

# **County of Monterey**

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

**9:30 AM**

### **Board of Supervisors**

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

**9:30 A.M. - Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

**Roll Called**

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez present and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo 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)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:
    - (1) Veronica Infante (Workers' Compensation Appeals Board No. ADJ14658309)
    - (2) Veronica Infante (Workers' Compensation Appeals Board No. ADJ14654751)
  - b. 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
  - c. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of potential initiation of litigation.
  - d. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), the Board will confer regarding discipline, dismissal, or release of a public employee.
  - e. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), the Board will provide a performance evaluation for the County Administrative Officer.

**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 Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez present and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo 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 Supervisor Mary L. Adams.

**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:

**General Government Consent:**

Under General Government Consent Item No. 26 is a duplicate of item No. 13 under Schedule AM, therefore, will be removed from the agenda.

**Adjournment:**

To Adjourn in Memory of Max Garica (Alejo) and Bill Gittler (Lopez)

**Ceremonial Resolutions**

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to adopt Ceremonial Resolutions Numbers 2 through 7.

**ALL AYES**

2. Adopt a resolution to proclaim the weeks of October 14, 2024, through November 22, 2024 as the Monterey County Employee Giving Campaign of 2024. (Supervisor Church)

**Adopted Resolution 24-351**

3. Adopt a resolution recognizing October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (Supervisor Alejo)

**Adopted Resolution 24-352**

- 4. Adopt a resolution celebrating Hartnell College on earning Excelencia in Education’s prestigious Seal of Excelencia. (Supervisor Askew)

**Adopted Resolution 24-353**

- 5. Adopt a resolution commending Eric Tynan, General Manager of Castroville Services District on his retirement from 24 years of dedicated public service to the County of Monterey. (Supervisor Church)

**Adopted Resolution 24-354**

- 6. Adopt a resolution celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Laoaguenians of Monterey County. (Supervisor Alejo)

**Adopted Resolution 24-376**

- 7. Adopt a resolution recognizing and honoring Dr. E. Valerie Barnes, Harold W. Keland, Patricia B. Munoz, Dr. John Schatz, and Dr. Marc Tunzi as Natividad Foundation’s 2024 Hero Award Recipients for their Longstanding Philanthropic Investments in Natividad Foundation. (Supervisor Church)

**Adopted Resolution 24-359**

**Appointments**

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Mary L. Adams to appoint/reappoint Item No. 8.

**ALL AYES (4-0)**

**Supervisor Lopez recused himself on this matter**

- 8. Appoint Jazmin Lopez to the Resource Conversation District of Monterey County Board of Directors as an At Large member to fill an unexpired term ending on November 30, 2024. (Nominated by the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County Board of Directors)

**Appointed**

**Approval of Consent Calendar – (See Supplemental Sheet)**

- 9. See Supplemental Sheet

Open for public comments; no comments made.

Supervisor Mary L. Adams had a question on Item No. 27.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 19 through 27.

ALL AYES

General Public Comments

10. General Public Comments

Open for general public comments for items not on the agenda today; Bryan Rosen, Tom Ward, CCA Community for Community Advocacy, phone number ending in 705 and Norm Groodt.

Scheduled Matters

11. **PLN230230 - SINGLETON PROPERTIES LLC AND REYNOLDS LAND & CATTLE CO**

Public hearing to consider a Lot Line Adjustment between two (2) legal lots of record: Parcel 1A (Assessor's Parcel Number 419-151-015-000) consisting of 388 acres and Parcel 2A (Assessor's Parcel Number 419-151-014-000) consisting of 471.77 acres, resulting in two (2) legal lots, 254.65 (adjusted Parcel 1A) and 605.12 acres (adjusted Parcel 2A).

**Project Location:** Located off of Lonoak Road, King City

**Proposed California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") action:** Find the project Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 - Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations.

**Craig Spencer, Director from Housing and Community Development verbally requested a continuance.**

Open for public comments; CCA Center for Community Advocacy commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mary L. Adams, seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to:

Continue the hearing on this matter to Tuesday, January 14, 2025:

**PLN230230 - SINGLETON PROPERTIES LLC AND REYNOLDS LAND & CATTLE CO**

Public hearing to consider a Lot Line Adjustment between two (2) legal lots of record: Parcel 1A (Assessor's Parcel Number 419-151-015-000) consisting of 388 acres and Parcel 2A (Assessor's Parcel Number 419-151-014-000) consisting of 471.77 acres, resulting in two (2) legal lots, 254.65 (adjusted Parcel 1A) and 605.12 acres (adjusted Parcel 2A).

**Project Location:** Located off of Lonoak Road, King City

**Proposed California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") action:** Find the project Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 - Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations.

ALL AYES (4-0)

Supervisor Lopez was absent when the vote was called.

12. Consider appointing two members of the Board of Supervisors to serve on an Ad Hoc Tenant Commissioner Selection Committee for the Housing Authority of the County of Monterey, effective upon appointment through December 31, 2024.

**Karina Bokanovich, Management Analyst III from the County Administrative Office verbally presented.**

Open for public comments; Center for Community advocacy commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Mary L. Adams to: Appoint two members Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo of the Board of Supervisors to serve on an Ad Hoc Tenant Commissioner Selection Committee for the Housing Authority of the County of Monterey, effective upon appointment through December 31, 2024.

**ALL AYES**

13. Consider a recommendation from the Legislative Committee to adopt a resolution and engage in legislative advocacy efforts with Santa Cruz County in support of state property tax apportionment reform efforts.

Annette D'Adamo, Legislative Program Manager from the County Administrative Office verbally presented.

Open for public comments; Adam Pinterest, phone number ending in 902 Nina Beety and Norm Groodt commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez, as amended, with Supervisor Mary L. Adams voting no to: Adopt a resolution and engage in legislative advocacy efforts with Santa Cruz County in support of state property tax apportionment reform efforts with clarifying language, in the resolution:

WHEREAS the property tax distribution formula was established after the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978. Among other things, Proposition 13 limits the rate of taxation to 1% of the assessed value and restricts annual increases of the assessed value not to exceed 2% per year. Local property taxes were impacted because through Proposition 13 the state froze the allocation of these taxes among local jurisdictions, so a local governments' share of property taxes before 1978 largely determined what they received after Proposition 13; and

WHEREAS the County of Monterey has no intention or interest in overturning, changing, or in any way impacting Proposition 13; and

Motion passed 4 to 1

- 13.1 a. Direct and authorize the County Administrative Officer to immediately implement a hiring freeze for positions funded by General Fund discretionary revenue; and  
b. Provide authority for the County Administrative Officer to develop hiring freeze exemption administrative guidelines. (ADDED VIA ADDENDA)

Ezequiel Vega, Assistant County Administrative Officer from the County Administrative Office verbally presented.

Open for public comments; Jeannine Pacioni, DA, Liam McLaughlin, Jay Donato, Eric Peterson, Norm Groodt, Juan Lopez, Shaun Moran, Nicholas Kennedy S24 Ultra, Betsy Martinez and Tina Nieto, Sheirff commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, seconded by Supervisor Glenn Church to:  
a. Direct and authorize the County Administrative Officer to immediately implement a hiring freeze for positions funded by General Fund discretionary revenue;  
b. Provide authority for the County Administrative Officer to develop hiring freeze exemption administrative guidelines; and  
Bring back this item to the Board on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

**ALL AYES**

**12:00 P.M. - Recessed to Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. - Reconvened**

**Roll Called**

**Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez present and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo 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.**

**Scheduled Matters**

- 14.** It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors receive a presentation from the Department of Social Services (DSS) on the Aging and Adult Services (AAS) Programs, including the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Adult Protective Services (APS), In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), IHSS Public Authority (PA), Information, Referral, and Assistance (IRA), Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC), Age Wise, Home Safe, Housing & Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP), and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Advocacy.

**Diana Jimenez, Deputy Director of Aging and Adult Services presented via PowerPoint presentation.**

**Open for public comments; Regina Gauge, John Mcpherson, Liz Corona, Elizabeth Campos, Alex Lopez, Ruth Rodriguez, Jordan Burg, Christina Andradad, Jessica Rodriguez, Ermerita (last name inaudible), Elisa Rodriguez, and Esther Malkin commented.**

**Upon consensus the Board:**

**Received a presentation from the Department of Social Services (DSS) on the Aging and Adult Services (AAS) Programs, including the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Adult Protective Services (APS), In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), IHSS Public Authority (PA), Information, Referral, and Assistance (IRA), Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC), Age Wise, Home Safe, Housing & Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP), and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Advocacy.**

**Other Board Matters**

**Referral Matrix and New Referrals**

- 15.** New Referrals

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

**Referral Responses**

- 16. Receive a preliminary response to Referral Number 2024.12 regarding the potential use of 1220 Natividad Road to provide capital funding for the Monterey County Local Housing Trust Fund (MCLHTF)

**Craig Spencer, Director and Darby Marshall, Housing Program Manager from Housing and Community Development verbally presented.**

Open for public comments; no comments made.

Upon consensus the Board:

**Received a report and provide direction to staff to consider the potential commercial use of 1220 Natividad Road to provide funding for the MCLHTF as part of the Facilities Master Planning process.**

**County Administrative Officer Comments**

- 17. County Administrative Officer Comments

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

[http://monterey.granicus.com/EditFile.php?clip\\_id=5620](http://monterey.granicus.com/EditFile.php?clip_id=5620)

**Board Comments**

- 18. Board Comments

**Board comments can be heard by clicking the following link:**

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**Read Out from Closed Session by County Counsel**

There was no reportable read out from Closed Session.

**Adjourned**

**Chair Supervisor Glenn Church adjourned the Board of Supervisors in Memory of Max Garcia (Alejo) and Bill Gittler (Lopez) meeting at 3:07 p.m.**



**APPROVED:**

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**GLENN CHURCH, CHAIR**

**ATTEST:**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VALERIE RALPH  
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**APPROVED ON:**

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

19. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or his designee to execute renewal & amendment No. 12 to the agreements with Medical Search, LLC d.b.a. SUMO Medical Staffing (A-12896) and MDA Holdings, Inc. d.b.a. Medical Doctor Associates (A-12899) and renewal & amendment No. 13 to the agreement with Staff Care, Inc. (A-12897) for locum tenens physician referral services at NMC pursuant to the Request for Proposals (RFP) #9600-61, extending the agreement an additional six (6) month period (July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024) for a revised full agreement term of August 1, 2015 through December 31, 2024, and adding \$2,700,000 for a revised total aggregate amount not to exceed \$16,700,000.

**Approved**

**Health Department**

20. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute an agreement with CE Broker, Inc. dba Propelus for automated license verification services for all Health Department Bureaus, for an amount not to exceed \$15,660 with an agreement term retroactive to October 8, 2024 through October 7, 2027; and
- b. Approve the Director of Health Services' recommendation to accept all non-standard provisions in agreement, including indemnification; and
- c. Authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute up to three (3) future amendments and/or Order Forms to this agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% (\$1,566) of the original contract amount, do not significantly change the scope of work, and do not exceed the maximum amount of \$17,226; and
- d. Approve and authorize the Contracts and Purchasing Officer or designee to execute future amendments and/or Order Forms, provided they do not exceed an aggregate amount of \$200,000 and fall within the signing authority of the Contracts and Purchasing Officer.

**Approved**

21. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute Amendment No. 2 with Clear Labs, Inc., for the purchases of a service plan for a Clear Dx System, Clear DX WGS SARS--CoV-2 Reagents, and Clear Dx Microbial Surveillance Reagents and extend the term for an additional two years, for a new term of May 17, 2022 through March 31, 2027, and a total Agreement amount not to exceed \$1,017,641; and
- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to sign up to three future amendments where the combined amendments do not exceed 10% (\$101,764) of the original amount and do not significantly change the scope of services, total not to exceed a maximum of \$1,119,405.

**Approved**

**General Government**

- 22.** a. Authorize the Executive Director of the Monterey County Workforce Development Board (WDB) to accept grant funds in the total amount not to exceed \$886,260 from the Central California Alliance for Health (the Alliance), to provide \$183,040 to offset staffing costs for the two-year project; \$650,000 to fund Community Health Worker cohort training tuition for 130 individuals employed by Alliance-contracted health care provider organizations; and up to \$53,220 for training-related operational costs; and
- b. Authorize the Executive Director to sign the services agreement to receive the grant from the Alliance effective retroactive to July 1, 2024, for the period from July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026

**Approved**

- 23.** Approve the Bingo License Application for Chualar Parent Teacher Club pursuant to Chapter 7.08 of the Monterey County Code effective Tuesday, October 15, 2024, through Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

**Approved**

- a24.** Adopt a Resolution to:
- a. Amend Personnel Policies and Practices Resolution (PPPR) No. 98-394 Appendices A and B to retitle the classifications of Personnel Technician-Confidential to Human Resources Technician-Confidential, Personnel Analyst to Human Resources Analyst I, Associate Personnel Analyst to Human Resources Analyst II, Senior Personnel Analyst to Senior Human Resources Analyst, and Supervising Personnel Analyst to Supervising Human Resources Analyst;
- b. Direct the Human Resources Department to implement the changes in the Advantage Human Resources Management (HRM) system.

**Adopted**

- 25.** Approve the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors Draft Action Meeting Minutes for the following meeting dates: Tuesday, August 27, 2024, and September 10, 2024.

**Approved**

- 26.** Consider a recommendation from the Legislative Committee to adopt a resolution and engage in legislative advocacy efforts with Santa Cruz County in support of state property tax apportionment reform efforts.

**This item is a duplicate of item No. 13 under Schedule AM, therefore, will be removed from the agenda via additions and corrections.**

**Housing and Community Development**

- 27.** a. Approve and authorize the Housing and Community Development Director or their designee

to execute a Funding Agreement (FA) with Omni Resources, LLC, (Project Applicant) a California Corporation, for the not to exceed amount of \$68,921.00 and for a term beginning upon execution through March 31, 2025;

b. Approve and authorize the Housing and Community Development Director to execute a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Rincon Consultants, Inc., to prepare an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the Omni Resources Service Station Project (PLN220348) for the not to exceed amount of \$58,807.50 and a term beginning upon execution through March 31, 2025; and

c. Authorize the Housing and Community Development Director to execute future amendments to the Agreements where the amendments do not significantly alter the scope of work or increase the approved Agreement amounts by more than 10% (or \$6,893 and \$5,881, respectively), subject to review as to form by the Office of the County Counsel and as to fiscal provisions by the Auditor-Controller's Office.

**Approved**

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

**Addenda/Supplemental**

**28. Addenda/Supplemental**

Added Item No. 13.1 under Scheduled Matters