinez stated that the Board received correspondence dated October 23, 2025, from Leprino regarding a WARN Notice of Operation Changes Resulting in Mass Layoffs to their Leprino East Facility located in Lemoore. The Board received reports from the Kings County Finance Department as follows: Quarterly Portfolio Compliance Report covering July 1, 2025 through September 30; Monthly Fund Balance Report for September; Treasurers Report of Cash and Investments for September; Monthly Kings County Investment Pool Transaction Activity Report for October. The Board received correspondence dated October 31, 2025 from the Public Health Department regarding a Notice of Withdrawal by Kings County as the Local Primary Agency for the Water Program. The Board received correspondence dated October 31, 2025 from the Director of Public Works, Jim Henderson, announcing his retirement effective December 30, 2025.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Kyria Martinez stated that Kings County in partnership with the Central California Blood Center will be hosting the South Valley Battle of the Badges Blood Drive which started today November 4, 2025 and will run through November 6, 2025 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm each day, here at our Government Center at 1420 Mather Dr. which is in the parking lot closest to the old Sheriff’s Office. You can sign up online and walk ups are welcome. Kings County Human Services Agency is hosting its 2025 Kings County Christmas Toy Drive for Children in Foster Care. If you are interested in participating, please contact Deserae Soto at the Human Services Agency for more information. Kings County Child Support Services is hosting their Annual Slipper Sock Drive to donate slipper socks to Senior Citizens in Kings County. You can drop off your slipper sock donations at the Cornerstone Café in Hanford, KCAO, Kings County Administration Office or Kings County Child Support Services Office. Donation deadline is December 8, 2025.**



- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: **Kyria Martinez stated the following agenda items are for November 18, 2025 due to the November 11, 2025 Board Meeting being canceled for Veteran's Day: Administration - Second Reading to the Ordinance for the Master Fee Schedule; Study Session regarding Special Districts; Service Agreement with Early Access stabilization with jail; Presentation to the Employee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter; and California Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Week Recognition; Ag Department - Amended Cooperative Agreement with the state for Pest Detection; Behavioral Health - Transfer Letter Between Placer County and Kings County for Specialty Mental Health Services; Community Development Agency - Consideration of a text change to the Kings County Development Code; County Counsel - Reappointment of Directors of the Corcoran Irrigation District; and Reappointment of Directors of the Tulare Lake Drainage District; Human Resources – MOU between the County and Firefighters' Association Salary Resolution; Suspend Competition in the Sheriff's Office; Revision of Chapter 13 of the Personnel Rules; and Salary Resolution Update; Human Services Agency - Disaster CalFresh Program MOU Regional Counties-; and two Advanced Step Hires; Information Technology - Dot Gov Web Address Name Study Session; JTO – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Master Subgrant Agreement; Public Works Department - Diesel Mower Purchase; and Surplus Vehicles; Sheriff's Office – four Agreements and a Resolution with the California Department of Parks and Recs; and Service Handgun Purchase.**

**IX.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. **Government Code section 54957.6**  
**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**  
**Agency designated representatives:**  
**Kyria Martinez**  
**Carolyn Leist**  
**Che Johnson – Liebert Cassidy Whitmore**  
**Employee Organizations:**  
**General Unit – CLOCEA**  
**Supervisor's Unit – CLOCEA**  
**Blue Collar – SEIU**  
**Detentions Deputy's Association**  
**Firefighter's Association**  
**Deputy Sheriff's Association**  
**Probation Officer's Association**  
**Prosecutor's Association**  
**Unrepresented Management**
2. **Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)**  
**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**  
**Name of Case: Freddie Quair vs. County of Kings U.S. District Court**  
**Case No. 1:20-CV-01793-JLT-SKO**
3. **Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)**  
**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**  
**Name of Case: Keri Rosas v. County of Kings, et al., Kings County Superior Court**  
**Case No. 25CU0383**
4. **Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)**  
**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**  
**Name of Case: Joshua Cunningham v. County of Kings, et al., Kings County Superior Court**  
**Case No. 24CU0469**
5. **Government Code section 54956.8**



**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

**Property: Youth Athletic Complex (APN: 010-310-004, 010-310-057, 010-360-003, 010-310-060 (portion))**

**Agency Negotiator: Kyria Martinez**

**Negotiating Party: City of Hanford**

**Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment**

**PUBLIC: None**

**REPORT OUT: Mary Lerner, County Counsel stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session.**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting for November 11, 2025, is canceled due to Veteran’s Day Holiday on November 11, 2025.**

**The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**

***FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS***

November 11	--	Regular Meeting Canceled due to Veteran’s Day Holiday
November 12, 13, 14	9:00 AM	Board of Equalization Special Meeting – Leprino Foods Company Hearing
November 18	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
November 25	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
December 2	--	Regular Meeting Canceled due to Board Members attending the California State Association of Counties Annual Conference (CSAC)
December 9	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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<https://www.countyofkingsca.gov/departments/board-of-supervisors/calendar-agenda-and-action-summary>

**From:** [Mikvsbean](#)  
**To:** [BOS Questions](#)  
**Subject:** Item VI (A) (1) On 10/28/25 Agenda  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 8:22:07 AM

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Hello,

I would like to voice my opposition to the changes being proposed under Item VI (A) (1) on the Board's 10/28/25. While I understand that the County is dealing with a shortfall of Williamson Act funding from the State, I don't believe the solution is to pass along a portion of that shortfall to farmers for whom the Williamson Act is a lifeline.

With energy, seed, and labor costs continuing to rise at a pace that exceeds the revenue brought in from crop sales, adding yet another cost increase in the form of reduced Williamson Act refunds to property tax bills makes it even more difficult for small farms like mine to exist.

I urge the Supervisors to reject this proposal when it is considered for a vote.

Sincerely,

Laverne Lima  
Lemoore, California

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**From:** [Charles Meyer](#)  
**To:** [BOS Questions](#)  
**Subject:** Williamson Act  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:48:08 AM

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The purpose of the Act is to preserve agricultural and open space lands by discouraging premature and unnecessary conversion to urban uses. Taxes?

Property taxes keep going up while revenue from farm property keeps going down. Even with the help of the Williamson act, my property taxes have gone way, way up. In years past, I used to make more revenue just growing barley. Now I grow cotton, alfalfa, wheat, almonds, and pistachios trying to find a crop that'll bring in revenue. Government policy, regulations, and taxes keep robbing me of any revenue.

Farmers are not in a position to dial in a margin of profit like most other industries. As you well know, cost for doing business, has gone through the ceiling, while revenues from our crops, the markets, have steadily gone down. Nearly all the family farmers in Stratford have given up and sold out and some of you are not happy with the new owner. It has been forced upon us by government policy. California plan redistributes prime farm land in the name of equity. CDFA releases a draft for climate resilience strategy for California agriculture.

Why does government keep biting the hand that feeds the public? Last month there was an article in the Hanford Sentinel about farmers in the state of Washington. In the past five years, 3700 farmers have gone bankrupt. A similar scenario is going on in every state in America. Kings County should lead the state of California to show the way to preserve your food supply, which is your farmers. The nation would follow California again.

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