

# **Monterey County**

*Monterey County Government Center  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901*



## **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

**1:30 PM**

**Special Meeting**

## **Board of Supervisors**

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

**1:30 p.m. - Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew.

**Roll Called**

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and Supervisor John M. Phillips appeared in person and Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo appeared via video conference

**Staff Present**

Charles McKee, County Administrative Officer appeared via video conference with Les Girard, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board who appeared in person.

**Additions and Corrections**

There were no additions and corrections for the agenda.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lisa Griffin Burns.

**Announcement of Interpreter**

Jocelyn Martinez, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

**1:30 P.M. - Scheduled Matters**

1. a. Briefing and update on COVID-19, including impacts, and action, proposals and plans to address (verbal report);  
b. Provide direction to staff to address COVID-19

**Nick Chiulos, Assistant County Administration Officer will make opening remarks with the additional presenters:**

**Kristy Michie, Assistant Bureau Chief, via Zoom, from the Health Department presented on the local/state metrics, testing and vaccinations (supply, distribution and clinics) via PowerPoint presentation.**

**Elsa Jimenez, Director of Health from the Health Department and Kim Stemler, Project Manager for Testing and Vaccination Coordination, both via Zoom, presented via PowerPoint presentation.**

**Dan Baldwin, Executive Director for the Community Foundation, via Zoom, presented via PowerPoint presentation.**

Open for public comments; no public comments made.

Upon consensus the Board:

- a. Received a briefing and update on COVID-19, including impacts, and action, proposals and plans to address (verbal report); and

**b. Provided direction to staff to address COVID-19**

2.
  - a. Receive an update on the County contribution of \$4,989,651 (“County Funding”) to the Community Foundation for Monterey County (“CFMC”) for distribution to the CFMC’s sub-grantees who are implementing the Virus Integrated Distribution of Aid Project (VIDA), formerly known as the Community Outreach and Education Pilot Project (“Pilot Project”), a County-wide project responding to the disparate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Communities of Color residing in the census tracts of the lowest quartile of the Healthy Places Index (HPI Census Tracts); and
  - b. Approve the proposed reallocation of funding, as described in Attachment A, for VIDA, in accordance with the budget categories and line items previously approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 21, 2020; and
  - c. Approve the allocation of any remaining funds, following the proposed reallocation of County Funding, as Contingency Funds; and
  - d. Approve and authorize the County Administrative Officer or Assistant County Administrative Officer to approve the use by the CFMC of Contingency Funds in accordance with the budget categories and line items previously approved by the Board; and
  - e. Provide direction to staff as appropriate.

**Rosemary Soto, Management Analyst III from the County Administration Office and Michael Castro from the Community Foundation, both via Zoom, presented via PowerPoint presentation.**

**Open for public comments; Andrea Manzo, via Zoom, commented.**

**Due to technical difficulties the meeting recessed at 3:06 p.m. to reconvene at 3:10 p.m.**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor John M. Phillips, as amended, with Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, voting no to:**

- a. Receive an update on the County contribution of \$4,989,651 (“County Funding”) to the Community Foundation for Monterey County (“CFMC”) for distribution to the CFMC’s sub-grantees who are implementing the Virus Integrated Distribution of Aid Project (VIDA), formerly known as the Community Outreach and Education Pilot Project (“Pilot Project”), a County-wide project responding to the disparate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Communities of Color residing in the census tracts of the lowest quartile of the Healthy Places Index (HPI Census Tracts); and
- b. Approve the proposed reallocation of funding, as described in Attachment A, for VIDA, in accordance with the budget categories and line items previously approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 21, 2020; and
- c. Provided direction to staff as appropriate.

**Motion carried 4 to 1**

**Roll call vote taken pursuant to Government Code 54953:**

**Supervisor Alejo: AYE**

**Supervisor Phillips: AYE**

**Supervisor Lopez: AYE**

**Supervisor Adams: AYE**

**Chair Supervisor Root Askew: NAY**

3.
  - a. Briefing and update on homelessness in Monterey County, including an overview, definitions, current strategies, and identifying barriers to ending homelessness (verbal report); and
  - b. Provide direction to staff on next steps.

**Nick Chiulos, Assistant County Administrative Officer made opening remarks with the additional presenters:**

**Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew**

**Charles McKee, County Administrative Officer**

**Lori Medina, Director of the Department of Social Services**

**Elsa Jimenez, Director of the Monterey County Health Department**

**Michael Lisman, Deputy Director of the Monterey County Behavioral Health**

**Melanie Beretti, Manager from the Housing Community and Development Department**

**Roxanne Wilson, Executive Director from CHISPA**

**Supervisor Luis Alejo, Leadership Council**

**Donna Smith, Office of Education**

**Lauren Suwansupa, Community Affiliation Manager from Department of Social Services**

**Patricia Zerounian, Management Analyst III from the Health and Social Services**

**John Thornburg, Chief Deputy from the Monterey County Sheriff's Office**

**Anastacia Wyatt, Program Manager from the Housing Community and Development Department**

**Bill Litt, Deputy County Counsel from the County Counsel's Office**

Open for public comments; no public comments made.

Upon consensus the Board received a:

- a. Briefing and update on homelessness in Monterey County, including an overview, definitions, current strategies, and identifying barriers to ending homelessness (verbal report); and
- b. Provided direction to staff on next steps.

### **Recessed back into Closed Session**

The meeting was recessed back into closed session by Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and will adjourn from there.