



## Measure B Citizens Review Panel

### Minutes

October 27, 2021

Zoom Meeting

**Members Present:** Jim Poptanich, Debbie Ikeda, Rhoda Howell-Gonzales, Tammie Wenter, Deborah Janzen, Kathy Burrows, and Judith Pruess.  
**Staff Present:** Raman Bath, and Karen Coletti.  
**Guests:** None.  
**Regrets:** Shelly Orth, April Henry, Jeannie Christiansen and Mary Leal.

- 1) **Call to Order:** Jim Poptanich called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- 2) **Introductions: None.**
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to Approve Agenda with no report on item 5) Pruess ; **Second:** Ikeda.
- 4) **Approval of July 21, 2021, Minutes.** Motion to Approve Minutes as is Pruess; **Second:** Ikeda.
- 5) **Coalinga Librarian – Mary Leal – No Report.**
- 6) **County Librarian – Raman Bath.**
  - Every year we gather for our Annual Library Meeting. It is a day for staff to receive training, reconnect with friends from other branches and awards are given for years of service as well as peer nominated awards. This event was canceled for the second year in a row due to Covid Pandemic. We had to switch gears quickly and we went ahead with a ceremony much like last year for the service awards and peer nominated awards. Our three-peer nominated were as follows, Rookie of the Year, Jennifer Iwo from Fig Garden, Bentley Award , Janet Rodriguez, from Central, and Circle of Excellence, Matt Clark one of our long-time drivers. Service awards of 20 + years were also given. Raman will send the link of the ceremony so CRP can watch.
  - We are working on a realignment plan for our library system. With all the changes that the Pandemic has brought things have changed, we found ourselves drifting away from our Mission Statement. The Admin Team had their first meeting and came up with three main goals. Our library should be an experience for everyone, and we need to be nimble and able to pivot. Admin will continue to work on this.
  - The Reedley Library is still closed, but we have had some follow up from a company called, Belfor Restoration. They worked on the Big Creek Library after the fire last year.
  - California State Library has provided a pilot program Tech to Go. It provides Chrome books and Hotspots to branches. This helps with rural areas getting services provided to them that are not always easily available. Each branch will receive from 1 to 5.

- There has been a Cluster Supervisor Switch within Central and Woodward Libraries.
- The National Endowment for the Arts is getting ready for the next Big Read. We have not picked a book yet. You can go to the website and chose the book that you would like to recommend. This is a program that the library supports with many activities surrounding the book that has been picked
  - Jim brought up the supply chain issue and Fig Garden, Raman thought this might not be as bad as it seems. We do not have a timeline for the furniture from CORE yet.
  - Tammie inquired about Lois Sloan, who retired from Caruthers. Raman attended the presentation at the Board of Supervisors along with Mark Berner. It was on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**7) Budget – Jeannie Christiansen (Recap below from handout provided)  
Fresno Countywide Financials (given by Raman Bath)**

- Current Year Operational Budget: \$32.979 million Estimated Fund Balance Reserve increase by \$4.5 million due to sales tax increase. See Monthly tax proceeds report.
- Prior Year Financials TY 2020-2021, pending County Auditors’ Office finalizing the financials. We anticipate reports being issued in early 2022. Feel Free to visit under Auditor-Controller/Treasurer to view year-ed financial statements for the County of Fresno by fiscal year and County budget.
- Fund Balance (Measure B Savings) -planning and strategies continue for below.
  - Estimated Fund Balance 6-30-2021 (pending ACFR release).  
\$56,098,000
  - Clovis Library Total Project \$16,660,000.
  - Reedley Library Total Project \$8,593,000
  - Estimated Future 3-year Fund increases \$10,500,000
  - Fund Balance after above commitments Estimate \$37,355,100.  
(This includes net after Clovis and Reedley Projects)

**Projects Overview**

<b>Construction Timeline</b>	
Clovis	2022
Firebaugh/West Hills Co-Located Library	2022
Reedley	2022
Highway City 99-year land lease with the option to build to suit 5,000 sq. ft.	TBD

**Measure B Revenues-Fresno & Coalinga – Monthly Tax Proceeds**

- Measure B expires March 2029.
- Covid-19 pandemic Impact: Measure B sales tax revenue increased in FY 20-21 by about \$4 million for Fresno and about \$54,000 for Coalinga due in part to a shift in spending during the pandemic. From services to goods, which are more likely to have sales tax levied on them than services.

(There is a three-page report that was enclosed with packets. Listed below are key points).

- Reports attached reflect current and history figures for Fresno, Coalinga, and combined Sales Tax Proceeds.
  - a. FY 21-22 Fresno \$1,999,542
  - b. FY 21-22 Coalinga-Huron \$49,041
- Fresno:
  - a. Prior Year Collected: \$23,059,913 in Measure B sales tax revenue collected in FY 20-21, which is \$4,009,037 more than in FY 19-20, a 21% increase.
- Coalinga:
  - a. Prior Year Collected: \$565,566 in Measure B sales tax revenue collected in FY 20-21, which is \$53,921 more than in FY 19-20, a 10.5% increase.
- Combined Measure B Collected: Actual receipts since FY 2011-12:
  - a. Since FY 2011-12 (ten years, one month), the combined receipts are \$177.9 million.
  - b. Since 1998, the combined receipts are \$326.6 million.
- Governor's Budget Upcoming Year.
  - i. FY 21-22 California State Budget indicates sales tax revenue forecasted growth of 3.8% from FY 20-21.
  - ii. Estimated Measure B revenue in FY 21-22 is \$22 million.
- Jim requested any questions on budget be emailed to Jeannie.

**8) Planning for next meeting.**

January 26<sup>th</sup>, at Fig Garden if available with Woodward as second choice. Zoom if needed.

**9) The roster is up to date.**

**10) Karen has sent in all the paperwork to the Clerk to the Board on Steve Rapada. Everyone is good with attendance.**

**11) Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn at 6:39PM Burrows; Second: Janzen.**