

Good afternoon,

The Kern County Board of Supervisors met today as scheduled for Tuesday's September 28, 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) were in attendance. 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:

- **Items No.1 AM session:**
 - The Board proclaimed October 3-9, 2021, as 4-H Week in Kern County.
- **Item No. 5 AM session:**
 - Kern County Public Health Director Brynn Carrigan updated the Board on Kern County's current standing regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, COVID-19 vaccination distribution among residents, CDC vaccination approvals and guidelines, and local COVID-19 case numbers and projections.
 - As a reminder, Public Health is partnering with Kern Medical to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to residents attending the Kern County Fair.
 - Watch the presentation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITvVuck2mcE>
- **Item No. 17 AM session:**
 - The Board approved an amendment to increase funding for an agreement with the California Department of Aging to aid Older American's Act Title II and VII programs in Kern County.
- **Item No. 19 AM session:**
 - The Board approved a new agreement with Express Jet Airlines LLC for new air service from September 28, 2021 – June 30, 2022.
 - Aha! will launch three weekly flights to Reno from Meadows Field Airport beginning this fall.
- **Item No. 26 AM session:**
 - The Board approved Fiscal Year 2021-22 Medi-Cal billing rates for medication assisted treatment and narcotic treatment programs available to Kern County residents.
 - The Board continues to address the importance of addiction recovery in our community and works diligently with Behavioral Health and Recovery services to ensure there are resources for individuals with these issues, especially those experiencing homelessness.
- **Item No. 37 – 40 AM session:**
 - The Board dedicated nearly \$100,000 in federal funding to provide local occupational job training to Kern County residents, bolstering the skillset and employment opportunity within our workforce.
 - Residents can gain experience and certifications in a variety of industries, including project management, renewable energy and communication tower technician programs, aviation maintenance technology and aeronautics, animation, drafting, graphic and web design, and medical billing.
- **Item No. 41 - 42 AM session:**
 - The Board approved the needed investment in battalion chief vehicles and Utility Terrain Vehicles to aid the Kern County Fire Department in the support of wildland fire crews and other vital services.
- **Item No. 44 AM session:**

- The Board approved an agreement with the California Department of Social Services to provide support services to the Department of Human Services' Resource Family Approval Program.
- **Item No. 52 AM session:**
 - The Board approved an agreement with the Rehabilitation Center of Bakersfield for transitional care for COVID-19 infectious homeless patients discharged from the hospital.
- **Item No. 24 PM session:**
 - The Board approved a \$1.41 million memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Kern County Prosecutors' Association to better wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment through June 30, 2024.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.