The Kern County Board of Supervisors met today as scheduled for Tuesday's May 25, 2021 Board Meeting. Chairman Phillip Peters (District 1), Supervisor Zack Scrivner (District 2), Supervisor Mike Maggard (District 3), Supervisor David Couch (District 4), and Supervisor Leticia Perez (District 5) attended in-person. Each member followed all COVID-19 safety protocols, including social distancing and the wearing of face coverings. Today's meeting also included modified in-person attendance, allowing 65 people in the Board Chambers with face coverings and social distancing.

Meeting Highlights:

- **Item No. 2 AM session:**
  - The Board proclaimed June 2021 as Family Reunification Month in Kern County.
- **Item No. 8 AM session:**
  - Public Health Director Brynn Carrigan updated the Board on Kern County's current standing regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic and local vaccination distribution.
    - Kern County will remain in the Orange Tier for the following week.
    - Watch the announcement here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UlCAptT4nyk
  - Chief Administrative Officer Ryan Alsop answered questions from the Board regarding the feasibility of the 15th District Agricultural Association conducting a 2021 Kern County Fair.
    - While the County continues to use certain areas of the fairgrounds for COVID-19 vaccination, this does not prohibit the Association (a State agency) from holding the 2021 Kern County Fair nor has the County told the Association a fair cannot be held.
    - If the Association chooses to hold the event, the County will adjust vaccination operations accordingly, however, the event will likely have to adhere to strict State directives for COVID-19 safety guidelines.
    - If the Association chooses to hold the event, the County will make changes to the mass vaccination operation during that time, and continue to vaccinate people during the fair (at no cost) by running a clinic in one of the exhibit halls during the 12-day event.
    - Throughout the Pandemic, the County has paid the Association $1.5 million with no additional cost, as well as provided $800,000 in capital investments.
- **Item No. 19 – Item No. 34 AM session:**
  - The Board approved nearly $40 million (state and federal funding) in behavioral health and recovery services for Kern County residents including technical assistance for substance use prevention strategies, residential substance use disorder treatment services, inpatient psychiatric hospital services for adults, crisis stabilization services for mental health clients, peer support crisis residential treatment services for adult mental health clients, therapeutic and rehabilitative inpatient psychiatric services for adult mental health clients, children, adolescent, and adult outpatient mental health services for clients, and children and adolescent outpatient mental health services.
- **Item No. 52 AM session:**
  - The Board approved an agreement with Kern County Superintendent of Schools Community Connection for Child Care to administer the Emergency Care Bridge Program to support the success and well-being of Kern County foster children through June 30, 2023.
- **Item No. 53 AM session:**
  - The Board approved an agreement with the Bakersfield Homeless Center for the provision of the CalWORKS Housing Support Program to help families experiencing homelessness

quickly obtain permanent housing and provide them with wrap-around services to foster housing retention.

- **Item No. 3 – Item No. 10 PM session**
  - Public Works Director Craig Pope presented results of various Proposition 218 protest hearings related to proposed rate increases for hauler rates for the collection of solid waste, hauler admin fees to compensate for the cost of managing franchise contracts, and land use fees to expand illegal dumping resources throughout the County.
  - The Board voted to strengthen the County's response to illegal dumping countywide, specifically with the passing of Item No. 10 PM session.
- **Item No. 29 PM session:**
  - The Board approved a proposed resolution to adopt a list of projects for road maintenance and rehabilitation for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.