A. CALL TO ORDER
   1. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chris Wymer

B. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS
   1. Roll call was conducted.
      i. PRESENT
         1. Yvonne Galvan (Coalinga-Huron), Tiffany Polfer (Fresno), Kristie Pratt (Kern), Brian Martin (Kings), Matt Johnson (Mariposa County), Sarah McIntyre (Madera), Anthony Arellano (Porterville), Faythe Arredondo (Tulare County), Heidi Clark (Tulare City), Chris Wymer (Chair)
      ii. EXCUSED
          1. Smruti Deshpande (Merced), Mike Drake (SJVLS)
      iii. OTHERS PRESENT
           1. Kevin Nelson (SJVLS), Aaron Lusk (SJVLS), Logic Vang (SJVLS), Mark Lewis (Kern)

C. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
   1. Clark motioned to adopt the agenda with a correction to the spelling of Palace.
      i. Arellano seconded the motion.
      ii. The motion passed.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT
   1. There were no comments from the public.

E. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
   1. Arellano motioned to adopt the minutes as distributed.
      i. Johnson seconded the motion.
      ii. The motion passed.

F. PROJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION
   1. Certification of the Need to Continue Virtual Meetings – Wymer
      i. The committee discussed current conditions in their local jurisdictions and the need to continue meeting virtually. Committee members reported seeing increases in cases, including library staff. As a result, the
committee felt that continuing to meet virtually was in the committee’s best interests.

1. Arellano motioned to continue virtual meetings.
2. Clark seconded.
3. The motion passed.

2. Palace Project Update – Wymer
   i. Wymer provided an update on the status of the Palace Project. Back at the beginning of November, Lyrasis staff reached out to set up a connection to web services to process patron logins. Wymer gave Lyrasis the details they needed and contacted SirsiDynix to get a client ID created for Palace. He still hasn’t heard back from SirsiDynix regarding cost or getting one created. The State Library has funding available to pay for any initial set up costs associated with the client ID, but those funds need to be encumbered before December 19. In the event a quote cannot be obtained in time, SJVLS has sufficient funding available in the budget to pay for the connection costs, but Wymer would like to have the costs covered, if possible.
   ii. Wymer also informed the committee that he submitted a grant application for the eBooks For All funding opportunity through the State Library. If awarded, SJVLS would receive $50,000 in grant funds to purchase titles for the Palace Project collection. The $50,000 would be matched with $10,000 from SJVLS’s online materials budget to fulfill the match requirement.
   iii. Pratt asked if patrons that sign up for OverDrive instant cards would be able to access Kern’s eContent through Palace. Wymer replied that he believes patrons would be able to access the statewide collection through the geolocated login, but they would not be able to access Kern-specific content, such as CloudLibrary or OverDrive, because the patron accounts do not exist within Horizon.

G. STAFF REPORTS
   1. Senior Systems Network Engineer
      i. Nelson didn’t have anything to report.
   2. System Administrator
      i. Wymer informed the committee that he’s been trying to catch up after being out on leave. He’s been working on the eBooks for All and PLSEP grant applications, and scheduling JSA training for Tulare Public’s new JSA.

H. CALENDAR ITEMS
   1. Date and location for next Automation Committee Meeting
      i. January 11, 2023, at 10:00 am via Teams.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   1. Pratt shared that all Kern County branches will be closed for winter holiday beginning 12/23. All Kern County branches will re-open at their normal hours on January 3, 2023.
2. Arredondo informed the committee that as of this morning the Dinuba branch is no longer filling holds with their items, because they’re preparing to pack up the collection so the branch can be re-modeled.

3. Polfer informed the committee that the Fig Garden branch is finally getting their furniture. They’re preparing for a soft re-opening once furniture arrives and is installed. The branch has been closed since 2020, so both staff and patrons are excited for the re-opening.

J. ADJOURNMENT

1. There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.