

Tulare County Board of Supervisors

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Here's what you need to know

- Three directors added to the currently empty East Orosi Community Services District Board, they will help address water and septic issues in East Orosi.
- Proclamation established recognizing October 4, 2022, as Centenarian Day in Tulare County.
- October 9-15, 2022 recognized as Fire Prevention Week. Will include public education, youth engagement, and upcoming local events with fire safety educators.

Follow-up Questions

- Residents in East Orosi brought up concerns around having to pay county utility bills separately and in different locations which poses an accessibility issue, will this be addressed by the BOS or East Orosi Community Services District Board? And if so, when?

Names of Officials

- **Larry Micari**, District One
- **Pete Vander Poel III**, District Two
- **Amy Shuklian**, District Three
- **Eddie Valero** – Chairman, District Four
- **Dennis Townsend** – Vice Chair, District Five
- Jason T. Britt, County Administrative Officer
- Jennifer M. Flores, County Council
- Melinda Benton, Chief Clerk

The Scene

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors meeting was held simultaneously both in-person and streamed via YouTube and Zoom at 9 a.m. on October 04, 2022. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Actions

- Board of Supervisors Matters

- Supervisor Vander Poel: Tomorrow 10/5 at noon, will be delivering a message to kiwanis club at Apple Annies. 10/7 Tulare local Crush party at Tulare COS campus for a fundraiser. Happy Trails fundraiser. Monday, Tulare county water commission. Thursday, First 5 commission monthly meeting in the morning. Friday SJV Insurance Authority Meeting.
 - Supervisor Shuklian: Attended the [Family Services Purple Party](#). Saturday morning held a coffee with the Supervisors event at Starbucks. Thank you to those that came out. Attended a historical bbq event at Mooney's Grove Park. SJVC will be celebrating its anniversary. Health advisory meeting coming up.
 - Supervisor Micari: Busy week, a lot of constituent meetings. Attended a meeting with the Sierra View hospital board. Attended purple party, other local events. Will attend a PG & E multicultural event.
 - Vice Chair Townsend: Sierra View hospital foundation held dueling pianos fundraising event, Townsend was hosting. Interview with Ken Hopper after meeting this morning. Hosting town hall event in Springville. Saturday is pioneer days in Porterville.
 - Chairman Valero: United Way breakfast was a success last week. Congrats to the historical society for a successful event. Held office hours at Starbucks on Plaza Drive last Monday. Will be speaking at the Check event with Senator Hertado. Latino Caucus of CA on Thursday. Office hours in Woodlake at a coffee shop.
- Present a Proclamation recognizing October 4, 2022, as Centenarian Day in Tulare County.
 - The proclamation was presented by Supervisor Valero
 - Powerpoint presentation of Tulare County Centenarian's photos and their advice for a long life shared with BOS and audience.
 - Happy birthday song was sung to a centenarian celebrating their birthday today and supervisors shared their thoughts and appreciation for all centenarians in Tulare County (21 total) being celebrated today.
 - A short break was taken for photos with guests
 - Present a Proclamation recognizing October as National Retirement Security Month in Tulare County.
 - The proclamation was presented by Supervisor Vander Poel.
 - Meant to increase financial literacy, future planning, and educate employees on available resources.

- A 2020 study shows that roughly 40% of retirees rely solely on social security benefits.

- Present a Proclamation recognizing October 9-15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week
 - This proclamation was presented by Vice Chair Townsend
 - The Fire Chief spoke briefly about their goals during prevention week, including education, enforcement, engineering.
 - Presentation by Fire Marshall shared with BOS on work accomplished and goals.
 - 500lbs in fireworks confiscated
 - Investigations: 15 arrests in the last 12 months, 2400 hours/year average spent on fire investigation
 - Public education, including work with youth/schools
 - Upcoming events: [Hometown Heroes](#), [Firetrucks and Food Trucks](#)

- BOS received a presentation by [Turning Point of the Central Valley](#) for the Year of the Youth Presentation Series.
 - Regional Director Irma Rangel, LCSW presents on children’s mental health programs on behalf of Turning Point of the CV.
 - Contracted provider with Tulare County, 3 clinic locations and community sites throughout county
 - Children 0-18 medi-cal eligible
 - Over 132 staff members
 - Provide assessments, support, crisis response, resources, therapy, outreach prevention, community partnerships within community and schools.
 - 3,913 youth served FY 20/21
 - Comments of appreciation from BOS, they’re thankful for the wonderful work Turning Point has been providing to the community

Public Comment

- Lupe Garza, human resources director, shared a reminder that October is breast cancer awareness month. Pink Tuesday will be on October 11th, to raise awareness for breast cancer and prevention.

Consent Calendar

All items on the consent calendar were approved

- Appoint Laura Denise Harris to the Community Representative Seat on the Tulare County Council on Child & Youth Development Committee for a term ending June 30, 2023.
- Appoint Rogelio Caudillo to the At-Large Member Seat on the Tulare County Water Commission for a term ending April 30, 2024.
- Appoint Carol Vaught to the Trustee Seat on the Tipton-Pixley Public Cemetery District for a term ending January 1, 2024.
- Appoint Nicolette Deming to the District 3 Seat on the Tulare County Parks Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2025.
- Approve an agreement with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to provide continuing funding for the Elder Abuse Advocacy Program, Subaward #XE22 05 0540, in an amount not to exceed \$217,444 with a \$54,362 county match for a total project cost of \$271,806, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Grant Subaward Face Sheet and the Subrecipient Grants Management Assessment form. Authorize the Chair of the Board and the County Administrative Officer to sign the Certification of Assurance of Compliance. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign the Federal Fund Grant Subaward Assurances. Authorize the District Attorney's Grant Subaward Director, Financial Officer, and their signature designees to sign the Signature Authorization form. Delegate the County Administrative Officer the authority to execute on behalf of the County of Tulare the Grant Subaward Face Sheet, including any extensions or amendments thereof.
 - Oral correction
- Adopt a resolution recognizing Tulare County Fire Department's level of compliance with California Health and Safety Code section 13146.2 and 13146.3 for Fiscal Year 2021/2022
- Approve bid documents for the Dinuba Library Remodel Project located at 150 South I Street, Dinuba. Authorize the advertisement of bids for the subject project. Set the bid opening for the project at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2022.
- Adopt a resolution declaring Harmon Field located at 1493 S. Airport Rd., Pixley, Assessor's Parcel No. 318-080-046, a 63.88-acre parcel, as surplus land pursuant to Government Code §54221. Authorize the General Services Agency personnel to mail notices of availability, pursuant to Government Code §54222, to public agencies and low to moderate income housing developers as an offer to negotiate a good faith lease of said surplus land for the purpose of

developing low to moderate income housing, for park recreational or open space purposes, or for school purposes.

- Authorize the submission of a grant application for funding from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response to remove bamboo and cattails from waterways at Kings River Park and Bartlett Park. Delegate authority to the General Services Agency Director or designee to represent the Governing Body on all matters regarding the application and project. Adopt the Categorical Exemption prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines Common Sense Rule (CEQA Guidelines 15061 (b)(3)) for the Kings River Park and Bartlett Park projects. Authorize the Environmental Assessment Officer, or designee, to sign and file the Notice of Exemption with the Clerk-Recorder.
- Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 30736 with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. on behalf of the Department of Health Care Services for the provisions of modifying the Business Associate Agreement and making changes to the Special Subcontract Requirements, retroactive from July 20, 2022 through June 30, 2025.
- Approve a subcontract agreement with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. for the California Department of Health Care Services Behavioral Health Mentored Internship Program to receive grant revenue to retain and recruit our behavioral health workforce, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, retroactive from April 1, 2022 through September 29, 2023.
- Approve an agreement with the County of Santa Cruz acting as the host entity of the Local Government Agency Consortium over County-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities and as the administrator to collect and disburse Local Government Agencies Consortium participation fees retroactive from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.
- Reaffirm the proclamation of a Local Emergency due to the Sequoia Complex Fire, Resolution No. 2020-0569. Reaffirm the declaration of a Local Health Emergency due to the Sequoia Complex Fire, Resolution No. 2020-0667. Reaffirm the proclamation of a Local Emergency due to the September Lightning Fires, Resolution No. 2021-0726. Reaffirm the declaration of a Local Health Emergency due to the September Lightning Fires, Resolution No. 2021-0861.
- Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Fresno Pacific University for the Clinical Affiliation Nursing Internship in Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Branch in the amount of zero dollars, retroactive from July 1, 2022 through April 30, 2027.

- Approve the spending plan recommendations received from the Joint Allocation Committee for the following funding sources: Families First Prevention Services Act, Families First Transition Act, Community Based Child Abuse Prevention American Rescue Plan Act Grant, and Child Welfare Services Funds for in an amount not to exceed \$5,824,897, for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 through Fiscal Year 2024/2025.
- Approve an agreement with Visalia Pharmacy, Inc. to provide prescription drugs at a discounted rate to patients of Tulare County Health Care Centers, effective October 4, 2022 through October 3, 2025. There is no cost associated with this agreement.
- Ratify and approve a grant application to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for an allocation of air filtration devices, in an amount not to exceed \$78,685, retroactive from May 31, 2022. Ratify the Director of Public Health's signature on the grant application. Ratify and approve the grant allocation of air filtration devices from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, in an amount not to exceed \$78,685 retroactive from May 31, 2022 through May 31, 2027.
- Ratify the submission of a grant application to Health Net, LLC. for the Incentive Payment Program to receive funding, in an amount not to exceed \$295,897, retroactive from May 17, 2022. Approve an agreement with Health Net, LLC. for improving the quality of life and health outcomes of the Medi-Cal managed care population, in an amount not to exceed \$295,897, retroactive from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.
- Approve and award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Don Berry Construction, Inc. of Kingsburg, California, for construction of the 2022 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 2, in an amount not to exceed \$5,997,700.30. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the contract after review and approval as to form by County Counsel and upon receipt of certificates of insurance, bonds and evidence that the contractor possesses a valid State Contractors License. Allow funds for contingencies, in an amount not to exceed \$312,385 to cover unexpected construction conditions. Authorize the Director of the Resource Management Agency, or designee, to approve contract change orders up to the amount of allowed funds for contingencies.

- Approve the reimbursement agreement with the City of Tulare for utility relocation and adjustments along Road 96 as part of the 2022 Road Repair and Accountability Act (RRAA) Project 2, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.
- Ratify the submission of a grant application to the California Department of Water Resources Small Community Drought Relief Program for the Avenue 266 Harrison Road water system consolidation project, in an amount not to exceed \$536,567, retroactive from September 15, 2022. Ratify and authorize the Director of the Resource Management Agency to sign the application. Approve the authorizing resolution.
- Authorize the trade in of Capital Assets, Equipment No's. 02522, a 1989 John Deere 770B Motor Grader; and 05801, a 2001 Caterpillar 416D Backhoe for \$48,000 to Pape Machinery to offset costs associated with the purchase of a John Deere 670G Motor Grader and a John Deere 310L Backhoe Loader.
- Ratify and approve the agreement with the United States Forest Service for patrol services on forest service land in the amount of \$33,000, and for services related to controlled substances in the amount of \$24,000, for a total of \$57,000, for Fiscal Year 2022/23, retroactive from August 30, 2022 through June 30, 2027. Ratify the Chair's signature on the agreement.
- Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 30685 with the Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District for an additional School Resource Officer, in an amount not to exceed \$282,107, retroactive from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Approve the necessary budget adjustments (4/5ths vote required).

Untimed Items

- Request from the Clerk of the Board to appoint a member and alternate member of the Board of Supervisors to serve as its representative on the [California State Association of Counties](#) (CSAC) Board of Directors for the 2022/2023 Association year.
 - Supervisor Sheklian will be the representative, with Vander Poel as the
 - Motioned my townsend, seconded by mca

Special Meeting

Appoint Carlos Sanchez to the director seat on the East Orosi community services district for a term ending december 1, 2023

Appoint the following to the Director Seats on the East Orosi Community Services District for terms ending December 5, 2025: Carmen Moreno and Katie Icho

- Public Comment
 - Hello my name is Bertha and I come from the community of east Oroshi, I have lived there for 23 years. I'm here on behalf of my neighbor Carlos Sanchez in support. Because it's time that there is change with the problems with our water and it's difficult to get help out to clean/care for septic tanks. For me it's important to have somewhere to pay my bills where we're treated with dignity. Currently there is someone bullying community members at the office where we pay the bills. Most importantly there are a lot of people in the community that need help, especially elders and disabled children, and most residents in east Oroshi are low income. And that's why we ask for your support so we can have change in our community as soon as possible.
 - My name is Miguel Orozco, I have about 30 years living in east Oroshi. I come to thank you for your support in electing Carlos Sanchez. And as my neighbor mentioned, the problems with the water and septic systems are an issue and we hope there is help coming soon. Thank you.
 - My name is Josefina, I live in Oroshi and have come to show my support for Carlos. I ask you with urgency if the county could help us pay two bills, water and sewer, in one place.
 - Brian Osorio, works with the [community water center](#), it's important we move this forward and consolidate. Thank you.
 - Over Zoom, Jhana with the community water center. This November 1st deadline is urgent. People are paying for water that's making them sick. Waste water system has been an issue. It eases a burden to allow residents to pay just one bill to Tulare County instead of multiple.

- Motion by Shuklian, second by Townsend.
- Approved

The meeting adjourned at 11:03PM to a closed session.

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