

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

KERN COUNTY MEASURE K CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

1115 Truxtun Ave. 1ST Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2025

5:30 P.M.

County Administrative Office: Nancy Anderson, Chief Administrative Officer
Elsa Martinez, Assistant County Administrative Officer
Alex Alva, Budget and Finance Director
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: All Present

3) Approval of minutes from June 12, 2024 – APPROVED

Guerrero-Salgado – Kermode: 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 2025-2026: Presentation by County Administrative Office staff on Measure K Preliminary Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 - HEARD PRESENTATION BY ASSISTANT CAO ELSA MARTINEZ AND BUDGET AND FINANCE DIRECTOR ALEX ALVA

COMMITTEE MEMBER ZUBER RECOMMENDED FUNDING BE INCREASED TO HELP ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION CHALLENGES; COMMITTEE MEMBER GUERRERO-SALGADO ASKED TO HEAR ABOUT ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS; DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES ANDIE SULLIVAN AND STAFF REPORTED ON LIBRARY AND BOOKMOBILE SERVICES FUNDED BY MEASURE K AND RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ZUBER AND HOUCHIN; FIRE CHIEF AARON DUNCAN HEARD REGARDING FIRE PROGRAMS FUNDED BY MEASURE K; ELSA MARTINEZ HIGHLIGHTED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM; ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY KEN RUSSELL HEARD ON DA PROGRAMS AND HIRING AIDED BY MEASURE K FUNDING; ANIMAL SERVICES DIRECTOR NICK CULLEN HEARD ON SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM FUNDED BY MEASURE K; COMMITTEE MEMBER KERMODE ASKED FOR UPDATE ON EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT; COMMITTEE MEMBER ZUBER ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; CAROL BENDER HEARD CONCERNING USE OF MEASURE K FUNDS

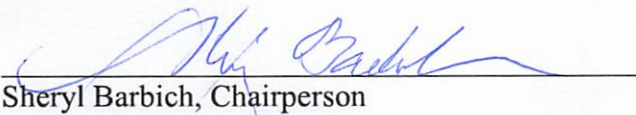
APPROVED MEASURE K PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Houchin – Zuber: All Ayes

- 6) Next meeting tentatively scheduled for January, 2026
- 7) MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.



Theresa Derouchie, Assistant Clerk of the Board



Sheryl Barbich, Chairperson