

Good afternoon,

The Kern County Board of Supervisors met today as scheduled for Tuesday's July 20, 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 in attendance. Supervisor Leticia Perez (District 5) was absent. Board meetings have resumed in-person attendance at full capacity seating inside the Board Chamber. For more information on how to address the Board on a specific agenda item or provide general public comment, please click [here](#).

Meeting Highlights:

- **Item No. 4 AM session:**
 - The Board proclaimed July 18-24, 2021 as Probation Services Week in Kern County to honor the essential work this department of law enforcement provides to our community.
 - Watch the presentation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DoySNWXL2k>
- **Item No. 5 AM session:**
 - Public Health Director Brynn Carrigan updated the Board on Kern County's current standing regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, local COVID-19 case numbers, and vaccination distribution among the County.
 - Watch the presentation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DoySNWXL2k>
- **Items No. 10 – 12 AM session:**
 - The Board approved more than \$170,000 in funding for Aging and Adult Services for Kern County seniors including Title III-E Family Caregiver Support through the Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County and Kern Around the Clock Foundation, as well as assistance for low-income Kern County seniors and adults who are disabled to receive assistance in accessing the highest quality medical insurance options and healthcare.
- **Item No. 28 AM session:**
 - The Board approved \$105 million in state funding for substance use disorder services for Kern County adults, as well as youth, through June 30, 2024.
- **Item No. 38 AM session:**
 - The Board approved the Kern County Fire Department's request to donate surplus fire equipment to the Kern High School District's Regional Occupational Center (ROC) Firefighting Program, aiding in the local career development of students interested in pursuing fire safety.
- **Item No. 44 AM session:**
 - The Board approved the temporary closure of Beale Memorial Library from August 9 – September 7, 2021 for renovations.
- **Item No. 49 AM session:**
 - The Board approved Kern County Public Health's request to accept the Tuberculosis Award from the California Department of Public Health for Tuberculosis control activities in Kern County through June 30, 2022.
- **Items No. 8 – 10 PM session:**
 - The Board approved more than \$1.1 million in federal grant funding to support Kern County's homeless population through the development of affordable housing, emergency shelter assistance, and rapid re-housing services.
 - These efforts aid in the Board's commitment to combating homelessness in Kern County.
- **Items No. 17 – 18 PM session:**

- The Board approved the completion of pedestrian path improvements on Twenty Mule Team Road at Rio Tinto in Boron, as well as the plans, specifications, and notice to bidders for \$591,000 in pedestrian and bike path improvements on Lake Isabella Boulevard in Lake Isabella.
- **Items No. 21 – 22 PM session:**
 - The Board approved nearly \$400,000 in CARES funding to provide COVID-19 relief funds through the California Veterans Assistance Foundation for the case management and housing coordination services of high-risk individuals who are homeless, as well as case management and housing coordination services for homeless clients matched to an Emergency Housing Voucher from July 1, 2021 through December 30, 2021.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.