



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

April 1, 2025

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE, GENERAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00266

RE:

HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding an update on current renovations at the Main Jail and potential expansion of the Northern Branch Jail (NBJ), as follows: (EST. TIME: 2 HR.)

- a) Receive an update on renovations at the Main Jail and options for new construction at the NBJ;
- b) Regarding the NBJ:
 - i) Direct staff to proceed with finalizing design for Option 1 (new construction of one housing unit for a total jail system of 748 beds) and issue a Request for Quotation (RFQ) to select potential Design Build teams; or
 - ii) Direct staff to proceed with finalizing design for Option 1.5 (new construction of 1.5 housing units for a total jail system of 876 beds) and issue RFQ to select potential Design Build teams; or
 - iii) Direct staff to proceed with obtaining designs for Option 2 (new construction of 2 housing units for a total jail system of 1,004 beds) and issue RFQ to select potential Design Build teams;
- c) Approve and authorize staff to develop funding strategies to address the operational and debt service budgetary impacts for the selected option;
- d) Approve and authorize staff to negotiate an amendment to the existing ground lease boundary at the NBJ with the State of California;
- e) Approve and authorize the County Executive Office to work with the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office, County Counsel and Auditor-Controller's Office to develop feasible debt issuance strategies;
- f) Provide other direction as appropriate; and
- g) Find that these actions are not a "project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) because they consist of an organizational or administrative activity of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to State CEQA



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Guidelines Section 15262 as a feasibility and planning study for possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 12:25 PM - 5:32 PM (5 HRS. 7 MIN.)

Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

Connie Alexander, Primitiva Hernandez, Kim Passcage, Gina Quiroz, Michael Glick, Lawanda Lyons Pruitt, Yasmin Dawson, Daisy Beamon, Tom Franklin, Lorenzo Lopez, Nancy Avoce, Robert Ornstein, Sarah Veeck, Vida Karimi, Laurence Severance, Jane Fehrenbacher, Ronald Buckley, Maureen Earls, Pam Flynt Tambo, Cheryl Smith, Ivan Vega, Javier Garnica, Meaghan Salas, Coraima Morales, Leonard Marcus, Marian Mckenzie, Julie Fox, Jose Martin, John Esteban, Lyne Gibbs, Neil Gowing, Julie Hess, Suzanne Riordan, Gail Osherenko, Brad Luis, Maxwell Moore, Rory Moore and Ted Rhodes addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Lee, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Approved;
- b i) No action taken;
- b) ii) Approved and directed;
- b) iii) No action taken;
- c) through e) Approved and authorized;
- f) Directed staff, as follows: (1) Maximize mental health beds within the Northern Branch Jail as a whole; (2) Apply the County's net-zero energy policy; (3) Develop Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) for departments to more efficiently and effectively share data on the jail population; and (4) Recommend that the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) collect information and analyze data on jail residents and develop recommendations related to the effectiveness of diversion programs and the need for new facilities; and
- g) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, and Supervisor Hartmann

Noes: 2 - Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino