

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

KERN COUNTY MEASURE K CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

1115 Truxtun Ave. 1ST Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2024

5:30 P.M.

County Administrative Office: James Zervis, Chief Administrative Officer
Stacy Kuwahara, Chief Operating Officer
Elsa Martinez, Chief Financial Officer
Katelyn Zenger, Fiscal and Policy Analyst
Joseph Arriola, Senior Fiscal and Policy Analyst

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: 4 Present; 1 Absent - Kermode
- 3) Approval of minutes from June 6, 2023 – APPROVED
Zuber - Guerrero-Salgado: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent - Kermode
- 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) Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Mid-Year Status Report for activities funded with the Measure K – Unincorporated Kern County Public Safety/Vital Services Local Measure (Fiscal Impact: None) – HEARD PRESENTATION BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ELSA MARTINEZ AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER JAMES ZERVIS

UNDERSHERIFF LARRY MCCURTAIN REPORTED ON ACTIVITIES AND STATUS OF PUBLIC SAFETY RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROJECT EFFORTS; KAREN ZUBER ASKED IF THE PUBLIC SAFETY CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS AND NIGHT SCHOOL COULD BE ATTENDED VIRTUALLY BY THOSE LIVING IN OUTLYING AREAS WHERE TRANSPORTATION IS A CHALLENGE, OR COULD CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS BE HELD IN RURAL COMMUNITIES; UNDERSHERIFF MCCURTAIN RESPONDED THAT IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE IS NECESSARY, HOWEVER THE COUNTY CAN WORK WITH BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE TO SERVE THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF THEIR ENROLLED STUDENTS; KAREN ZUBER ALSO ASKED ABOUT NOTIFICATION OF RECRUITMENT EVENTS HELD IN OUTLYING COMMUNITIES AND ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON WHERE DEPUTY SHERIFF NEW HIRES ARE INITIALLY BEING ASSIGNED TO WORK; UNDERSHERIFF MCCURTAIN RESPONDED

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES DEPUTY DIRECTOR ROBIN TAYLOR RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS FROM KAREN ZUBER CONCERNING THE EAST KERN MOBILE EVALUATION TEAM PROJECT

KAREN ZUBER COMMENTED ON POSITIVE RESULTS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPANDED LIBRARY HOURS IN LAKE ISABELLA

CAROL BENDER HEARD AND PROVIDED WRITTEN COMMENTS; JAMES ZERVIS RESPONDED; RECEIVED AND FILED

Zuber - Guerrero-Salgado: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent - Kermode

- 6) Presentation of Measure K Accountability and Transparency Dashboard (Fiscal Impact: None) – HEARD PRESENTATION BY FISCAL AND POLICY ANALYST KATELYN ZENGER
- 7) Schedule next meeting – ELSA MARTINEZ STATED THE NEXT MEETING WOULD BE SCHEDULED IN EARLY JUNE 2024
- 8) MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.
Guerrero-Salgado - Houchin


Kathleen Krause, Clerk of the Board


Sheryl Barbich, Chairperson