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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 19, 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 signed into Law AB 361 on September 16, 2021, relating to the convening of public agency meetings via teleconference in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under this authority, the Board of Supervisors will convene its public meetings via video and teleconference. Pursuant to AB 361, and as advised by local Health Officials, the Kings County Board of Supervisors, County staff and interested members of the public may attend the meeting in person. The meeting can also be attended telephonically or by the Internet by sending an email to [bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us) on the morning of the meeting for an automated email response with the WebEx meeting information. Members of the public attending via WebEx will have the opportunity to provide public comment during the meeting.

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- I. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER**
  - ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board**
  - INVOCATION –Chaplain Mark Curts – Adventist Health**
  - 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.*  
**Carmen Diaz, representing In Home Supportive Services requested Board of Supervisors to consider a raise for workers and asked how the stimulus that other counties received was distributed for Kings County.**

**Romelia Solis, In Home Supportive Services (requested a translator) stated both Tulare and Fresno Counties have had wage increases and Kings is still the same.**



**Viridiana Perez stated In Home Supportive Services workers treat clients as family members, we are a community and we help each other out, we are requesting a raise.**

**Keith Fagundes, District Attorney gave an update on cases in court for his staff. He sent correspondence to County Administrative Office and the Board of Supervisors relating to topics in closed session today.**

**Esmerelda Chavez, Deputy Probation Officer stated the Probation Department is becoming a training department, there has not been a raise since 2017 and is asking for fair treatment and compensation.**

**Kelly Vernon, Chief Probation Officer, speaking in support of the Probation Officers Association, stated the costs incurred of fully onboarding and the amount of employees leaving, please give consideration.**

**Edward Hill, County Administrative Officer requested an additional item to be added to Closed Session, the County received a Notice of Violation from OSHA on Monday October 18 and only has five days to respond, Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) and 54954.2 (b).**

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

**III. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Edward Hill/Sande Huddleston**

Presentation to Francesca Lizaola, Risk Technician, from Administration for being selected as Outstanding Employee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2021.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for October 12, 2021.**

**EDWARD HILL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STATED THAT THE BOARD TOOK NO REPORTABLE ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION ON OCTOBER 12, 2021.**

**B. Approval of the minutes from the October 12, 2021 regular meeting.**

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

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. County Counsel:**

1. Consider appointing Mike Sullivan and Carlo Wilcox to four-year terms as Trustees of the Tulare Lake Reclamation District No. 761 in lieu of election, with each to qualify, take office, and serve exactly as if elected at a general district election.

**B. Human Services Agency:**

1. a. Consider approving the Agreement with the California Department of Social Services for the provision of legal services for the Resource Family Approval program, retroactively effective from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2024; and  
b. Authorize the Human Services Agency Director to sign the Agreement. **[Agmt 21-134]**
2. Consider approving the Agreement with Reading and Beyond for employment and training program services, retroactively effective from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2024. **[Agmt 21-135]**
3. Consider approving the Agreement with the University of California, Davis for the purpose of Eligibility Services, Supportive Services, Employment Services, Adult Protective Services, and Child Welfare Worker trainings. **[Agmt 21-136]**



**C. Kings County Library:**

1. a. Consider approving the Agreement with Farber Specialty Vehicles, Incorporated to purchase a vehicle for the mobile library unit; and **[Agmt 21-133]**
- b. Adopt the budget change. **(4/5 vote required)**
1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming October 17-23, 2021 as Friends of Libraries week in Kings County. **[Reso 21-070]**

**D. Public Health:**

1. Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Agreement Funding Application for programs serving low-income mothers and children. **[Agmt 21-137]**

**E. 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)**
2. Consider adopting a Resolution approving the financing and the issuance of the bonds by the California Public Finance Authority for Pathways to College Properties, LLC. **[Reso 21-071]**
3. Consider approving the Agreement with Vanir Construction Management Incorporated for capital project management services for project HomeKey and Low Barrier Shelter Replacement, retroactively effective from October 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022. **[Agmt 21-138]**

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

**VI.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Administration- Edward Hill**

**Waste Management – Bob Henry**

1. Consider accepting the quarterly report from Chemical Waste Management.

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

**B. County Counsel – Diane Freeman**

1. Consider adopting Ordinance No. 700 approving amendments to the Kings County Code of Ordinances repealing the descriptions of the boundaries of the Five Supervisorial Districts in Kings County and providing that new boundaries will be adopted by Resolution. **[ORD 700]**

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED AND WAIVE THE FIRST READING: (DV, JN, RV, RF, CP - Aye)**

**C. 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.

**THE BOARD RECEIVED AN UPDATE AND NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

**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 Verboon apologized for not being here last week due to a family emergency, he will also be out for the November 2 Board meeting.**

**Supervisor Neves stated that he recognized the National Friends of Library and acknowledged the Hanford Branch, he continues to announce for Lemoore High Football both JV and Freshman and fires the cannon for Varsity games, participated in Kings County Homeless Collaborative meeting, attended his class reunion, Wimpy's is now open in Lemoore and the Lemoore High Band received Top Honors at the Visalia Band Review.**



Supervisor Valle thanked the Board of Supervisors for the Kettleman City Water Resolution. California is also going through Redistricting, there are two maps for Kings County Assembly District, which splits a portion of Kings County into different Assembly districts. In the currently proposed maps the City of Corcoran is split in half, he requested to keep Corcoran as one Assembly District. He requested Edward Hill to get maps to Board of Supervisors. County Counsel will draft a letter to be brought back on the October 26 meeting.

Supervisor Pedersen participated in the leadership call for National Association of Counties. There has been a lot of discussion about how to pay for the Human Infrastructure Bill of 3 ½ Trillion, they are proposing STEP – Sensible Tax and Equity Promotion which forces inheritors to retroactively pay taxes on farms and ranches. This bill will hurt our community and other farm and ranch communities in California and beyond. He will work with County Counsel to draft a letter in opposition for our next meeting.

- ◆ Board Correspondence: Edward Hill stated the Lemoore Cemetery District is recommending that the Board of Supervisors appoint Steve Avila to the Lemoore Cemetery District Board of Trustees.
- ◆ 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 the Oktoberfest Beer Festival to benefit the Hanford Police K9 Foundation will be October 23, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Hanford Civic Park. 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. He stated that Howl-O-Ween Spooktacular hosted by Kings County Animal Services will be October 29, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 10909 Bonneyview Lane. He stated that the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive will be November 22, 2021 in the parking lot by Human Services beginning at 9 a.m.
- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: Edward Hill stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration – Appointments to the Kings County Independent Solid Waste Hearing Panel, County Counsel – Resolution to Continue Teleconferenced Meeting Under the Provisions of AB 361, and Appointment of Trustees to the Wilbur Reclamation District No. 825, Fire – Corcoran State Prison Mutual Aid Agreement and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy for Federal-Aid Projects, Health – COVID-19 update, Human Resources – MOU with Firefighters' Association, MOU with Detentions Deputies' Association and updated Salary Resolution, Human Services Agency – an Agreement with Evident Change for SafeMeasures, and internet reporting system, Public Works – Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Policy for Federal-Aid Project, Surplus Vehicle/Equipment Declaration, Purchase of Flat-Rack, Wheel Loader, and Tractor.

## VIII. CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ Conference with Real Property Negotiator: 1 Case [Govt. Code Section 54956.8]  
Property: 1222 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA 93230  
Negotiation Parties: Edward Hill/Domingo Cruz/Diane Freeman
- ◆ 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
  - Prosecutor's Association
  - Blue Collar - SEIU
  - Probation Officer's Association
- ◆ Significant Exposure to Litigation: 2 Cases [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(e)(3)]
- ◆ Significant Exposure to Litigation: 2 Cases [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)]

REPORT OUT: Diane Freeman, Interim County Counsel stated that she did not anticipate any reportable action being taken in closed session today.



**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**A Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. (see separate agenda for information).**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**X. 11:00 AM CALIFORNIA PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING**

***FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS***

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
November 16	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

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