

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, County Counsel
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers, Kings County Government Center
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

☎ (559) 852-2362 ❖ FAX (559) 585-8047 ❖ website: <https://www.countyofkings.com>

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 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/d4nAzh6yNt4>

Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting virtually and make public comment can do so via the worldwide web at:

<https://countyofkings.webex.com/countyofkings/j.php?MTID=mda6ce9ef473c1aa8f28b9bcc74cfa5d0>

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 Board consideration or action, and those comments will become part of the administrative record of the meeting. Comments will not be read into the record, the Clerk of the Board will only read the names of who have submitted comments 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 be read into the record of the next meeting. To submit written comments by email, please forward them to 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.

Los miembros del público que deseen observar la reunión solo de forma virtual pueden hacerlo a través de la web mundial en:

<https://youtu.be/A96ID-LE0kQ>

Los miembros del público que deseen participar en la reunión de manera virtual y hacer comentarios públicos pueden hacerlo a través de la web mundial en:

<https://countyofkings.webex.com/countyofkings/j.php?MTID=mf2b87859ca5cd228597bb177f9426c9f>

Los miembros del público que deseen comentar pueden enviar comentarios por escrito sobre cualquier asunto dentro de la jurisdicción de la Junta, independientemente de si está en la agenda para consideración o acción de la Junta, y esos comentarios pasarán a formar parte del registro administrativo de la reunión. Los comentarios no se leerán en el registro, el Secretario de la Junta solo leerá los nombres de quienes han enviado comentarios al registro. Los comentarios por escrito recibidos por el Secretario de la Junta de Supervisores a más tardar a las 8:30 a. M. De la mañana de la reunión notificada se incluirán en el registro; los comentarios recibidos después de las 8:30 a. M. Se leerán en el registro de la próxima reunión. . Para enviar comentarios por escrito por correo electrónico, reenvíelos a bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us o por correo postal de los EE. UU., Envíelos a: 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 –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.

Antony Lopez, Kings County resident stated that he is disappointed in the Boards decision to not adopt Public Map 101 and asked the Board to not adopt Public Map 120.

Lupe Chavez, Kings County resident stated that he has been speaking to residents in Avenal and that there were other maps the Board could have chosen and stated that he hopes that the Board approves a map to have two Latino majority districts.

Susan Ross, Kings County resident stated that Public Map 101 is fair and represents Kings County and asked the Board to try to be fair.

Barbara Castle, Kings County resident sated her concerns with the public not having an opportunity to review Public Map 120 and asked the Board to reconsider their decision and adopt Public Map 101.

Alvaro Preciado, Kings County resident stated that the citizens of Avenal are concerned about the changes that will happen over the next ten years and he doesn't see changes for the rural areas and sees trouble for the Board and that the rural areas need money for improvements for the residents and stated that Public Map 101 is equal for all residents.

Claire Fitiausi, Kings County resident stated that she has been paying attention to the redistricting process online since before the Board voted to hire National Demographic Corporation and has participated in each public hearing and was alarmed with the quick decision to adopt Public Map 120 when a resident of each of the Board members Districts have been present and spoke in support of Public Map 101 and the Board discounted their testimony and will be held accountable for their actions.

Ivette Chaidez, Kings County resident stated her outrage on the Boards decision to adopt Public Map 120 which is almost exactly like the current district boundaries and no public members attended and spoke up in support of that map at the public hearings and stated that this is why residents have to get involved in local government and asked the Board to do their jobs and represent the constituents they represent.

Cathleen Jorgensen, Kings County resident asked the Board to take the decision serious and be respectful to the public members who have spoken and stated that Public Map 120 was never discussed and questioned who submitted it and stated that it appears that South Hanford is craked with this map and stated that she doesn't feel her Supervisor cares about the residents.

Luis Huerta-Silva, Central Valley resident stated that he has been monitoring the Kings County Redistricting process and asked the Board to go above and beyond the law to make all information accessible and transparent for the public.



III. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Henie Ring
Acknowledge employees that have completed various milestones of County Service.
INFORMATION ONLY – NO OFFICIAL ACTION TAKEN

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for December 7, 2021.
EDWARD HILL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STATED THAT ON DECEMBER 7, 2021 THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY (JN, RV, DV, CP, RF—Aye) TO CONTINUE THE 5% SPECIAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR BOTH ASSISTANT DIRECTORS OF FINANCE WHILE CONTINUING THE RECRUITMENT FOR A FULL TIME DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND TOOK NO OTHER REPORTABLE ACTION.
B. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting for December 7, 2021.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RF, JN, RV, CP-Aye)

V. CONSENT CALENDAR
A. County Counsel:
1. Consider approving the Conflict of Interest Code for the Tulare Lake Reclamation District 761 as submitted.
B. Public Health Department:
1. a. Consider approving an Amended Grant Agreement for continued influenza and COVID-19 vaccination coverage; and
b. Adopt the budget change **(4/5 vote required) [Agmt 18-015.2]**
C. Public Works Department:
1. a. Consider authorizing the Fleet Superintendent to purchase the two (2) 2022 Dodge Durango Administration vehicles and ten (10) 2022 Ford F-150 Police Responder (4x4). and;
b. Adopt the budget change **(4/5 vote required)**
D. Sheriff's Office:
1. a. Consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the application for and participation in the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program; and **[Reso 21-086]**
b. Authorize the Sheriff to sign the grant Agreement for the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program.
E. Administration:
1. Consider approving the Ninth Amendment to the Tolling and Waiver Agreement between the County of Kings and the California Department of Water Resources and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign the agreement on behalf of the County. **[Agmt 21-162]**
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, JN, RV, RF, CP-Aye)

VI. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
A. Assessor/Clerk-Recorder – Kristine Lee
1. Consider approving an Agreement with Trepp, Inc. in the amount of \$61,920 to provide deed transfer verification software for the Assessor/Clerk-Recorder through December 2024.
[Agmt 21-163]
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, DV, JN, RV, CP-Aye)
B. Behavioral Health Department – Lisa Lewis/UnChong Parry
1. Consider authorizing the advanced step hire for a Licensed Mental Health Clinician at Salary Range 226, Step 4.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, RV, DV, CP-Aye)
C. Department of Finance – James Erb
1. Consider approving the 2022 Director of Finance's Statement of Investment Policy.
ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RF, JN, RV, CP-Aye)



2. Consider adopting the Resolution delegating investment authority to the Kings County Director of Finance. **[Reso 21-087]**

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

D. Job Training Office – Lance Lippincott

1. Consider approving the Agreement for Training Services with Adventist Health System/West allowing the Kings County Job Training Office to provide incumbent worker training services, retroactively effective September 30, 2021 through September 1, 2022. **[Agmt 21-164]**

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

E. Administration – Edward Hill/Kyria Martinez/Domingo Cruz/Matthew Boyett

1. Consider accepting the Assembly Bill 1869 annual allocations from the California Department of Finance for Fiscal Years 2021-2022 through 2025-2026 to backfill Probation Department and Sheriff's Office due to revenue lost from repeal of various criminal administrative fees.

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

2. Consider reappointing Mr. Jimmy Hook to the position of Kings County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures, effective December 4, 2021, for another four year term.

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

3. Consider adopting the Resolution revising boundaries for supervisorial districts following the 2020 Federal Census in accordance with California Elections Code 21500, et seq. **[Reso 21-083]**

ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RF, CP-Aye, JN, RV-No)

F. 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 Valle thanked everyone who attended the the ribbon cutting for the City of Corcoran's Gateway Park Project on December 10, 2021 and stated that the Veteran's Memorial will be installed after the work on the park is completed and an unveiling event will be planned.

Supervisor Neves stated that he attended the Kings Area Public Transit Agency meeting and the Kings County Association of Governments meeting on December 8, 2021, attended the CalVans meeting and announced at the West Hills College basketball games on December 9, 2021, attended the American Legion breakfast and Mid Valley Disposal annual recycling luncheon at Harris Ranch on December 10, 2021, attended the 85th annual Avenal Rotary Christmas party at Harris Ranch on December 11, 2021.

Supervisor Fagundes stated that he attended the City of Corcoran Gateway Park Project ribbon cutting on December 10, 2021.

Supervisor Verboon stated that he attended the Kings Area Public Transit Agency meeting and the Kings County Association of Governments meeting on December 8, 2021 and Mid Valley Disposal annual recycling luncheon at Harris Ranch on December 10, 2021.



Supervisor Pedersen stated that his thoughts will be with the families who have lost loved ones due to COVID or weather events across the United States during this Holiday season.

- ◆ **Board Correspondence: Ed Hill stated that the Board received a request for reappointments to the Lemoore Cemetery District.**
- ◆ **Upcoming Events: Ed Hill stated that the Kings County Animal Services “Home for the Holidays” Open House is set for December 17, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and they will be open for adoptions and accepting monetary donations and toys, towels, and blankets. He stated that the Kings County Child Support Services Christmas Cozy Feet Slipper Sock Drive is being held to collect skid proof slipper socks to donate to seniors in Kings County, donations can be dropped off at the Child Support Services office or Job Training Office by December 15, 2021. He stated that the Kings County Firefighters have partnered with the United States Marine Corps for their annual Toys for Tots campaign and those wishing to contribute can drop off unwrapped toys at their collection box located at Kings County Fire Station #5 located at 11235 14th Avenue in Armona, donations will be accepted toys until December 15, 2021.**
- ◆ **Information on Future Agenda Items: Ed Hill stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration – Reappointments to multiple boards, commissions or committees; Assessor/Clerk Recorders – Agreement with Just Appraised Inc. for transfer verification software and Megabyte Systems Inc. for application programming interface for Just Appraised software; Behavioral Health – Agreement with California Health Collaborative for ACT Prevention program and substance use disorder prevention services and an Agreement with Mental Health Systems Inc. for specialty mental health services to children and youth; and amendment to an Agreement with Kings View, Department of Finance – Sale of tax-defaulted property at a public internet auction; Public Health – Agreement with the California Health Collaborative for STD prevention and collaboration and the COVID-19 update; Human Resources – New Job Specification for Executive Assistant District Attorney; New classification series for payroll specialist I/II in the Department of Finance and Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Prosecutors Association; Probation – Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Program; Sheriff – Resolution for the acceptance of the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Tobacco Grant Award.**

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 Whitmore**
 - Probation Officer’s Association
- ◆ **Litigation initiated formally: The Title is: *Leprino v. County of Kings, Case No. 20C0159*
 [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)]**
- ◆ **Deciding to initiate litigation: 1 Case [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4)]**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS		
December 20	9:00 AM	Special Meeting - Public Health Director Interviews – Closed Session
December 21	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
January 4, 2022	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting – Board Reorganization
January 11, 2022	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.