

### Board Members

Joe Neves, District 1, Vice-Chairman  
Richard Valle, District 2  
Doug Verboon, District 3  
Craig Pedersen, District 4, Chairman  
Richard Fagundes, District 5



### Staff

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, November 23, 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.

**Members of the public who wish to only observe the meeting virtually can do so via the worldwide web**  
at: <https://youtu.be/FgTvxcYyr40> or go to [www.countyofkings.com](http://www.countyofkings.com) and click on the "Join Meeting" link.

Members of the public who wish to comment may submit written comments on any matter within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether it is on the agenda for the Board's consideration or action, and those comments will become part of the administrative record of the meeting. Comments will not be read into the record, only the names of who have submitted comments will be read into the record. Written comments received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the noticed meeting will be included in the record, those comments received after 8:30 a.m. will become part of the record of the next meeting. To submit written comments by email, please forward them to [bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us) or by U.S. Mail, please forward them to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Kings, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA 93230.

- I. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER**  
**ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board**  
**INVOCATION –Andrew Cromwell – Koinonia Church**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**MEMBER PRESENT: JOE NEVES, DOUG VERBOON, CRAIG PEDERSEN, RICHARD FAGUNDES**  
**MEMBERS ABSENT: RICHARD VALLE**

**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.*

**Chris Gutierrez, Kings County Firefighters Union #3747 stated that the "KICKS 4 CASA" shoe drive partnership with Kings County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) which is being held until December 10, 2021 and stated that he was thankful for the outpouring of support from everyone helping them to already be ½ way to their goal. He stated that the Kings County Firefighters Union #3747 is partnering with United States Marines and collecting Toys for Tots at the Kings County Fire Station #5 in Armona located at 11235 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Armona during their Christmas Tree fundraiser.**



**Cathleen Jorgensen, Kings County resident, stated that she has concerns and questions regarding item IV.B.1 under the consent calendar on the agenda today and would like to have some clarifications for the public on the item and voiced concerns regarding the redistricting public hearing and maps being submitted.**

**III.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A.** Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for November 16, 2021.  
**Edward Hill, Kings County Administrative Officer stated that at the November 16, 2021 meeting the Board appointed Diane Freeman to the role of County Counsel effective November 15, 2021 with an annual salary of \$185,000 (\$15,416 monthly) plus an option to annually contribute 40 hours of management vacation to deferred comp. Additionally, she will receive a 5% increase on her anniversary date if a satisfactory evaluation has been achieved. Finally, she will be eligible for an additional 5% increase when the ongoing retainer agreement with Lozano Smith is no longer needed. The decision was a 4-0 vote with Supervisor Valle absent.**
- B.** Approval of the minutes from the November 16, 2021 regular meeting.  
**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, JN, RF, CP-Aye, RV-Absent)**
- C.** Approval of the minutes from the November 16, 2021 special meeting.  
**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RF, JN, CP-Aye, RV-Absent)**

**IV.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Behavioral Health:**
1. Consider approving the Agreement with Monte Nido Lake Vista, LLC dba Clementine Malibu Lake for residential eating disorder treatment, retroactively effective from October 8, 2021-June 30, 2024. **[Agmt 21-151]**
- B. County Counsel:**
1. Consider adopting a Resolution making the findings required by AB 361 to continue meeting under its abbreviated teleconferencing provisions.**[Reso 21-077] ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY COUNSEL AS PER REQUEST BY A PUBLIC MEMBER. DIANE FREEMAN, COUNTY COUNSEL EXPLAINED THE REQUIRMENTS FOR ADOPTING THE FINDINGS FOR THE RESOLUTION AND THE BOARD APPROVED AS PRESENTED. (JN, DV, RF, CP-Aye, RV-Absent)**
- C. District Attorney's Office:**
1.
    - a. Consider approving the District Attorney's Office to accept the Child Advocacy Center Program Grant funds for work with child abuse victims to reduce trauma to children and their families; and
    - b. Authorize the District Attorney to sign the Grant application forms; and
    - c. Authorize the District Attorney to sign grant subaward amendments in addition to grant subaward documents; and
    - d. Authorize the Certification of Assurance of Compliance form.
- D. Probation Department:**
1. Consider approving an Amended Agreement with The Counseling and Psychotherapy Center, Inc. to provide treatment services for sex offenders within Kings County, retroactively effective July 1, 2020 through July 30, 2022. **[Agmt 21-127.1]**
- E. Public Health Department:**
1.
    - a. Consider authorizing the Interim Public Health Director apply for and to accept up to \$95,000 in grant funding from Kaiser Permanente for the purpose of COVID-19 vaccine education and outreach for the term of January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022; and
    - b. Authorize the Interim Public Health Director to sign any associated invoices and revisions to the initial work and spend plan; and
    - c. Adopt the budget change **(4/5 vote required)**



**F. Public Works Department:**

1. Consider approving the Joint Use Agreement with Southern California Edison and the California High Speed Rail Authority. **[Agmt 21-152]**

**G. Sheriff's Department:**

1. Consider authorizing the Sheriff to sign an Agreement with Veritone, Inc. for the Contact Application. **[Agmt 21-153]**

**H. Administration:**

1. Consider approving the Agreement with the Armona Community Services District for residential customer utility arrearages. **[Agmt 21-154]**
2. Consider approving the first amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Hanford to provide for the annexation of eight county islands surrounded by the City.
3. Consider approving the sole source Agreement with Capital Partnerships, Inc. for ONESolution support in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for a contract term through June 30, 2023.

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

**V.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Human Resources Department – Henie Ring**

1. Consider authorizing the Human Resources Director and designated staff to sign the successor Agreement with the Blue Collar Unit for a term beginning November 1, 2021 and ending October 31, 2025. **[Agmt 21-156]**

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

**B. Job Training Office – Lance Lippincott**

1. a. Consider authorizing the County Administrative Officer to execute a designation letter permitting the Kings County Job Training Office to receive funding under the Request for Proposal-California Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program; and  
b. Authorize the Economic and Workforce Development Director to execute any and all agreements necessary and reasonable for the execution and implementation of the California Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program issued by the California Office of the Small Business Advocate.

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

**C. Administration – Edward Hill/Kyria Martinez**

1. Consider appointing three members to the Independent Kings County Solid Waste Enforcement Hearing Panel.

**ACTION: APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF SUPERVISOR RICHARD FAGUNDES, LEE JOHNSON AND SALVADOR INIGUEZ AS PRESENTED (DV, JN, RF, CP-Aye, RV-Absent)**

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

1. Consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming Wednesday, December 1, 2021 as World AIDS Day in Kings County. **[Reso 21-078]**

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

2. 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.**



**VI. 10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY – CHUCK KINNEY/NOELLE TOMLINSON**

1. Hold a Public Hearing to receive public testimony regarding the Implementation of Section 51244(b), which allows for the 10% reduction in the Williamson Act and Farmland Security Zone Contract terms. If the Board adopts Implementation of Section 51244(b) the following actions are also required:
  - a. Determine that the State funded less than one-half (1/2) of Kings County’s actual forgone property tax revenues in the prior fiscal year (FY 2020/2021); and
  - b. State that landowners may choose to not participate in implementation of Section 51244(b) by serving a notice of non-renewal within 90 days of the date of notice of the opportunity to prevent the modification and re-evaluation of contracts authorized by Section 51244(b) or before February 1, 2022; and
  - c. Amend the County’s Land Conservation Act Program Procedures by extending the deadline for landowners to file notices of non-renewal for calendar year 2021 to February 1, 2022; and
  - d. Adopt a Resolution authorizing implementation of Section 51244(b). **[Reso 21-076]**

**Supervisor Pedersen opened the public hearing, no testimony was received and the public hearing was closed.**

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, DV, RF, CP-Aye, RV-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 Verboon stated that he attended events with family over the weekend, attended the Amtrak/San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority meeting on November 19, 2021, participated in the Housing Authority of Kings County meeting on November 18, 2021 and wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.**

**Supervisor Fagundes stated that he attended the Housing Authority of Kings County meeting on November 18, 2021 and went to the central coast for business over the weekend.**

**Supervisor Neves stated that he attended a Cal Vans special meeting on November 16, 2021 and had the opportunity to review a water and accounting tracking tool to help South Fork Kings and their sustainable water efforts. He stated that he participated in a webinar hosted by Valley Childrens hospital on the effects of Covid-19, attended at Kings County Association of Governments special meeting and announced at the West Hills Men’s Basketball game on November 17, 2021. He stated that he attended a Housing Authority of Kings County special meeting and a Calvans finance special meeting and announced the winners of prizes for the Kings County employee brown bag luncheon on November 18, 2021. He stated that he participated in the Battle of the Badges blood drive on November 22, 2021, started his 37<sup>th</sup> Santa season, attended his granddaughters 17<sup>th</sup> birthday event with Le Grand FFA and stated that she made the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Coca-Cola scholarship out of 65,000 entries.**

**Supervisor Pedersen stated that he attended the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Governing Board meeting on November 18, 2021 and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.**

- ◆ Board Correspondence: **None**
- ◆ Upcoming Events: **Edward Hill stated that the Christmas Cozy Feet Slipper Sock Drive is being held by Child Support who is collecting slipper socks to donate to seniors in Kings County, they must be skid proof slipper socks and drop off locations are the Child Support Services office and Job Training Office, and donations must be received by December 15, 2021. He stated that the Kicks 4 CASA event hosted by the Kings County Firefighters who are collecting shoes for Kings**



County Foster children in need through CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). The donations must be new shoes and drop off locations in Hanford are JH Tackett, Save Mart, and Senator Melissa Hurtado’s Hanford District Office, monetary donations are accepted too and the donations must be received by December 10, 2021.

- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: Edward Hill stated tht there will be no Board meeting on November 30, 2021 and the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration has 4 items – Public Safety Realignment & Post Release Community Supervision 2021 plan; Board meeting cancellation schedule for 2022; Approval of Crime Bond as Public Official bond and set Faithful Performance Amounts; and Claims for Damages; Behavioral Health – Amendment to an agreement with JDT Consultants; County Counsel – Appointment of Directors to the Corcoran Irrigation District; Community Development Agency has 2 items – public hearing to consider a density bonus development agreement with Spalding Construction Inc. and one with Aspire Homes Ca, Inc.; Fire Department – Declaration and sale of surplus equipment and donation of equipment; Health Department has 2 items – COVID 19 Update and a Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant; Human Resources has 2 items - Reclass Department Specialists to Office Assistants and County Service Awards Presentation; Human Services has 2 items – Homeless Housing, assistance, and prevention program round three grant application and agreement with Kings United Way for mobile application maintenance; Job Training Office – Closeout of workforce innovation and opportunity act sub-grant; Public Works Department has 2 items – Capital projects and Removal of stop sign on Grangeville blvd and 25<sup>th</sup> avenue.

The Board took a recess from 9:47 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

- ◆ Conference with Labor Negotiator/Meet and Confer: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]  
 Negotiators: Edward Hill, Kyria Martinez, Henie Ring, Che Johnson of Liebert Cassidy Whitemore
  - Prosecutor’s Association
- ◆ Personnel Matter: [Govt. Code Section 54957]  
*Public Employee Appointment: Director of Finance*
- ◆ Litigation initiated formally. The title is: *Leprino v. Kings County*, Case No. 20C0159 [Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The November 30, 2021 meeting has been canceled due to Board members participating in CSAC Annual Meetings.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**X. 11:00 AM BOARD OF EQUALIZATION REGULAR MEETING**

**XI. 11:15 AM IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING**

***FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS***

November 30	--	Regular Meeting Canceled/Board members participating in CSAC Annual Meeting
December 7	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
December 7	10:00 AM	Sixth Public Hearing – Redistricting
December 14	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
December 21	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.*