

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

KERN COUNTY MEASURE K CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1ST Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2023

5:30 P.M.

County Administrative Office: Ryan Alsop, Chief Administrative Officer
James Zervis, Chief Operating Officer

Counsel: Kendra Graham, Assistant County Counsel

Clerk: Kathleen Krause, Clerk of the Board
Theresa Derouchie, Assistant Clerk of the Board

Members: Karen Zuber, Jeffery Kermode, Sheryl Barbich, Regina Houchin,
Laura Guerrero-Salgado

- 1) Committee Convened by Sheryl Barbich, Chairperson
- 2) Roll Call: All Present
- 3) Approval of minutes from May 9, 2023 – APPROVED
Guerrero-Salgado – Zuber: All Ayes
- 4) Public Comment: This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address Committee Members on any matter not on this agenda, but under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Committee Members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Committee at a later meeting. Also, the Committee may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME BEFORE MAKING YOUR PRESENTATION –**

NO ONE HEARD

- 5) Measure K Preliminary Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 – CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER RYAN ALSOP PROVIDED WELCOME REMARKS AND INTRODUCED COUNTY STAFF PRESENT; HEARD PRESENTATIONS BY CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER JAMES ZERVIS, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER DEVIN BROWN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY CYNTHIA ZIMMER, FIRE CHIEF AARON DUNCAN, BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES DIRECTOR STACY KUWAHARA, AND DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES ANDIE SULLIVAN

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REGINA HOUCHIN ASKED ABOUT THE JUSTIFICATION FOR OPENING THE BUTTONWILLOW LIBRARY SIX DAYS A WEEK; ANDIE SULLIVAN AND RYAN ALSOP, RESPONDED

KAREN ZUBER RECOMMENDED ATTENTION BE FOCUSED ON THE CHALLENGES OF DELIVERING EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS SUCH AS LAKE ISABELLA WHERE THERE ARE NO COLLEGE CAMPUS FACILITIES, AND RECOMMENDED THAT MEASURE K FUNDING MAY NEED TO BE DIRECTED TO COVER ADDITIONAL COSTS OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND JOB FAIRS IN OUTLYING AREAS; JAMES ZERVIS RESPONDED

LAURA GUERRERO-SALGADO HEARD REGARDING THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT LIBRARIES PLAY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES SUCH AS LAMONT, AND PROVIDED INFORMATION ON BAKERSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S REFERRAL BONUS PROGRAM FOR STAFF RECOMMENDING NEW EMPLOYEES IN ORDER TO ENHANCE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION; JAMES ZERVIS RESPONDED

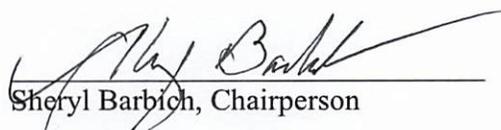
JEFFERY KERMODE STATED HIS SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDED PROPOSALS, HEARD CONCERNING FUTURE MEASURE K FUNDING FOR ANIMAL SERVICES AND CODE ENFORCEMENT, AND ASKED ABOUT THE COUNTY'S LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE IN MEASURE K REVENUE PROJECTIONS; JAMES ZERVIS RESPONDED

REGINA HOUCHIN ENCOURAGED DEPARTMENTS TO USE THE OUTLYING AREA LIBRARIES FOR RECRUITMENT SITES AND FOR ENGAGING FAMILIES

CHAIRPERSON BARBICH THANKED STAFF FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PRESENTATION AND THANKED DEPARTMENT HEADS AND COUNTY STAFF FOR ATTENDING

- 6) Schedule next meeting – JAMES ZERVIS STATED THE NEXT MEETING WOULD BE SCHEDULED IN JANUARY 2024 TO PROVIDE A MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW
- 7) MEETING ADJOURNED BY CHAIRPERSON BARBICH AT 7:35 P.M


Kathleen Krause, Clerk of the Board


Sheryl Barbich, Chairperson