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Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021
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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COUNTY OF KINGS PUBLIC MEETING PROTOCOL IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 on March 12, 2020 and March 17, 2020, respectively, relating to the convening of public agency meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. On December 3, 2020, the State announced a regional Stay-at-Home order to slow the spread of COVID-19. In response to the State's additional restrictions, and for the protection of the public's health, the Board of Supervisors will convene their public meetings via video and teleconference as detailed below, and will close its Board Chambers to the public until further notice.

Pursuant to the Executive Orders, and to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting, Kings County will allow the Board Supervisors, County staff and interested members of the public to attend the meeting telephonically or by the Internet, and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present in the Board's Chambers.

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10:00 AM - REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING INSTRUCTIONS – ENGLISH

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If you just wish to only listen to the public hearing you can go to this YouTube link <https://youtu.be/7MG4eBuijM> Through the YouTube link you cannot make comments so please see above for instructions to receive meeting link if you wish to make a comment.

10:00 AM - INSTRUCCIONES PARA LA AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA DE REDISTRIBUCIÓN - ESPAÑOL

Para comentar durante la reunión por teléfono o Internet, envíe un correo electrónico al Secretaria de la Junta en cualquier momento antes o durante la reunión a bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us para obtener un número de teléfono, código de acceso y enlace de la reunión.

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I. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board
INVOCATION – Pastor Sylvia Gaston – Koinonia Church
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

II. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any other items of interest to the public, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

Keith Fagundes, District Attorney, gave the Board an update on the status of current jury trials in Kings County.

Paula Massey stated that if the County plans on events for Valley Fever Awareness Month in the month of August she is available for assistance.

Sanja Bugay, Human Services Agency, stated that Antoinette Gonzales, Benefit Services Deputy Director of Human Services Agency, will be retiring this week after 33 years of service to Kings County.

Lupe Villa, Registrar of Voters, gave an update on the upcoming California Governor recall election and November election.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Report Out of Closed Session on June 22, 2021.

Larry Spikes, Interim County Administrative Officer stated that the Board by a vote of (JN, DV, CP, RF-Aye, RV-Recused) on June 22, 2021, Lee Burdick former County Counsel and the County finalized a separation agreement whereby Ms. Burdick agreed to end her employment with Kings County on July 13, 2021. As part of this agreement the County agreed to pay her \$250,000, approximately the equivalent of the remainder of her compensation for the balance of her four year term, and an additional \$250,000 as a separation payment.

B. Approval of the minutes from the July 13, 2021 regular meeting.

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

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Agriculture Department:

1. Consider approving the Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County's Organic Inspection Program, retroactively effective from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. **[Agmt 21-082]**

B. Behavioral Health Department:

1. Consider approving an Agreement with Kings View for Narcotic Treatment Program Services, retroactively effective from December 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. **[Agmt 21-083]**

C. County Counsel:

1. Consider approving the Agreement with Lozano Smith for outside legal services. **[Agmt 21-084]**

D. Human Resources:

1. Consider approving out-of-state travel for Personnel Technicians Jessica Cervantes and Eva Perez to attend the NEOGOV Annual User Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada from October 5-7, 2021.



CONSENT CALENDAR CONTINUED

E. Human Services Agency:

1. Consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding with Valley Regional Counties – Mutual Aid Plan Protocol for Post-Disaster Support and Services Accommodation for the CalFresh program.**[Agmt 21-085]**

F. Job Training Department:

1. a. Consider approving the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Fiscal Year 2021-2023 Master Subgrant AA211010; and
b. Authorize the Director of Economic and Workforce Development to enter into Agreements necessary to carry out this Subgrant.**[Agmt 21-086]**

G. Public Health Department:

1. Consider approving an Agreement with Kings County Children & Families Commission (First 5) for staffing and administrative services.**[Agmt 21-087]**

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

V.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

A. Administration – Larry Spikes

Waste Management – Bob Henry

1. Consider accepting the quarterly report from Chemical Waste Management.
Bob Henry was not able to join us, this item will be brought back on July 27, 2021.

B. Human Resources – Henie Ring

1. Consider authorizing the Human Resources Director and designated staff to sign the successor Agreement with the Deputy Sheriff’s Association for a term beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.**[Agmt 21-088]**

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

C. Human Services Agency – Sanja Bugay/Antoinette Gonzales

1. Consider approving an Agreement with the Kings County Commission on Aging Council to provide continued Medi-Cal outreach and assistance for the Medi-Cal Health Enrollment Navigators Project, retroactively effective from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.**[Agmt 21-089]**

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

D. Public Health Department – Edward Hill

1. Receive an update on the local emergency in Kings County due to the imminent and proximate threat of exposure of COVID-19 on the residents of the County of Kings and take action as deemed necessary.

Addendum E. Administration – Larry Spikes/Domingo Cruz

1. a. Consider approving the Board of State and Community Corrections Construction Agreement for the County’s Senate Bill 81 Round Two Juvenile Center Remodel Project; and
b. Authorize the County Administrative Officer or his/her designee to sign any future amendments to the Agreement as required.**[Agmt 21-090]**

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



VI. 10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING

Administration – Larry Spikes/Kyria Martinez

County Counsel – Carrie Woolley/Diane Freeman

1. Conduct a public hearing for the County's 2021 Supervisorial redistricting process.

Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board stated that the Board received comments from the following persons and the letters will become part of the record: Ignacio Ornelas, Mary Gonzales-Gomez and Antony Lopez on behalf of Alvaro Preciado.

Supervisor Pedersen opened the Public Hearing, testimony was received from: Carlos Tafolla, Claire Fitiausi, Ron Bates, Lori Pesante, and Cathy Jorgensen and the Public Hearing was closed.

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 (Gov. Code Section 54954.2a).

Supervisor Neves stated that he participated in the CalViva Finance meeting and the regional authority meeting, attended the American Legion breakfast, toured the Groundwater Sustainability aquifer pilot project, and attended the Kings County Homeless Collaborative meeting.

Supervisor Verboon attended the Groundwater Sustainability aquifer pilot project tour and thanked the Stone and Azevedo property owners for allowing the test project. He stated that he has been working with Self-Help Enterprises on drought workshops for residents in the outlying County who are losing wells and getting flyers out for everyone to have the information.

Supervisor Valle stated that he is working with Assembly member Rudy Salas on a check presentation photo opportunity for the Kettleman City Pedestrian bridge project \$2 Million award and will advise everyone of the date and time for the event, and stated that he is working with Senator Alex Padilla's office on a request for an additional \$2 Million on the Federal side for the project.

Supervisor Pedersen stated that he participated in the Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging meeting.

- ◆ Board Correspondence - None
- ◆ Upcoming Events - **Larry Spikes stated that the Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department 100th Anniversary will be held on July 24, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Veteran's Park in Lemoore and this will be a free family event. He stated that 22 State Veterans groups will hold their Enforcement & First Responders Suicide Awareness ride from July 21, 2021 to August 8, 2021 with a meeting at Hanford Civic Auditorium on July 21, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.**
- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: **Larry Spikes stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration – Budget Hearings on August 17, 2021 and August 18, 2021, Jail Medical Contract amendment, American Recovery Plan Act Study Session on funding projects and Impact Fee Public Hearing. Behavioral Health Department – Agreement for Telepsychiatrist and Medical Director with Arieh Whisenhunt, Child Support Department – Child Support Awareness Month, Fire Department – Corcoran District Hospital Grant, Human Resources – Class and pay for Child Support Assistant, Probation Department – Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application, Agreement with Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc. for Residential Substance Use Treatment and Other Rehabilitative Services, Public Health Department – COVID-19 update, Sheriff's Department – MOU with the Superior Court of CA for Court Security Services, airplane purchase and sale of surplus equipment.**



VIII.

CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ **Significant Exposure to Litigation: 1 Case [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)]**
- ◆ **Personnel Matter: [Govt. Code Section 54957]**
Public Employee Appointment: County Administrative Officer
- ◆ **Personnel Matter: [Govt. Code Section 54957]**
Public Employee Appointment: County Counsel
- ◆ **Conference with Labor Negotiator/Meet and Confer: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]**
Negotiators: Larry Spikes, Kyria Martinez, Henie Ring, Che Johnson of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
 - Supervisors – CLOCEA
 - Firefighter’s Association

REPORT OUT: Carrie Woolley, Assistant County Counsel stated that she did anticipate reportable action being taken.

IX.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

July 27	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
August 3	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
August 9	9:00 AM	Board of Equalization Regular Meeting
August 10	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
August 17	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

Agenda backup information and any public records provided to the Board after the posting of the agenda will be available for the public to review at the Board of Supervisors office, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford, for the meeting date listed on this agenda.

Badasci, Diane

From: Mary Gonzales Gomez <mary.gonzales-gomez@kingscoe.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 8:38 AM
To: BOS Questions
Subject: Public comment on redistricting

Hi Diane, The following is the comment I wish to present at 10:00 public comment.

Mary

Good morning, Board of Supervisors.

My name is Mary Gonzales-Gomez, I am a resident of Corcoran and I speak today about redistricting in Kings County.

Real concerns have surfaced in our communities in that redistricting may affect changes with our current representative Kings County Board Supervisor, Richard Valle.

His commitment, his hard work and his tenacity has brought about tremendous positive changes within his district that have impacted our communities. Supervisor Valle is well connected to the communities of Avenal, the community of Kettleman City, the Home Garden community, and the community of Corcoran.

These rural communities which he currently represents have come to trust and depend on his regular media messages, his transparency his visibility throughout his district, and his availability to his constituents.

To redistrict and relocate this and other Kings County Board Supervisors may create not only a huge disruption but destroy the connection between a County Supervisor that has a real connection to his district.

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Badasci, Diane

From: Antony V. López <alopez@cityofavenal.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:21 AM
To: Reyes, Aaron; BOS Questions
Cc: 'Alvaro Preciado (alva0430@gmail.com)'; 'apreciado@cityofavenal.com'
Subject: Re: Link to today's meeting

Thank you Aaron, because we are having tech issues and hearing both English and Spanish at the same time, Mayor Alvaro Preciado has the following comment he would like read for today's meeting:

- ***Quiero pedir formalmente una audiencia publica aqui en Avenal por la tarde. Antes del voto final para darle oportunidad a los residentes de Avenal dar sus comentarios o ideas personalmente. La mayoria no va a participar por internet.***
- I want to formally request a public hearing be held here in Avenal in the late afternoon before the final vote is made. Please give Avenal residents an opportunity to personally give their comments or ideas because most will not participate online.

From: Reyes, Aaron <Aaron.Reyes@co.kings.ca.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:03 AM
To: Antony V. López <alopez@cityofavenal.us>; BOS Questions <BOSquestions@co.kings.ca.us>
Cc: 'Alvaro Preciado (alva0430@gmail.com)' <alva0430@gmail.com>; 'apreciado@cityofavenal.com' <apreciado@cityofavenal.com>
Subject: RE: Link to today's meeting

Good morning,
Here is the link:
<https://countyofkings.webex.com/countyofkings/j.php?MTID=mdbd1286a3ff493a69bac1e5372eebdb3>

From: Antony V. López <alopez@cityofavenal.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:01 AM
To: BOS Questions <BOSquestions@co.kings.ca.us>
Cc: 'Alvaro Preciado (alva0430@gmail.com)' <alva0430@gmail.com>; 'apreciado@cityofavenal.com' <apreciado@cityofavenal.com>
Subject: Link to today's meeting

Good morning, Mayor Preciado is asking for a link to today's meeting/public hearing.

-Antony V. López, MPA
City Manager
City of Avenal
(559) 386-5782
www.cityofavenal.com

Venturella, Catherine

From: Redistricting
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 8:11 AM
To: Venturella, Catherine
Subject: FW: Kings County Redistricting - New submission from Contact Us

Catherine,
This is the email received from Ignacio Ornelas.

Kyria

From: redistricting@co.kings.ca.us <redistricting@co.kings.ca.us>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 11:27 AM
To: Redistricting <redistricting@redistrictkings.com>; allison@tripepismith.com
Subject: Kings County Redistricting - New submission from Contact Us

Name
Ignacio Ornelas
Email
ignacio_ornelas@my.cuesta.edu
Message
Yo quiero que siga igual asi como estamos