County of Monterey

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, October 7, 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: 3 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Chris Lopez and Supervisor Glenn Church were present

Absent: 2 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and Supervisor Kate Daniels

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) Petra Mansfield (Worker's Compensation Appeals Board No. ADJ10872733, ADJ15272980)
(2) Matthew Mendoza (Worker's Compensation Appeals Board No. ADJ11907243, ADJ14459661, ADJ8699092, ADJ18699094)
(3) Gilbert Flores (Worker's Compensation Appeals Board No. ADJ6643290, ADJ7768457

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

9:30 A.M. - Reconvened on Public Agenda Items

Roll Called

Present: 3 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Chris Lopez and Supervisor Glenn Church were present

Absent: 2 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and Supervisor Kate Daniels

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:

Correction to Item No. 5 under Scheduled Matters

Adding the word Community to correspond with the original name, Watsonville Community Hospital

Appointments

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo seconded by Supervisor Glenn Church to appoint Item No. 2

ALL AYES

2. Appoint Elizabeth Yanez to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council representing District 5 filling an unexpired term with a term end date of January 1, 2028 (District Specific, District 5 - Supervisor Daniels)

Appointed

Approval of Consent Calendar – (See Supplemental Sheet)

3. See Supplemental Sheet

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Glenn Church, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to approve Consent Item Numbers 11 through 18.

ALL AYES (3-0)
Supervisor Root Askew absent
Supervisor Daniels absent

General Public Comments

4. General Public Comments

Open for general public comments for items not on the agenda today; Bryan Rosen, Christian Schneider and Eloise Shim commented.

Scheduled Matters

5. Watsonville Hospital Update

Steve Gray, CEO of Watsonville Community Hospital presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

Upon consensus the Board:
Received the Watsonville Community Hospital update.

6. a. Receive a presentation from Grow America and CVL Economics on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) year three (3) annual update; and
b. Authorize the County Administrative Officer or designee to submit the CEDS year 3 annual update to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration.

Richard Vaughn, Economic Development Manager, Uday Ram, Alissa Dubetz, Melissa LaFayette and Andria Martinez presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Glenn Church to:
a. Receive a presentation from Grow America and CVL Economics on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) year three (3) annual update; and
b. Authorize the County Administrative Officer or designee to submit the CEDS year 3 annual update to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration.

ALL AYES (3-0)
Supervisor Root Askew Absent
Supervisor Daniels Absent

Other Board Matters

Referral Matrix and New Referrals

7. Referral Matrix and New Referrals

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

Referral Responses

8. a. Receive a presentation in response to Board Referral No. 2024.13 (Alejo) on the history of *Recurso de Fuerza*, a low barrier navigation center currently in development in partnership with the County of

Santa Cruz;

b. Consider the following options for renaming *Recurso de Fuerza*:

a) Retain the name *Recurso de Fuerza*;

b) Rename the program *Casitas de Fuerza*; or

c) Direct staff to rename the project through a public engagement process; and

c. Provide direction as necessary.

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

Open for public comments; Eric Peterson, Pastor Dan Hoffman, Ms. Valdez, Eloise Shim, Juan Aranez and iPhone 17 pro commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to:
a. Receive a presentation in response to Board Referral No. 2024.13 (Alejo) on the history of Recurso de Fuerza, a low barrier navigation center currently in development in partnership with the County of Santa Cruz; and
b. Send a recommendation to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors to consider the following options for renaming Recurso de Fuerza to:
Option 1: Casitas de Esperanza
Option 2: HOPE (Housing Opportunity Program and Employment) Village;
Option 3: Casitas de Esperanza/HOPE Village (Bilingual); or
Option 4: Further engage in a public process for the renaming.
If Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors concurs with one of the first four name changes it will result in the name change.

Motion Failed Majority Vote needed (2 to 1)
Supervisor Lopez AYE
Supervisor Alejo AYE
Supervisor Church NAY
Supervisor Root Askew Absent
Supervisor Daniels Absent

Counsel reads into the record a State case where the judiciary has ruled on the matter where the statute governing transactions of business by the County Board of Supervisors requires the concurrence of a majority of all members of the Board before the body actions may be valid or binding. Valid acts require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board's entire membership and not merely that of a majority of a quorum. Therefore, the prior 2 to 1 vote would not be action of the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Glenn Church:
If the above motion is valid the Board would allow staff to make the necessary name amendments/changes to the contracts if Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors accepts/concurs with one of the top four name changes in lieu of staff having to come back to the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors for that approval.

ALL AYES (3-0)
Supervisor Lopez AYE
Supervisor Alejo AYE
Supervisor Church AYE
Supervisor Root Askew Absent
Supervisor Daniels Absent

Chair directs a legal memorandum on the question of the vote structure be prepared and circulated to the members of the Board.

County Administrative Officer Comments

9. 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/5928?meta_id=931679

Board Comments

10. Board Comments

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Read Out from Closed Session by County Counsel

There was no reportable action for Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.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: , 2025

Supplemental Sheet, Consent Calendar

Natividad Medical Center

11. a. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or his designee to execute an agreement with Philips Healthcare for Software Evolution Services and additional software modules at NMC for an amount not to exceed $655,080 with an agreement term September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2030.
b. Authorize the Deputy Purchasing Agent for NMC or his designee to execute up to three (3) future amendments to the agreement which do not significantly alter the scope of work and do not cause an increase of more than 10% ($65,508) of the original cost of the agreement in total.
c. Approve the NMC's Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to accept non-standard indemnification and limitations on liability provisions within the agreement.

Approved

Department of Social Services

12. a. Approve and authorize the Director or designee of the Department of Social Services to execute a no cost Privacy and Security Agreement (PSA) with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to continue to use data hosted by the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS), for the period of "Upon Execution" through September 1, 2028; and
b. Authorize the Director or designee of the Department of Social Services to sign up to three future amendments to this Agreements where the amendments do not significantly change the responsibilities of the parties.

Approved

13. a. Approve and authorize the Director or designee of the Department of Social Services to sign an Agreement with Kendal White dba K&D Landscaping Inc to provide services to pour concrete slab and place dog tunnel at SHARE Center, retroactive to September 1, 2025 for the period of September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the amount of $40,000; 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% ($4,000) of the amended contract amount, do not significantly change the scope of work, and do not exceed the maximum aggregate amount of $44,000.

Approved

Criminal Justice

14. a. Authorize and direct the Contracts Purchasing Officer or their designee to execute a non-standard

agreement with Ganete Solutions Inc., dba ArmorerLink. for firearms tracking purposes, etc., for the period to November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2028 and thereafter may increase annually to a total annual amount not to exceed $25,000 beginning November 1, 2028 and will auto-renew each year thereafter until terminated.
b. Authorize the Sheriff or Sheriff's designee to approve annual service in an amount not to exceed $25,000 annually.

Approved

15. a. Authorize the Contracts and Purchasing Officer or their designee to execute Amendment 2 to the agreement (A-16608) with In Time Services, Inc., dba In Time, extending the agreement an additional two (2) year period (October 18, 2025 through October 17, 2027) for a revised full agreement term of October 18, 2022 through October 17, 2027 and adding $131,914 for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed $328,218.

Approved

General Government

16. a. Approve and authorize the County Administrative Officer or designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Development Management Agreement #A-17471 with DignityMoves, a California non-profit corporation, to add $1,088,075 towards construction costs of a 34-unit Low Barrier Navigation Center to be located at 118 First Street in the City of Watsonville, that will provide temporary living facilities to individuals experiencing homelessness in the Pajaro River area, for a revised agreement amount not to exceed $6,122,666 with no change to the contract term ending of June 30, 2026; and,
b. Approve and authorize the County Administrative Officer or designee, to sign up to two (2) future amendments to this agreement where amendments do not exceed 10% ($612,266) and do not significantly alter the scope of services as determined by the Director of Homeless Services and subject to approval by County Counsel.

Approved

17. Adopt a Resolution to:
a. Amend the FY 2025-26 Health Department Adopted Budget (Fund 001, Department 4000, Unit 8124, Appropriations Unit HEA003) to approve the reallocation and reclassification of one (1) Health Program Coordinator to one (1) Public Health Program Manager I as indicated in Attachment A, effective October 4, 2025; and
b. Direct the County Administrative Office and the Auditor-Controller to incorporate the approved position changes in the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget and the Human Resources Department to implement the changes in the Advantage Human Resources Management (HRM) system.

Adopted

18. Adopt a Resolution to:

a. Amend Personnel Policies and Practices Resolution (PPPR) No. 98-394 Appendix A and B to adjust the base wage salary range of the Registrar of Voters classification as indicated in attachment A;
b. Direct the Human Resources Department to implement the changes in the Advantage HRM system.

Adopted

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