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Edward Hill, County Administrative Officer  
Diane Freeman, Interim County Counsel  
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

**Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting Action Summary**

**Date: Tuesday, October 12, 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**

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- I. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER**
  - ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board**
  - INVOCATION –Pastor Arthur Fox – New Hope Orthodox Presbyterian Church**
  - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  - MEMBERS PRESENT: JOE NEVES, RICHARD VALLE, CRAIG PEDERSEN**
  - MEMBERS ABSENT: DOUG VERBOON, RICHARD FAGUNDES**

- 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.*  
**Lori Pesante, Civic Engagement Director for Dolores Huerta Foundation stated that there is an issue with our redistricting process in that there has not been any opportunity for public input since the September 14, 2021 meeting and the deadline to submit maps is October 20, 2021 and the next Board meeting will be on November 3, 2021. She requested the Board to hold a night or weekend meeting next week or an educational meeting for the public.**



**Marie Waite, Child Support Services Director stated that Kings County Child Support Services was recognized by the Western Intergovernmental Child Support Engagement Council and received the 2020/2021 Engagement Award which was in partnership with Kings County Job Training Office. She thanked Lance Lippincott, Job Training Office Director for his support and team work to receive this award and the Board for their support of both of their departments.**

**William Lynch, Kings County Fire Chief stated that all County Fire Personnel are back in the County after being assigned to out of County fires.**

**Keith Fagundes, Kings County District Attorney gave an update on current completed cases for his office.**

**III.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for October 5, 2021.**

**REPORT OUT: EDWARD HILL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STATED THAT OCTOBER 5, 2021 THE BOARD TOOK THE ACTION TO APPOINT DARCY PICKENS AS INTERIM PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR SETTING THE COMPENSATION AT \$11,000 PER MONTH EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4, 2021. (JN, RV, DV, CP-AYE, RF-ABSENT)**

**B. Approval of the minutes from the October 5, 2021 regular meeting.**

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

**C. Approval of the minutes from the October 5, 2021 special meeting.**

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

**IV.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Behavioral Health Department:**

1. Consider approving the Agreement with EvalCorp to complete the Mental Health Services Act Annual Update for Fiscal Year 2020/2021, retroactively effective from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. **[Agmt 21-130}**
2. Consider approving the Agreement with iHeartMedia, Incorporated to provide media marketing services, retroactively effective from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. **[Agmt 21-131]**

**B. Child Support Services:**

1. Consider authorizing the Director of Child Support Services to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services and the Kings County Department of Child Support Services for expanding social media services, retroactively from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023. **[Agmt 21-132]**

**C. County Counsel:**

1. Consider appointing Gabe Cooper to a four-year term as Trustee of the Delta Lands Reclamation District No. 770 in lieu of election, to qualify, take office and serve exactly as if elected at a general district election.
2. Consider appointing Rodney Silva, Jim Razor, and Gabe Cooper to four-year terms as Directors of the Melga Water District in lieu of election to take office at noon on the first Friday in December.
3. Consider appointing Carlo Wilcox, Mark Unruh, and Rodney Silva to four-year terms as Trustees of the North Central Consolidated Reclamation District No. 2071 in lieu of election, with each to qualify, take office, and serve exactly as if elected at a general district election.
4. Consider appointing Mark Unruh to a four-year term as Trustee of the South Central Consolidated Reclamation District No. 2125 in lieu of election, to qualify, take office, and serve exactly as if elected at a general district election.
5. Consider appointing Jim Razor and Gabe Cooper to four-year terms as Trustees of the Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 749 in lieu of election, with each to qualify, take office, and serve exactly as if elected at a general district election.
6. Consider approving the amended Conflict of Interest Code for the Stratford Public Utility District dated September 8, 2021.



**CONSENT CALENDAR CONTINUED**

**D. Job Training Office:**

1. Consider authorizing the closure of the Job Training Office One-Stop Job Center on Friday, October 22, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for installation of new ceiling light fixtures and authorize staff to telework as a result of the closure and construction.

**E. Kings County Library:**

1.
  - a. Consider approving the Agreement with Farber Specialty Vehicles, Incorporated to purchase a vehicle for the mobile library unit; and
  - b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required) [Agmt 21-133]PULLED**

**F. Administration:**

1.
  - a. Consider authorizing the use of American Rescue Plan Act funding to pay for the \$500 lump-sum payments previously authorized for all permanent County employees, including elected officials and the Board of Supervisors; and
  - b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required) PULLED**

**ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED, ITEMS E.1 AND F.1 WERE PULLED DUE TO BOARD MEMBER ABSENCES, AND THE ITEMS REQUIRED A 4/5 VOTE. THEY ITEMS WILL BE BROUGHT BACK ON THE OCTOBER 19, 2021 AGENDA. (JN, RF, CP-Aye; DV,RF-Absent)**

**V.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Administration- Edward Hill**

1. Consider adopting a Resolution requesting the Department of Water Resources to provide Kettleman City with an emergency allocation of water supply for 2022 in the amount of 310 acre feet in order to meet the needs of its residential and business community. **[Reso 21-069]**

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

**B. District Attorney's Office – Keith Fagundes**

1. Consider authorizing the District Attorney to sign grant amendments for the Child Advocacy Center Program Grant so long as they do not require a General Fund match.

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

**C. Elections Department – Lupe Villa**

1. Consider accepting the Certified Statement of Vote, as submitted by the Registrar of Voters, for the September 14, 2021 California Gubernatorial Recall Election.

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

**D. Public Health Department – Darcy Pickens/Heather Silva**

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.

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

**VI. 10:00 AM**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Public Works Department – Dominic Tyburski**

1.
  - a. Hold a Public Hearing regarding an ordinance for the creation of the Zone of Benefit 4-3 to impose a parcel tax in Phase 4-3 of the Armona North Subdivision for the purpose of road improvement and maintenance; and
  - b. Waive the second reading of the Ordinance No. 699 amending Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances; and
  - c. Adopt the Ordinance No. 699 amending Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances. **[ORD 699.1]**



**SUPERVISOR PEDERSEN OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING, NO TESTIMONY WAS RECEIVED AND THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED. ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RV, CP-Aye; DV, RF-Absent)**

**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 Valle stated that he would like to discuss the \$500 ARPA funding that the Board received before safety personnel with the Human Resources Director, he also stated that tonight at 5:00 p.m. county staff will be presenting redistricting information to the Corcoran City Council.**

**Supervisor Neves stated that he participated in the Behavioral Health multi county webinar, participated in the public policy webinar, has finished announcing the freshman and junior varsity games at Lemoore High School and at Lemoore Raceway, he stated that flu shots are available, attended American Legion breakfast, attended the Rockin' the Arbor, attended the Renaissance Faire in Hanford, attended the MIQ festival, attended jury duty, attended First 5 Kings County meeting, attended State Mental Health Board.**

**Supervisor Pedersen stated that due to the wind events on October 11, 2021 the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District reached out to Agricultural community to help keep the dust down by not discussing or plowing and thanked everyone for their help during the event.**

- ◆ Board Correspondence: **None**
- ◆ Upcoming Events: **Edward Hill stated that Links for Life Pink Passion Picnic will be held on October 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the Hanford Civic Auditorium. He stated that the United Cerebral Palsy Central California (UCPCC) Inaugural Cornhole Tournament will be held at Hanford Civic Auditorium on October 24, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Supervisor Neves stated that the Friends of the Kings County Library will hold their Fall Booksale on October 15-16, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. inside the Haford Branch Library located at 401 N. Douty Street, Hanford.**
- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: **Edward Hill stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration - Agreement with Vanir for Capital Project Management Services and Kettleman Hills Waste facility quarterly report, County Counsel – Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 761 in Lieu of Election, Human Services Agency – Agreement with California Department of Social Services for the provision of legal consultation and representation for the resource family approval program, Agreement with reading and beyond for employment and training program services, and Agreement with UC Davis for staff training, Health – Maternal, Child and Adolescent Agreement Funding Application and COVID-19 Update.**

**The Board took a recess from 9:52 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.**

**VIII.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

- ◆ **Conference with Labor Negotiator/Meet and Confer: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]  
Negotiators: Edward Hill, Larry Spikes, Henie Ring, Che Johnson of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore**
  - Prosecutors Association
  - Detentions Deputy Association
  - Probation Officers Association
- ◆ **Significant Exposure to Litigation: 1 Case [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)]**
- ◆ **Significant Exposure to Litigation: 2 Cases [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)] PULLED**
- ◆ **Significant Exposure to Litigation: 2 Cases [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(3)] PULLED**



**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

***FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS***

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| October 19 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting   |
| October 19 | 1:30 PM | Special Meeting/County Counsel Interviews – Closed Session        |
| October 26 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting   |
| November 2 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting   |
| November 3 | 6:30 PM | Fourth Public Hearing - Redistricting                             |
| November 9 | 9:00 AM | Regular Meeting   |
| November 9 | 1:30 PM | Special Meeting/Department of Finance Interviews – Closed Session |

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