

County of Monterey

*Government Center - Board Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors

*Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez - District 3
Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew - District 4
Supervisor Kate Daniels- District 5
Supervisor Luis A. Alejo - District 1
Supervisor Glenn Church - District 2*

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Kate Daniels and Supervisor Glenn Church were present

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board were present.

Additions and Corrections for Closed Session by County Counsel

There were no additions and corrections for Closed Session.

Closed Session

1. Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:
 - a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding four matters of significant exposure to litigation.
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of potential initiation of litigation.
 - c. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:
 - (1) *Hernandez, Jesse, et al. v. County of Monterey, et al.* (United States District Court for the Northern District, Case No. 5:13CV02354-BLF)
 - d. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, the Board will provide direction to negotiators:
 - (1) Designated representatives: Andreas Pyper, Kim Moore and Ariana HurtadoEmployee Organization(s): All Units

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items**10:30 A.M. - Reconvened on Public Agenda Items****Roll Called**

Present: 5 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Kate Daniels and Supervisor Glenn Church were present

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board were present.

Announcement of Interpreter

Diego Celis, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

Due to the need for immediate consideration by the Board of matters which arose after the posting of today's agenda, as provided in Section 54954.2 of the California Government Code the Board is asked to make the following addition and correction:

Revision to Item No. 12 under Appointments

Due to inadvertence the term should be revised to September 16, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

Ceremonial Resolutions

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to approve Item Numbers 2 through 11.

ALL AYES

- 2. Adopt a resolution recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Juan Bautista de Anza colonizing expedition of 1775-1776 and the collaborative Auto Tour signage replacement project between the National Park Service and the County of Monterey. (Supervisor Lopez)**

Adopted Resolution No. 25-263

- 3. Adopt a resolution honoring the Alas Program of Ventures' Familias con Más for its work to build financial resiliency for families in the community of Pajaro in the aftermath of the 2023 flooding. (Supervisor Church)**

Adopted Resolution No. 25-353

- 4. Adopt a resolution recognizing the Read to Me Project and Proclaiming September as Literacy Leadership Month in Monterey County. (Supervisor Alejo)**

Adopted Resolution No. 25-350

5. Adopt a resolution commending Blackthorne Spas on its 50th Anniversary and recognizing its legacy of service, wellness, and community commitment. (Supervisor Root Askew)

Adopted Resolution No. 25-354

6. Adopt a resolution honoring Commander Everett Alvarez Junior, United States Navy, Retired, Naval Aviator and Hometown Hero, for his extraordinary service to the United States and in recognition of his legacy during the 250th Anniversary of the United States Navy and Marine Corps. (Supervisor Alejo)

Adopted Resolution No. 25-348

7. Adopt a resolution honoring County Employees Providing Daily Superstar-Quality Customer Service. (Supervisor Lopez)

Adopted Resolution No. 25-347

8. Adopt a resolution recognizing Jonathan De Anda as the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce 2025 Legacy of Leadership Young Professional of the Year Honoree. (Supervisor Lopez)

Adopted Resolution No. 25-358

9. Adopt a resolution recognizing Leon E. Panetta as the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce 2025 Legacy of Leadership Legacy Award Honoree. (Supervisor Lopez)

Adopted Resolution No. 25-357

10. Adopt a resolution recognizing Sergeant Gerardo “Gerry” Magaña as the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce 2025 Legacy of Leadership Public Servant of the Year Honoree. (Supervisor Lopez)

Adopted Resolution No. 25-356

11. Adopt a resolution recognizing Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley, Inc. as the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce 2025 Legacy of Leadership Nonprofit of the Year Honoree. (Supervisor Lopez)

Adopted Resolution No. 25-355**Appointments**

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo seconded by Supervisor Glenn Church to correct the term on Item No. 12

ALL AYES

12. Correct the term expiration for Estella Padilla to the Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights Advisory Commission from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2027. (Nominated by Olivia Martinez, Region 2 Director Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 521)

Approved - Term revised to September 16, 2025 through December 31, 2027 via additions and corrections.

Special Presentation

13. Life on Art: Healing Art Program

Tracy Ferron from Life on Art: Healing Art Program provided a presentation on Life on Art: Healing Art Program via video and PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; woman (no name provided) with the assistance from Diego Celis, Spanish Interpreter, Katherine (no last name provided) and Eva (no last name provided) commented.

Upon consensus the Board:

Received special presentation on Life on Art: Healing Art Program

Approval of Consent Calendar – (See Supplemental Sheet)

14. See Supplemental Sheet

Open for public comments; no comments made.

Supervisor Wendy Root Askew commented on Item No. 34.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to approve Consent Item Numbers 23 through 36.

ALL AYES

General Public Comments

15. General Public Comments

Open for general public comments for items not on the agenda today; phone number ending in 705, phone number ending in 902, Steve K., Amar Diegas, Christian Thornley, Michelle Clary, Eloise Shim, Katherine (no last name provided) and woman (no name provided) with the assistance of Diego Celis, Spanish Interpreter commented.

Referral Responses

16. Receive a preliminary response to ***Board Referral Number 2025.09*** (Lopez) regarding partnering with the National Park Service to facilitate the replacement of 14 official national historic trail Auto Tour signs on roads along the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail.

Randy Ishii, Director of Public Works, Parks and Facilities presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; phone number ending in 902 commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to:

- a. Receive a preliminary analysis report in response to Board Referral No. 2025.09 (Lopez) regarding partnering with the National Park Service to facilitate the replacement of 14 official national historic trail Auto Tour signs on roads along the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail and:
- b. Directed staff to proceed with completion of its response to the referral based on the proposed project description in this report.

ALL AYES

12:00 P.M. - Recessed to Lunch back into Closed Session at 12:20 p.m.

1:30 P.M. - Reconvened

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Kate Daniels and Supervisor Glenn Church were present

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board were present.

Announcement of Interpreter

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Scheduled Matters

17. Receive an update from the County Departments of Social Services, Health, and Natividad on State and Federal policy and budget changes and potential impacts to County of Monterey services.

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Roderick Franks, Director of Social Services, Elsa Jimenez, Director of Health Services and Dr. Chad Harris, CEO of Natividad presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; woman no name provided commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Glenn Church to: Receive an update from the County Departments of Social Services, Health, and Natividad on State and Federal policy and budget changes and potential impacts to County of Monterey services; allocate \$250,000 towards community outreach with local partners on education on this matter via Social Media, Radio, Television, etc.; and directed staff to return to the Board on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, for further action.

ALL AYES

Other Board Matters**Referral Matrix and New Referrals****18. Referral Matrix and New Referrals**

There were no new referrals for this week's agenda.

Referral Responses**19. Receive a preliminary analysis report in response to *Board Referral No. 2025.07 (Alejo)* seeking support and financial contribution to The Alisal Arch of East Salinas.**

Lindsey Lerable, Assistant Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

Upon consensus the Board:

Received a preliminary analysis report in response to Board Referral No. 2025.07 (Alejo) seeking support and financial contribution to The Alisal Arch of East Salinas; and
Directed staff to continue to review funding options and return to the Board, at a later time, for further consideration.

20. Consider a preliminary analysis report in response to **Board Referral No. 2025.10 seeking to enact a Spay and Neuter Ordinance for cats and dogs to address pet overpopulation, euthanasia rates, and overcrowded shelters with minimal staffing.**

Cindy Burnham, Management Specialist from the Health Department verbally presented.

Open for public comments; Eli (no last name provided), Matt (no last name provided), Lucy A., Alex Shelgon , woman no name provided and Tina Nieto commented.

Upon consensus the Board:

- a. Received a preliminary analysis report in response to Board Referral No. 2025.10 (Alejo) seeking to enact a Spay and Neuter Ordinance for cats and dogs to address pet overpopulation, euthanasia rates, and overcrowded shelters with minimal staffing; and
- b. Provided direction on a preferred referral processing option to:
- iii. Return to Board with a proposed ordinance and anticipated effort for completion

County Administrative Officer Comments**21. County Administrative Officer Comments**

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer's comments can be heard by clicking this link:

https://monterey.granicus.com/player/clip/5917?meta_id=931311

Board Comments

22. Board Comments

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https://monterey.granicus.com/player/clip/5917?meta_id=931314

Read Out from Closed Session by County Counsel

The Board returned to closed session and will adjourn from closed session; therefore, there will be no reportable action recited.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. by the Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED ON: October 28, 2025

Supplemental Sheet, Consent Calendar**Natividad Medical Center**

- 23.** a. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or his designee to execute an agreement with The Power Plant LLC, pursuant to the Request for Proposals (RFP) #9600-97 for coffee vendor services at NMC, with an initial agreement term beginning October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028, with the option to extend the agreement for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, at no cost to the County.
- b. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or his designee to execute up to two (2) future amendments to the agreement to exercise the one-year extension options, which, if fully exercised, would extend the agreement through September 30, 2030, as long as there is no cost and no significant changes to the agreement, and subject to County Counsel review.

Approved

- 24.** Authorize the Chief Executive Officer for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or his designee to execute amendment No. 6 to the agreement (A-13971) with Spin Recruitment Services pursuant to RFP #9600-78 for advertising recruitment services, extending the agreement an additional one (1) year period (January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026) for a revised full agreement term of July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2026, and adding \$200,000 for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.

Approved**Health Department**

- 25.** Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to sign Amendment No. 4 to Agreement A-14007 between County of Monterey Health Department, Clinic Services Bureau (Clinic Services) and Stericycle, Inc., to increase the contract amount by \$40,000 for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$233,200 for hazardous medical waste retrieval and disposal services.

Approved

- 26.** a. Ratify the execution by the Director of Health Services of a non-standard Agreement with Internet Collaborative Information Management Systems, “iCIMS” for the provision of automated online employment reference checks in the amount of \$52,186 for a term of September 18, 2025 through September 17, 2028;
- b. Approve the recommendation of the Director of Health Services to accept all non-standard provisions in Agreement; and
- c. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute up to three future amendments to this Agreement where the amendments do not exceed 10% (\$5,219) of the original Agreement amount, do not significantly change the scope of work, and the total Agreement amount does not exceed the maximum of \$57,405.

Approved

27. Accept and approve the Emergency Medical Care Committee's Annual Report for 2024.

Approved**Department of Social Services**

28. a. Approve and authorize the Director or designee of the Department of Social Services to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement #A-16211 with One Workplace to purchase furniture and installation for the Department of Social Services by adding \$2,500,000 for a new revised contract total of \$4,500,000 with no change to the contract term of April 19, 2023 through June 30, 2028; and
b. Authorize the Director or designee of the Department of Social Services to sign up to three amendments to this Agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% (\$450,000) of the amended contract amount, do not significantly change the scope of work, and do not exceed the maximum aggregate amount of \$4,950,000.

Approved

29. a. Approve and authorize the Director or designee of the Department of Social Services to sign an agreement with the County of Santa Cruz Human Services Department allowing them to use County of Monterey Cherish Receiving Center for the temporary placement of children removed from their homes, where the County of Santa Cruz will reimburse County of Monterey for the placements in an amount not to exceed \$168,510 for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028; and
b. Authorize the Director or designee of the Department of Social Services to sign up to three amendments to this Agreement that do not encompass payment by Monterey County or significantly change the scope of work.

Approved**General Government**

30. Receive the action minutes from the May 12 and August 14, 2025, Legislative Committee meetings.

Approved

31. Receive the Action Minutes of the Budget Committee for the 1st and 2nd Quarters of 2025 for the meetings held on January 29, March 17, April 30, and May 21, 2025.

Approved

32. a. Approve and authorize the Treasurer-Tax Collector Revenue Division's Application for Discharge

from Accountability for the collection of approximately \$3 million in delinquent court-ordered criminal and traffic fines, fees, penalties, and assessments deemed uncollectible due to age of debt and lack of value where the cost of recovery exceeds the cost of collection efforts, per Government Code Section 25257; and

b. Authorize the Treasurer-Tax Collector or her designee to take all necessary and appropriate action to discharge the accountability of delinquent court-ordered accounts pursuant to Government Code Section 25259.

Approved

- 33.** Adopt a resolution to authorize the Auditor-Controller to amend the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget by increasing appropriations by \$1,450,000 in the Sheriff's Office budget (001-2300-8242-SHE001, Program Code: AXONBWC) financed by a release of Measure AA assignment to fund the use of Axon body-cameras in the unincorporated areas of the county. (4/5th vote)

Adopted

Housing and Community Development

- 34.** Approve an Assignment and Assumption Agreement for the Mixed-Use Town Center Development with Phase Three Affordable Rental Housing at East Garrison.

Proposed California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) action: Find the action statutorily exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(c).

Approved

Public Works, Facilities and Parks

- 35.**
- a. Award Traffic Striping and Signing Job Order Contracts for a term of 1 year from the date signed by County with a minimum contract value of \$25,000 and a maximum contract value of \$2,000,000 to the following bidders: TSS 2025-01 Cato's General Engineering, Inc. dba Cato's Paving and TSS 2025-02 Chrisp Company;
 - b. Award Roads & Bridges Job Order Contracts for a term of 1 year from date signed by County with a minimum contract value of \$25,000 and maximum contract value of \$6,210,093 to the following bidders: R&B 2025-01 Cato's General Engineering, Inc. dba Cato's Paving; R&B 2025-02 The Don Chapin Company, Inc.; R&B 2025-03 A. Teichert & Son, Inc. dba Teichert Construction; R&B 2025-04 Granite Rock Company; R&B 2025-05 Granite Construction Company; and R&B 2025-06 Newton Construction & Management, Inc.;
 - c. Award Emergency Response Work Job Order Contracts for a term of 1 year from the date signed by County with a minimum contract value of \$25,000 and maximum contract value of \$6,210,093 to the following bidders: ERW 2025-01 Granite Construction Company; ERW 2025-02 Granite Rock Company; and ERW 2025-03 A. Teichert & Son, Inc. dba Teichert Construction;
 - d. Award Facilities Large Capacity Job Order Contracts for a term of 1 year from the date signed by County with a minimum contract value of \$25,000 and maximum contract value of \$6,210,093 to the following bidders: FAC-L 2025-01 Quincon, Inc; FAC-L 2025-02 Staples Construction Company Inc.; FAC-L 2025-03 R.F. Koerber, Inc.; and FAC-L 2025-04 Newton Construction &

Management, Inc. FAC-L 2025-05 Angeles Contractor, Inc.;

e. Award Facilities Small Capacity Job Order Contracts for a term of 1 year from the date signed by the County with a minimum contract value of \$25,000 and a maximum contract value of \$3,000,000 to the following bidders: FAC-S 2025-01 Quincon, Inc.; FAC-S 2025-02 R.F. Koerber, Inc.; and FAC-S 2025-03 Newton Construction & Management, Inc.;

f. Approve the Performance and Payment Bonds for Traffic Striping and Signing Job Order Contracts in the amount of \$2,000,000 each by Cato's General Engineering, Inc. and Cato's Paving and Chrisp Company;

g. Approve the Performance and Payment Bonds for Roads & Bridges Job Order Contracts in the amount of \$6,210,093 each by Cato's General Engineering, Inc. dba Cato's Paving; The Don Chapin Company, Inc.; A. Teichert & Son, Inc. dba Teichert Construction; Granite Rock Company; Granite Construction Company; and Newton Construction & Management, Inc.;

h. Approve the Performance and Payment Bonds for Emergency Response Work Job Order Contracts in the amount of \$6,210,093 each by Granite Construction Company; Granite Rock Company; and A. Teichert & Son, Inc. dba Teichert Construction; and

i. Approve the Performance and Payment Bonds for Facilities Large Capacity Job Order Contracts in the amount of \$3,105,047 each by Quincon, Inc.; Staples Construction Company, Inc.; R.F. Koeber, Inc.; Newton Construction & Management, Inc.; and Angles Contractor, Inc.;

j. Approve the Performance and Payment Bonds for Facilities Small Capacity Job Order Contracts in the amount of \$1,000,000 each by Quincon, Inc.; R.F. Koeber, Inc.; and Newton Construction & Management, Inc.;

k. Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP) or the assigned designee to execute the Traffic Striping and Signing, Roads & Bridges, Emergency Response Work, Facilities Large Capacity, and Facilities Small Capacity Job Order Contracts;

l. Ratify the Director of PWFP determination that the bid packages from Newton Construction & Management, Inc. and Quincon, Inc. were responsive upon receipt of supporting bid documents which were confirmed to be non-material administrative corrections; and

m. Authorize the Director of PWFP or the assigned designee to approve future increases to Facilities Large Capacity and Facilities Small Capacity Job Order Contract Performance and Payment Bonds up to the maximum contract value for the following bidders: Quincon, Inc.; Staples Construction Company, Inc.; R.F. Koeber, Inc.; Newton Construction & Management, Inc.; and Angles Contractor, Inc. in consultation with the Office of the County Counsel.

Approved

- 36.** a. Approve and authorize the Contracts and Purchasing Officer or designee to execute a non-Standard Agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc., for the purchase of Park Ranger equipment and training, effective October 6, 2025 through September 30, 2035, for an amount not to exceed \$130,000; and,
- b. Approve and authorize the Contracts and Purchasing Officer or designee to execute up to three future amendments to the Agreement where the total of the amendments does not exceed 10% (\$13,000) of the Agreement amount and does not significantly change the scope of work, subject to County Counsel approval, for an aggregate not to exceed maximum of \$143,000.

Approved

Please refer to the Board Orders for the approved and adopted Agreement, Resolution and Ordinance numbers.