

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

9:00 AM

Budget Hearings

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 Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and Supervisor Kate Daniels present

Staff Present

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

Announcement of Interpreter

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo.

General Public Comments

Open for general public comments for items not on the agenda today; Peter Barrage commented.

Budget Public Hearings**Scheduled Matters**

1. Adopt a Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Gann Appropriation Limits pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

Siomara Barajas, Chief Deputy Auditor- Controller verbally presented.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Kate Daniels to:
Adopt a resolution for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Gann Appropriation Limits pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

ALL AYES

2. Receive a presentation from the Human Resources Department on Assembly Bill No. 2561 - Local Public Employees: Vacant Positions.

Andres Pyper, Director of Human Resources presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Olivia Martinez, SEIU 521 Regional Director verbally presented.

Steve Somers, Deputy District Attorney, Monterey County Prosecutors Association verbally presented.

Jon Anthony, President of Parks Union verbally presented along with Tyler Decker, Park Ranger III.

Open for public comments; Ara Azhderian commented.

Upon the Consensus the Board:

Received a presentation from the Human Resources Department on Assembly Bill No. 2561 - Local Public Employees: Vacant Positions.

Open the public hearing to consider the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget

3. County Administrative Officer's comments on the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget.

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer made opening remarks.

4. County Administrative Office presentation of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget.

Deborah Paolinelli, Assistant County Administrative Officer presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Department Presentations

5. Departmental Budget Public Hearings Schedule (attached order of Departmental Budget Presentations).

Public Assistance

6. **Social Services...pg. 575**

501001 CalWORKS/TANF (SOC100)
501002 IHSS Wages/Benefits (SOC100)
501003 Out of Home Care (SOC100)
501004 General Assistance (SOC101)
501005 Military & Veterans Services (SOC102)
501006 Community Programs (SOC103)
501007 Social Services (SOC104)
501008 Community Action Partnership (SOC105)
501009 IHSS Public Authority (SOC106)
501010 Area Agency on Aging (SOC107)
501013 Protective Services - 2011 Realignment (SOC108)
501014 Social Services - 1991 Realignment (SOC109)

Roderick Franks, Director of Social Services and Adam Errahcbi, Acting Military & Veteran Affairs Officer, presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Finance and Administration

8. Elections...pg. 339

141001 Elections (ELE100)

Elections called out of order and before the District Attorney's presentation.

Gina Martinez, Registrar of Voters presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Public Safety/Criminal Justice

7. District Attorney...pg. 373

224001 Civil (DIS100)

224002 Criminal (DIS100)

224003 King City (DIS100)

224004 Criminal - 2011 Realignment (AB118) (DIS101)

Jeannine Pacioni, District Attorney and Berkley Brannon, Chief Assistant District Attorney presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Finance and Administration

9. Human Resources Departmental...pg. 233

106001 Employee & Labor Relations (HRD100)

106002 Employment Services (HRD100)

106004 Employee Benefits (HRD100)

106005 Human Resources Administration (HRD100)

106006 Human Resources Information Systems (HRD100)

Andreas Pyper, Director of Human Resources presented via PowerPoint presentation.

10. Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder...pg. 295

118001 Assessor (ACR100)

118002 Clerk-Recorder (ACR101)

118003 Recorder's Modernization (ACR102)

118004 Recorder's Micrographics (ACR103)

118005 Recorder's Vital and Health Stats (ACR104)

118006 Clerk Vital and Health Stats (ACR105)

118007 Electronic Recording Delivery System (ACR106)

Marina Camacho, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder presented via PowerPoint presentation.

11. Civil Rights Office...pg. 257

108001 Civil Rights Office (CRO100)

Juan Rodriguez, Civil Rights Officer and Nadia Velarde, Senior Equal Opportunity Analyst presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Public Safety/Criminal Justice

12. Department of Emergency Management...pg. 179

- 104001 Emergency Management (DEM100)
- 104002 Emergency Operations Center (DEM100)
- 104003 Homeland Security Grant (DEM101)

Kelsey Scanlon, Director of Emergency Management presented PowerPoint presentation

13. Sheriff-Coroner...pg. 401

- 230001 Administration and Indirect Costs (SHE100)
- 230002 Documentary Services - Civil (SHE100)
- 230003 Professional Standards (SHE100)
- 230004 Documentary Services - Records and Warrants (SHE100)
- 230005 Enforcement Operations and Administration - Patrol (SHE100)
- 230006 Investigation (SHE100)
- 230008 Community Engagement and Special Enforcement (SHE100)
- 230009 Coroner (SHE100)
- 230010 Court Services (SHE101)
- 230011 Transportation (SHE101)
- 230012 Jail Operations and Administration (SHE101)
- 230013 Jail Programs (SHE101)
- 230014 Jail Health Services (SHE101)
- 230020 Court Services - 2011 Realignment (AB118) (SHE102)
- 230021 Jail Operations and Administration - 2011 Realignment (AB118) (SHE102)
- 230022 Enforcement - Patrol - 2011 Realignment (AB118) (SHE102)

Sheriff Tina Nieto and Keith Boyd, Undersheriff presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

Additions and Corrections were called after the lunch break by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

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:

Under Adjournment:

To adjourn in Memory of Odie Monterey County District Attorney's Office Courthouse Facility Canine

Recessed to Lunch at 12:11 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:06 p.m.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez,

Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and Supervisor Kate Daniels present

Staff Present

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Announcement of Interpreter

Diego Celis, Spanish Interpreter present.

Health and Human Services

14. Health...pg. 525

- 400001 Health Department Administration (HEA100)
- 400002 Office of Equity (HEA100)
- 400003 Animal Services JPA (HEA101)
- 400004 Whole Person Care (HEA102)
- 400005 Behavioral Health (HEA103)
- 400006 Behavioral Health - 2011 Realignment (HEA104)
- 400007 Behavioral Health - 1991 Realignment (HEA105)
- 400008 Clinic Services Administration (HEA106)
- 400009 FQHC Clinics (HEA106)
- 400011 Consumer Health Protection (HEA107)
- 400012 Recycling and Resource Recovery (HEA107)
- 400013 Land Use (HEA107)
- 400014 Hazardous Materials & Solid Waste Management (HEA107)
- 400015 Environmental Health Fiscal and Administration (HEA107)
- 4000016 Drinking Water Protection Service (HEA107)
- 400017 Housing Services (HEA107)
- 400018 Animal Services (HEA108)
- 400019 Emergency Medical Services Operating (HEA109)
- 400021 Ambulance Service (HEA110)
- 400022 Uncompensated Care (HEA111)
- 400023 Conservator (HEA112)
- 400026 Public Health (HEA113)
- 400027 Community Health Regional Teams (HEA113)
- 400028 Children's Medical Services (HEA114)
- 400029 Health - 1991 Realignment (HEA115)

Elsa Jimenez, Director of Health from the Health Department presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Land Use and Environment

15. Housing and Community Development...pg. 465

- 310001 Housing and Community Development Administration (HCD100)
- 310002 Community Development (HCD101)
- 310003 East Garrison Developer Reimbursements (HCD102)
- 310004 Fort Ord Habitat Management (HCD103)
- 310005 Inclusionary Housing (HCD104)
- 310006 Community Development Reuse (HCD105)
- 310007 Community Development Grant (HCD106)
- 310008 Castroville/Pajaro Housing Set-Aside ((HCD107)

Craig Spencer, Interim Director of Housing and Community Development verbally presented.

16. Public Works, Facilities and Parks and Capital Improvement Program...pg. 483

- 320001 Public Works, Facilities and Parks Administration (PFP100)
- 320002 Facility Services (PFP101)
- 320003 Utilities (PFP102)
- 320004 Records Retention (PFP103)
- 320005 Courier and Mail Services (PFP104)
- 320007 Fleet Administration (PFP105)
- 320008 Capital Projects (PFP106)
- 320009 Vehicle Replacement (PFP107)
- 320010 Parks Operations (PFP108)
- 320011 Rifle Range (PFP109)
- 320012 Fish & Game Propagation (PFP110)
- 320013 Nacimiento Resort/Recreation (PFP111)
- 320014 Laguna Seca (PFP112)
- 320015 Roads & Bridges (PFP113)
- 320016 Litter Control (PFP114)
- 320017 County Disposal Sites (PFP115)
- 320018 Special Districts Administration (PFP116)
- 320019 East Garrison Public Financing Authority (PFP117)
- 320020 East Garrison Community Services District (PFP118)
- 320021-320060 Community Service Areas Funds 1401-1443 (PFP119 - PFP158)
- 320062-320065 Community Service Districts Funds 1521-1525 (PFP160-PFP163)
- 320061, 320066, & 320067 CSA/CSD Debt Service Funds 1820, 1825 & 1830 (PFP159, PFP164 & PFP165)
- 320068 Stormwater/Floodplain Management (PFP166)

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

Public Comments for Recommended Budget and Department Budget Public Hearings

Open for public comments; Brian Hoskins, Sara Jackson, Rick Aldinger, Kristin Coates, Erik Uppman, Micah Beardsall, Bryan Flores, Peter Austin yielded his time to Sara Jackson, Steven Wales, Paul Farmer, Danny Bernstein, Gary Cursio, Bryan Flores, Jackie Atkinson, Jeanine Chicara, gentleman no name provided, Bhavik Patel, Jon Anthony, Bina Patel, Eloise Shim, Lisa Sears, Shane Oser, David Prina, Laura (L.J. no last name provided), Monica Lal, Jackie Cruz and

Nathan Merkle commented.

Departments Not Presented

The Board went over those departments needs that did not present.

Finance and Administration (General Government)

17. Board of Supervisors...pg. 173

- 100001 District 1 (BOS100)
- 100002 District 2 (BOS100)
- 100003 District 3 (BOS100)
- 100004 District 4 (BOS100)
- 100005 District 5 (BOS100)
- 100006 District 0 (BOS100)

Not presented.

18. County Administrative Office...pg. 189

- 105001 Administration & Finance (CAO100)
- 105002 Budget & Analysis (CAO100)
- 105003 Contracts and Purchasing (CAO101)
- 105004 Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs (CAO102)
- 105005 Sustainability (CAO102)
- 105006 Communications (CAO102)
- 105007 Cannabis (CAO103)
- 105008 Homelessness Strategies and Initiatives (CAO104)
- 105010 Economic Development Administration (CAO106)
- 105028 Workforce Development Board (CAO122)

Not presented.

The Board allotted some funding to this area, as stated for the record, and can be heard by clicking the following link:

<https://monterey.granicus.com/player/clip/5767>

19. CAO Non-Departmental...pg. 213

- 105011 Contingencies (CAO107)
- 105012 County Memberships (CAO108)
- 105013 Medical Care Services (CAO109)
- 105014 Other Financing Uses (CAO110)
- 105015 Other General Expenditures (CAO111)
- 105016 Auxiliary Services (CAO112)
- 105017 Pension Unfunded Liability (CAO113)
- 105018 Contributions - Proposition 172 (CAO114)
- 105019 Contributions-Other Agencies (CAO114)

- 105021 Trial Courts (CAO115)
- 105022 Non-Program Revenue (CAO116)
- 105023 Enterprise Resource Planning (CAO117)
- 105024 Building Improvement and Replacement (CAO118)
- 105025 Equipment Replacement (CAO119)
- 105026 Development Set-Aside (CAO120)
- 105027 Revolving Loan Program (CAO121)

Not presented.

20. Human Resources Non-Departmental...pg. 247

- 106010 Dental (HRD101)
- 106011 Disability (HRD102)
- 106012 Employee Assistance Program (HRD103)
- 106014 Other Post-Employment Benefits (HRD105)
- 106015 Unemployment (HRD106)
- 106016 Vision (HRD107)
- 106017 Misc. Benefits (HRD108)

Not presented.

21. Auditor-Controller Departmental...pg. 263

- 111001 Auditor-Controller Administration (AUD100)
- 111003 Disbursements (AUD100)
- 111004 Systems Management (AUD100)
- 111005 General Accounting (AUD100)
- 111006 Internal Audit (AUD100)

Not presented.

22. Auditor-Controller Non-Departmental...pg. 279

- 111010 Annual County Audit (AUD101)
- 111020 Public Improvement Corporation Debt Service (AUD102)

Not presented.

23. Treasurer-Tax Collector...pg. 283

- 117001 Property Tax (TRE100)
- 117002 Revenue (TRE100)
- 117003 Treasury (TRE100)

Not presented.

24. County Counsel Departmental...pg. 311

- 121001 Legal Division (COU100)
- 121002 Risk Management Division (COU101)

Not presented.

25. County Counsel Non-Departmental...pg. 324

- 121010 General Liability Recoverable Claims (COU102)
- 121013 Workers' Compensation (COU103)
- 121014 Grand Jury (COU104)
- 121015 Enterprise Risk (COU105)

Not presented.

26. Clerk of the Board...pg. 331

- 130001 Assessment Appeals Board (COB100)
- 130002 Clerk of the Board (COB100)

Not presented.

27. Information Technology...pg. 355

- 193001 Administration (INF100)
- 193002 Applications (INF100)
- 193005 Infrastructure (INF100)
- 193006 Security (INF100)
- 193007 Information Technology (INF100)
- 193015 Information Technology Capital Projects (INF102)

Not presented.

Public Safety/Criminal Justice**28. Emergency Communications...pg. 345**

- 152001 Emergency Communication (EME100)
- 152002 NGEN Radio Capital Projects (EME101)
- 152003 NGEN Operations and Maintenance (EME102)

Not presented.

29. Child Support Services...pg. 385

- 225001 Child Support Services (CHI100)

Not presented.

30. Public Defender...pg. 391

- 227001 Alternate Defender's Office (PUB100)
- 227002 Public Defender (PUB100)
- 227003 Public Defender - 2011 Realignment (AB118) (PUB101)

Not presented.

31. Probation...pg. 433

- 255001 Alternative Programs (PRO100)

- 255002 Juvenile Hall (PRO100)
- 255003 Youth Center (PRO100)
- 255004 Adult Probation (PRO100)
- 255005 Juvenile Probation (PRO100)
- 255006 Probation Administration (PRO100)
- 255007 Alternative Programs - 2011 Realignment (AB118) (PRO101)
- 255008 Youth Center - 2011 Realignment (AB118) (PRO101)
- 255009 Adult Probation - 2011 Realignment (AB118) (PRO101)
- 255010 Juvenile Probation - 2011 Realignment (AB118) (PRO101)

Not presented.

Land Use and Environment

- 32. Agricultural Commissioner...pg. 457**
- 281001 Agriculture (AGR100)
 - 281002 Weights & Measures (AGR100)

Not presented.

Recreation and Education Services

- 33. Library...pg. 599**
- 611001 Library (LIB100)

Not presented.

- 34. Cooperative Extension...pg. 605**
- 621001 Cooperative Extension (EXT100)
 - 621002 Cooperative Extension - Reimbursed Projects (EXT100)

Not presented.

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez made comments on behalf of IHSS who were present in the morning session, however, could not be present for the afternoon session.

Natividad Medical Center

- 35. Natividad Medical Center...pg. 611**
- 960001 Natividad Medical Center (NMC100)
 - 969999 Natividad Medical Center - Capital (NMC101)

Not presented.

- 36. CAO Non-Departmental...pg. 216**
- 105011 Contingencies (CAO107)

Not presented.

Revision to page number from 216 to 616.

The Board took a short recess at 5:07 p.m.

Reconvened at 5:40 p.m.

Closing Presentation by the Budget and Analysis Division

Discussions had by the Board and the Budget staff on the modifications to the budget.

Deborah Paolinelli, Assistant County Administrative Officer Budget Director made closing remarks on the FY 2025-26 recommended budget.

Final vote of Board to confirm direction given to staff regarding the budget

Final votes were taken by the Board on the Budget and the Capitol Improvement Projects, as stated for the record, and can be heard here by clicking the following link:

<https://monterey.granicus.com/player/clip/5767>

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned in Memory of Odie Monterey County District Attorney's Office Courthouse Facility Canine at 6:53 p.m. by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED ON: June 3, 2025

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