

The Kern County Board of Supervisors met today as scheduled for Tuesday's June 22, 2021 Board Meeting. Chairman Phillip Peters (District 1), Supervisor Zack Scrivner (District 2), Supervisor Mike Maggard (District 3), and Supervisor David Couch (District 4) were present. Supervisor Leticia Perez (District 5) was absent. Today's Kern County Board of Supervisors meeting in the Board Chamber resumed in-person attendance at full capacity seating. Public comment protocols put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic have also been lifted. Persons wishing to address the Board on a specific agenda item or provide general public comment under Public Presentations are invited to attend future Board meetings to provide their comments in person. Emailed comments to board@kerncounty.com will be provided to all Board members and applicable staff for review and consideration by the Board prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Board meeting. Please specify to which agenda item your comment relates. Written correspondence for distribution to the Board can also be mailed to Clerk of the Board, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Any questions concerning the public comment process should be directed to the Clerk of the Board at (661) 868-3585.

Meeting Highlights:

- **Item No. 2 AM session:**
 - The Board proclaimed June 21-25, 2021, as National Boys and Girls Club Week in Kern County.
- **Item No. 6 AM session:**
 - Public Health Director Brynn Carrigan updated the Board on Kern County's current standing regarding COVID-19 including new California Department of Public Health masking guidelines and local vaccination distribution.
 - Supervisor Mike Maggard asked the Board to oppose [SB419](#) regarding regulations of the skilled and trained oil and gas workforce.
 - Watch both presentations [here](#).
- **Item No. 14 – Item No. 15 AM session:**
 - The Board approved more than nearly \$2 million in behavioral health and recovery services for Kern County residents for inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services, investing in the mental health and well-being of this community.
- **Item No. 20 AM session:**
 - Kern County Chief Administrative Officer Ryan Alsop presented an overview of investments made in Kern County Parks since Fiscal Year 2016-2017.
 - Throughout the past five years, the Board has allocated substantial resources to the Hart Park Improvement Project, Kern River Parkway, Kern River Riparian Preserve Park, and Shell Park Infrastructure Improvement Project, as well as more than \$14 million in infrastructure improvement at regional parks, campgrounds, Sam Lynn Ball Park, Kern County Museum, Kern River Golf Courses, and neighborhood and community parks.
 - The County has also applied for \$37.5 million worth of Proposition 68 (Statewide Parks Program) grants towards the realization of state-of-the-art plans for Lamont Park, Heritage Park, Potomac Park, Virginia Park, and Mojave East Park.
 - The County will also invest \$10 million in ARPA funding for FREE WiFi access at all County Parks by 2024.
 - Watch Mr. Alsop's entire presentation [here](#).
- **Item No. 26 AM session:**
 - The Board approved more than \$530,000 in funding for firefighter paramedic services with Buttonwillow Community Foundation at Fire Station 25.

- **Item No. 28 AM session:**
 - The Board approved an agreement with Covenant Community Services, Inc. to administer the Transitional Housing Program-Plus for former foster care youth who have aged out of the system throughout the next fiscal year. This resource will help Kern County foster children have additional support throughout their young adulthood.
- **Item No. 30 AM session:**
 - The Board approved an agreement with the California Government Operations Agency for COVID-19 vaccination efforts in high-risk populations through June of 2022.
- **Item No. 32 AM session:**
 - The Board approved an agreement with West Side Health Care District to provide COVID-19 testing services through September of 2021.
- **Item No. 10 PM session:**
 - Director of Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Lorelei Oviatt requested a position of opposition to CalGEM Rulemaking to ban hydraulic fracturing in the form of a letter signed by all five Board members along with a legal comment letter requested by the Board from outside legal counsel.
 - The California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) pre rule-making ban was directed by Governor Newsom to stop permitting by January 1, 2024, and the staff presentation provided additional materials and evidence that 98% of hydraulic fracturing occurs in Kern County, represents 17-20% of oil production in California and is a safe and highly regulated activity here in Kern.
 - The legal comment, to be submitted to CalGEM along with the Board letter, states that the action can only be taken by the Legislature and requires a full Environmental Impact Report for the entire State to be prepared if it moves forward.
 - The Board voiced opposition to this continued attack on the County economy as well noting that all types of innovation by companies could be next for arbitrary elimination by this administration and such messages do not support economic diversification goals of the State.
 - Watch the presentation [here](#).
- **Item No. 30 PM session:**
 - The Board approved an agreement with the Kern County Hospital Authority to dedicate \$300,000 of CARES funding to COVID-19 testing.
- **Item No. 31 PM session:**
 - The Board approved \$267,000 in dedicated funding for sign-on bonuses paid out to Detention Deputies at the Kern County Sheriff's Office, making the recruitment of law enforcement in Kern County competitive with other counties across the State.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.