



# County of Humboldt

Fiscal Year 2023-24

## Budget In Brief



Proposed  
June 6, 2023

Board of  
Supervisors



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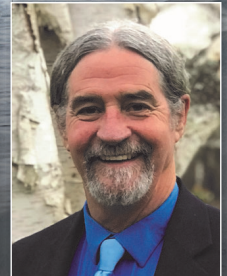
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# A Message from County Administrative Officer Elishia Hayes

Dear Board Members and Residents,

Welcome to the County of Humboldt's proposed fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 budget. I want to express my gratitude to our employees, community partners, members of the public and your Board for the work and guidance you have provided to shape the vision for the fiscally challenging year ahead of us.

Over the past year we capitalized on the unprecedented amounts of state and federal funds available by engaging the community to update our economic development plan, investing in local childcare, public health and communicable disease prevention, funding local affordable and homeless housing efforts, expanding local trails, taking steps to improve roads, and lending a hand to residents displaced by the Dec. 20, 2022 earthquake, among many other accomplishments. The county also took great strides to getting our internal books in order which is providing us with a better understanding of where our finances stand moving forward.



Understanding the value of our employees, your Board implemented raises and pay adjustments for all staff ranging from 9.5% to more than 30% in some cases over the last few years. Staff also have a cost of living pay increase totaling 2.5-3% that will take effect in January, 2024. These pay adjustments were necessary, but have also placed a strain on the county's General Fund, especially in an environment of lower revenues.

Going into this next fiscal year the county is facing a much different situation than it did entering FY 2022-23. We are preparing for an expected recession and other obstacles, including declining revenues and ongoing increases in costs such as salaries and benefits. The local economy is showing signs of lower activity in terms of home sales, building activity and the cannabis economy, all of which affect local revenues. Your Board has been proactive in relation to these circumstances, having already taken steps to address critical issues. It directed staff to prioritize the services each department provides and do everything they can to ensure the county operates within its means while minimizing staff impacts. Your Board will also consider other cost-saving measures like furloughs, a voluntary separation program, regularly scheduled office closures, and department restructuring, among others, in order to save money.

The proposed budget before you today is \$578,547,816. In total, this year's budget is 1.3% larger than last year's, primarily because of increases in anticipated grant awards for aviation closing out significant facilities and runway projects, housing assistance and emergency aid, replacement of the Hammond Bridge as a result of Congressionally Directed Spending, and federal roads funding for storm damage repairs. The budget also proposes large reductions in expenditures from the American Rescue Plan as the county works through the funding allocated over the last 2 years, Measure Z as a result of lower local economic activity, and Planning & Building due to decreased cannabis permitting.

We are facing an anticipated structural deficit of \$17.66 million in the General Fund in the coming fiscal year. We must continue to take significant action to ensure we can operate sustainably while retaining staff, the county's most vital resource.

The actions we as a county take in the year ahead will be pivotal as we move into FY 2024-25 and a time of lower overall revenues. Our county, and the country at large, has experienced a long, sustained period of economic growth and that time has slowed, at least locally. As your Board has done in years past, we must adjust to changing conditions to ensure we can provide the services our community needs for the long-term.

I would like to thank members of our community, your Board, the Board's budget ad hoc, and county departments for their efforts during the budget process to develop a comprehensive and forward-looking financial and operational strategy. Their guidance and input were critical in the development of the budget, and we will continue to rely on their wisdom as we move into the future.



## Mission Statement:

The County of Humboldt, through the dedication and excellence of its employees, is committed to meeting the needs and addressing concerns of the community and enhancing the quality of life.

# Economic Lift

## Humboldt County Child Care Stabilization Fund

Child care is an essential component of a strong and supported workforce. A small licensed family child care home with 8 children can help enable each of those parents to find or keep a job, providing the necessary workforce for local businesses and generating additional earned income, which ripples out in expanded economic growth. A staggering 80% of Humboldt's working families struggle to find licensed childcare—and that was before the COVID-19 pandemic.

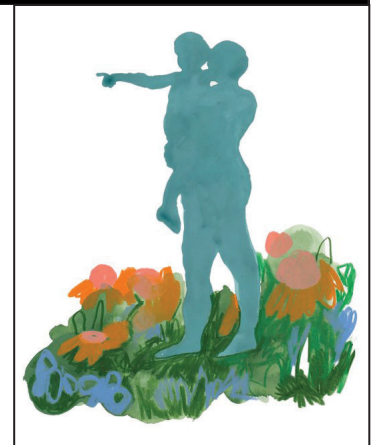
In March of 2020, roughly one-third of available child care facilities in Humboldt County closed, with six percent of child care facilities closing permanently. Between a higher rate of staff turnover and decreased capacity, our already weakened child care system is currently facing an unprecedented crisis.

To help stabilize the system and ensure families have access to child care in the future, the Board of Supervisors last year unanimously approved a \$4.8 million program, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), that provides grants, loans and subsidies to local child care providers and families. This program is known as the Humboldt County Child Care Stabilization Fund.

The Child Care Accountability Team, comprised of local child care experts and community leaders from organizations including the County of Humboldt, Changing Tides Family Services, First 5 Humboldt, and the Humboldt County Office of Education Local Child Care Planning Council have developed several programs to distribute these funds in ways that will make a lasting impact on Humboldt County's child care industry, the essential people who work in the industry, and the local economy.

Humboldt County Child Care Stabilization Fund programs established include:

- The Humboldt Child Care Stabilization Fund's Retention Bonus Program, which allows Humboldt County child care business owners and employees operating in the peak of the pandemic to receive a retention bonus of up to \$6,000 for remaining open when so many providers were forced to shut down.



### Humboldt Child Care Stabilization Fund

#### Child Care Hiring Bonus

The child care hiring bonus is open to new employees of licensed childcare facilities who began their position on or after January 1, 2023. Employees must work a minimum of 12 hours per week providing direct care to children. The bonus amounts are as follows: \$500 to employees working 12-29 hours per week and \$1,000 to employees working 30 or more hours per week.

Learn more and apply at [HumboldtChildCare.com](https://HumboldtChildCare.com)



#### Amounts Provided

- Full-time (30+ hours) - \$1,000
- Half-time (12-29 hours) - \$500

#### In Collaboration with:

A cross-county collaboration, funded by the County of Humboldt through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), delivering financial support to our child care industry and families in Humboldt County.



- The Facility Forgivable Loan Guarantee Program, which offers child care providers up to \$10,000 in small business loans to upgrade their facilities in ways that improve efficiency, safety, and learning. Investments in facility equipment, environment, and modernization are all eligible project plans for receiving the loan. Payments on these forgivable loans are deferred for six months. Once facility upgrades are completed, the Arcata Economic Development Center (AEDC) will use Humboldt Childcare Stabilization funds to write off the loan balance.

- The Child Care Hiring Bonus program is for new child care employees who started working on or after January 1, 2023. These hiring bonuses

are aimed at increasing the number of certified providers in Humboldt to create more access to child care, especially in Humboldt's most rural communities.

Grant funds for these programs are administered by the Arcata Economic Development Corporation (AEDC), and since September 2022, AEDC has provided nearly \$655,000 in grants to local child care providers to help Humboldt County grow and healthier child care system.



# Strategic Framework

The Strategic Framework acts as staff's guide from the Board of Supervisors for all County work

## Priorities for New Initiatives



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Enforce laws and regulations to protect residents

Provide for and maintain infrastructure

Encourage new local enterprise

Create opportunities for improved safety and health

Protect vulnerable populations

Support business and workforce development and creation of private-sector jobs

Strengthen climate change resiliency

### Provide our core services:

#### Match service availability with residents' needs

- Provide community-appropriate levels of service
- Support self-reliance of residents
- Streamline permit processes
- Retain existing and facilitate new living-wage private sector jobs and housing

#### Safeguard the public trust

- Manage resources to ensure sustainability of services
- Invest in county employees
- Invite civic engagement and awareness of available services

### Make proactive decisions:

#### Partner to promote quality services

- Foster transparent, accessible, welcoming and user-friendly services
- Facilitate the establishment of local revenue sources to address local needs
- Seek outside funding sources to benefit Humboldt County needs
- Facilitate public/private partnerships to solve problems
- Build inter-jurisdictional and regional cooperation

#### Be an effective and influential voice for our community at the regional, state and federal levels

- Advance local interests in natural resource discussions
- Engage in discussions of our regional economic future
- Engage new partners

### New Strategic Plan on the Horizon

A new strategic planning endeavor began with a series of three public meetings in March 2023. Together with community members, the Board of Supervisors and county department heads, under the guidance of a consultant, Municipal Resource Group, the parties in attendance developed a draft vision and mission statement, established core values, goals and priorities for the County of Humboldt. Developing a new strategic plan will help guide department and staff actions, particularly in instances of competing priorities and limited resources as we enter challenging budget years. In April 2023, the formation of a County of Humboldt Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee was approved by the Board to assist with refining the new vision and mission statement and refine the priorities established during these planning sessions.

# Budget Process

County budgets are important documents, but their meaning can be difficult for residents to decipher. This is intended to provide a high-level overview of the budget, in plain terms. Giving a better idea of where public funds are being spent and a picture of the issues facing our community.

## BUDGET PREPARATION

Departments receive input from the community and the Board about priorities for the new fiscal year.

The CAO verifies department requests, compiles them into a cohesive county budget and presents a recommendation to the Board.

## BUDGET REVIEW

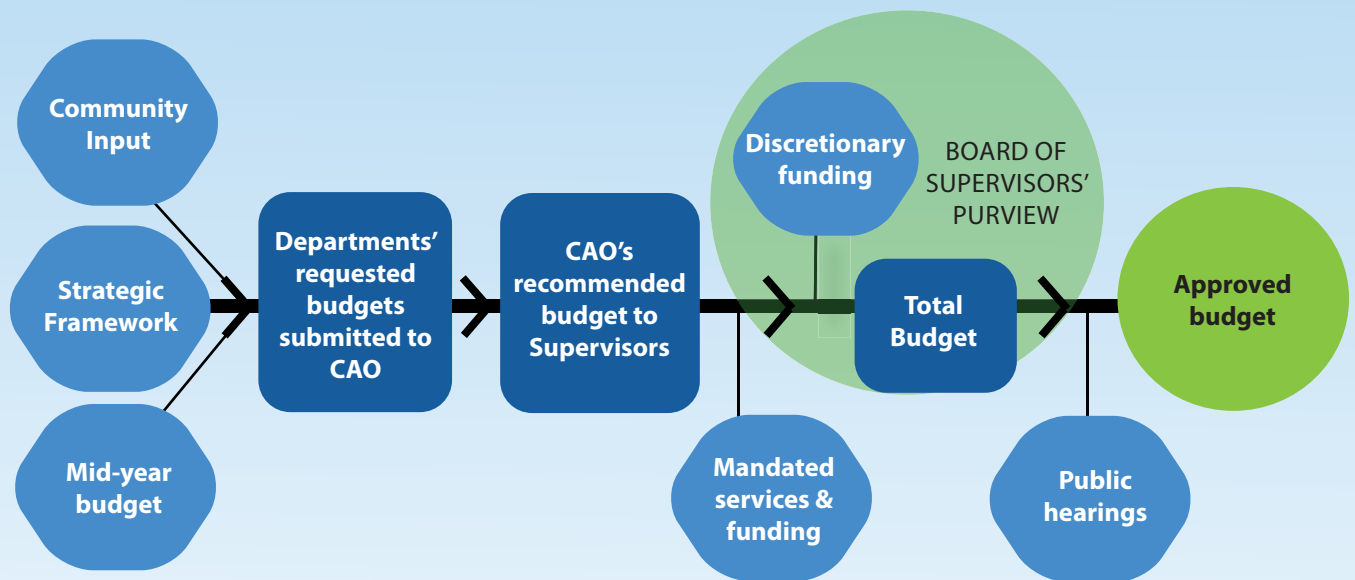
The Board is obligated to use roughly two-thirds of the budget on state and federally funded programs.

General Fund monies are under the discretion of the Board and are allocated based on the Strategic Framework, and any other specific guidelines set by the Board.

Upon presentation to the Board, the public has an opportunity to provide feedback.

## BUDGET ADOPTION

Budget scheduled for approval at the end of June, 2023.



January	Feb-March	April	May	June
Review Strategic Framework	Mid-year budget report	Departments' budgets due to CAO	Department presentations to Board	CAO presents proposed budget to Board
				Budget public hearings
				Board approves Budget



# Total Budget: \$578.55M

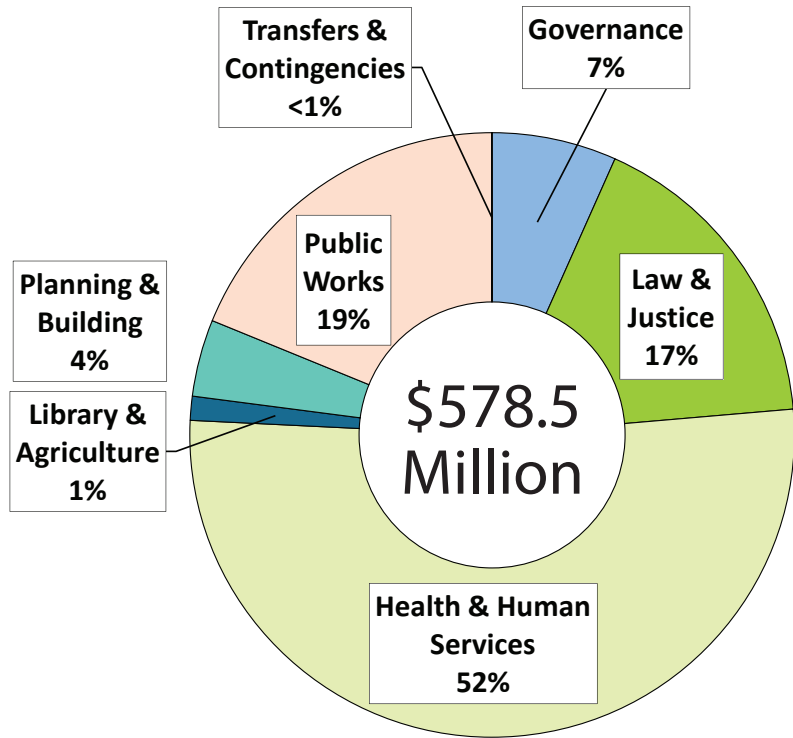
Other Financing Uses: \$11.42M

Nearly half of the County's budget each year is spent on Health & Human Services. This includes vital services like CalFresh, the State's supplemental nutrition assistance program for low-income families, and Medi-Cal, which is California's health care system. Public Works projects like road repairs and bridge maintenance also make up a significant portion of spending each year.

## Expenditures by Service

- Law & Justice  
\$98.17M
- Health & Human Services  
\$301.63M
- Library & Agriculture  
\$7.42M
- Planning & Building  
\$23.82M
- Public Works  
\$108.77M
- Transfers & Contingencies  
\$146k
- Governance  
\$38.56M

## Expenditures



Other Financing Uses - \$11.42 Million

**7.8%**

Redevelopment\*

**7.4%**

Special Districts

**2.4%**

Cities

## Property Tax Distribution

Where do your property tax dollars go?

**62.2%**

Schools

**16.1%**

County General Fund

**1.9%**

County Library

**2.2%**

Roads

\*Redevelopment agencies have been dissolved. This funding is to pay for the debt of those agencies.

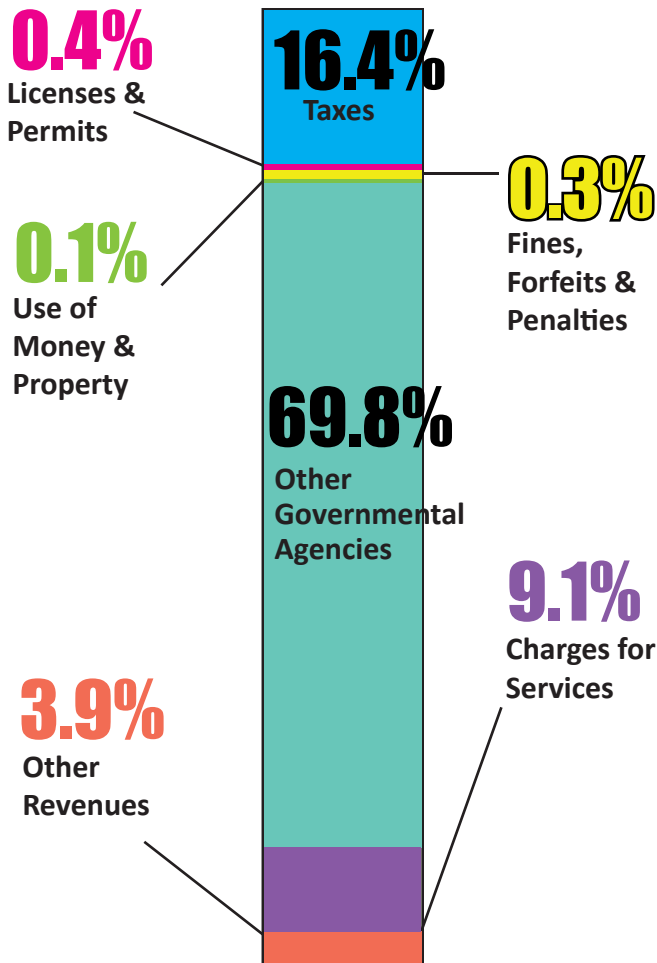
# Revenues: \$524.80M

Other Financing Sources: \$65.17M

Total expenditures are projected to exceed revenues in FY 2023-24. To make up the difference, the county will use \$17.67 million in General Fund fund balance, or money left over from the prior year, and \$32.37 million from other sources such as transfers from various trust funds.



Revenue by Source



## 4 Key Visions for 2023-24

This year the Board will seek to enhance our core services by:

- 1 Emphasizing Healthy and Safe Communities
- 2 Supporting a Healthy Environment with Robust Infrastructure
- 3 Encouraging a Resilient and Thriving Economy
- 4 Improving County Government Operations



### Personnel Allocation

2,444.27

Allocated positions, a decrease of 43.24 positions over prior year adopted allocations



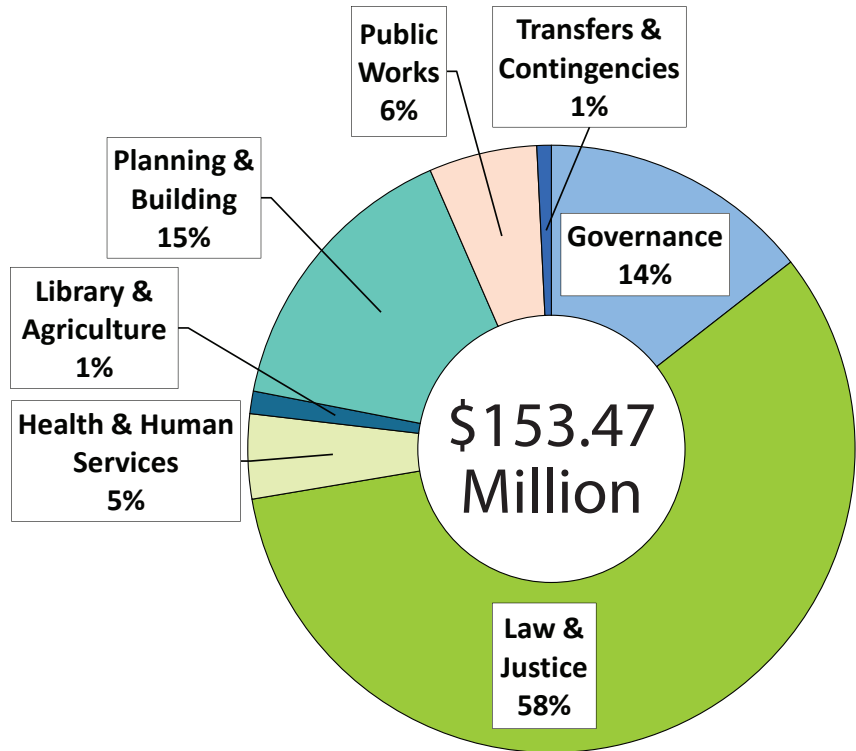
# General Fund: \$153.47M

Much of the revenue that comes into the General Fund is not tied to a specific activity and can be spent on local needs, which can change from year to year. In Humboldt, roughly half of those dollars are spent on law and justice services, such as the Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation and Child Support Services.

## General Fund Expenditures

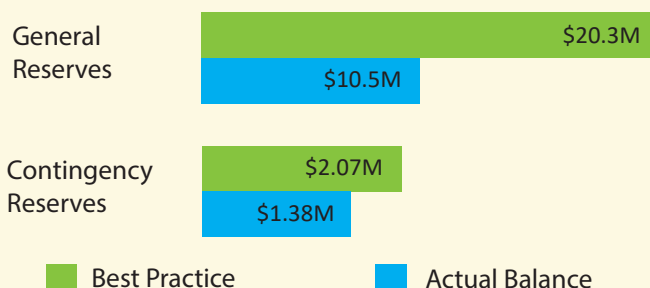
- Law & Justice  
\$89.49M
- Health & Human Services  
\$6.96M
- Library & Agriculture  
\$1.85M
- Planning & Building  
\$23.8M
- Public Works  
\$8.90M
- Transfers & Contingencies  
\$70k
- Governance  
\$22.34M

## Expenditures



Other Financing Uses - \$9.48 Million

## Reserves: Best Practices vs. Actual Balance



General Reserves is a rainy-day fund to be used in cases of financial hardship or emergency. Finance officers recommend maintaining a balance of 16 percent of General Fund Revenues in this fund. For Humboldt, that would equal at least \$20.3 million. Due to budget constraints, this budget does not include a contribution to the General Reserves.

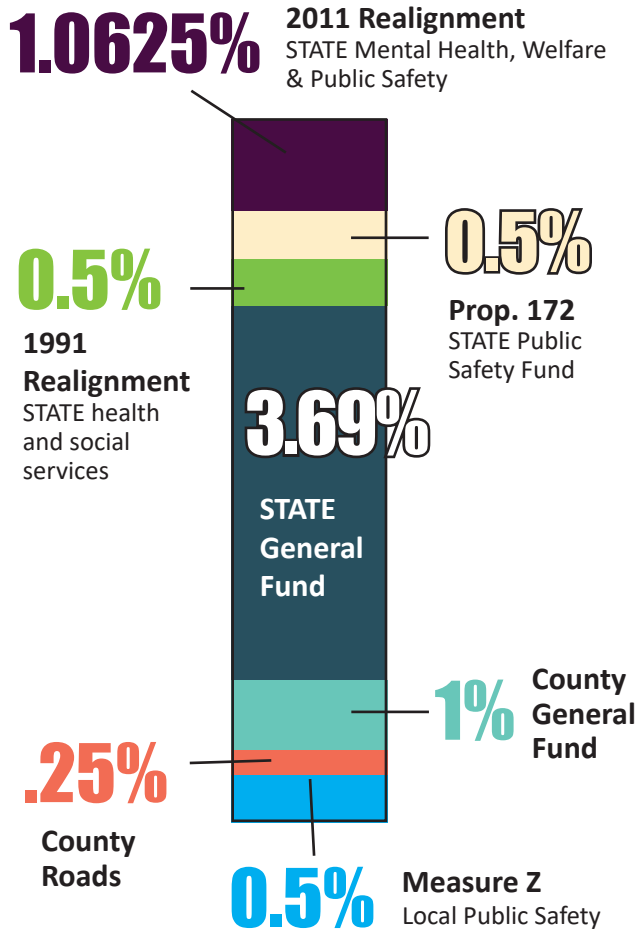
Contingency Reserves is funding set aside in a yearly budget to be used for unforeseen circumstances. Recommended levels for this fund are between 2-3 percent of discretionary General Fund revenues, or \$2.07 million.

# General Fund Revenues: \$126.96M

Other Revenue Sources (Uses): \$35.98M

## Sales Tax: Where Does It Go?

The sales tax rate in the unincorporated areas of Humboldt County is 7.75%. Of that amount, 7.25% is imposed at the state level, and 0.5% is local.



## Additional Funding

Departments requested additional funding from the General Fund for one-time expenses (\$9 million) and ongoing costs (\$267K) as follows:

### One-Time Costs

- \$173.5K Board of Supervisors Office staff position
- \$51.5K State and federal advocacy to secure economic support for county projects and essential services
- \$345.7K Four Auditor-Controller's Office staff positions
- \$204.2K Two Assessor's Department staff positions
- \$121.2K Human Resources Department staff positions
- \$154.8K Office of Elections Voter's Choice Act implementation
- \$194.8K Administrative staff support for Headwaters Fund programs
- \$444.5K Public Defender staff positions and indigent defense services
- \$3.5M Sheriff's Office deputy and staff positions
- \$377.1K Two Sheriff's Office staff positions previously funded by Measure Z
- \$27.5K Sheriff's Willow Creek Station facility expenses
- \$160K Sheriff's Office Public Administrator staff position
- \$312.8K Three Sheriff's Correctional Officer positions
- \$391.2K Two Sheriff's SWAP Farm positions
- \$224.1K Public Defender Conflict Counsel staff and indigent defense support
- \$730.5K Planning & Building Department - Building staff positions
- \$346.5K Planning & Building - Code Enforcement staff positions
- \$939.8K Planning & Building administrative staff positions
- \$283.9K Planning & Building - Advance Planning staff positions
- \$59.5K UC Cooperative Extension staff position

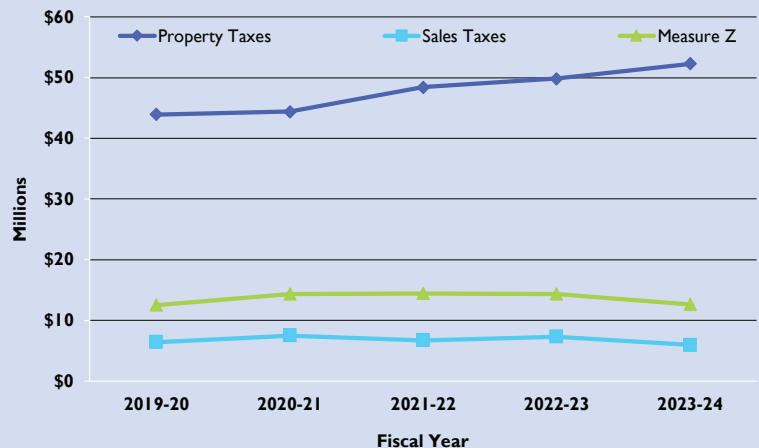
### Ongoing Costs

- \$50K Public Works Department Brownfield cleanup and equipment
- \$147.2K Public Works Department County Surveyor position support
- \$5K Contribution to the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee

## Property and Sales Tax Revenue

At this point in time and based on current information, property tax revenues are estimated to grow at 4.9% while sales tax, which includes Measure Z, is projected to decrease 18.2% compared to the FY 2022-23 adopted budget.

Total revenue for property and total sales tax is estimated at \$71 million. This information will be refined as the fiscal year progresses.





# Local Revenue Measures

Two revenue generating ballot measures were passed by Humboldt County voters in June 2022. In 2023, these measures began to generate additional revenue to be spent on local priorities.

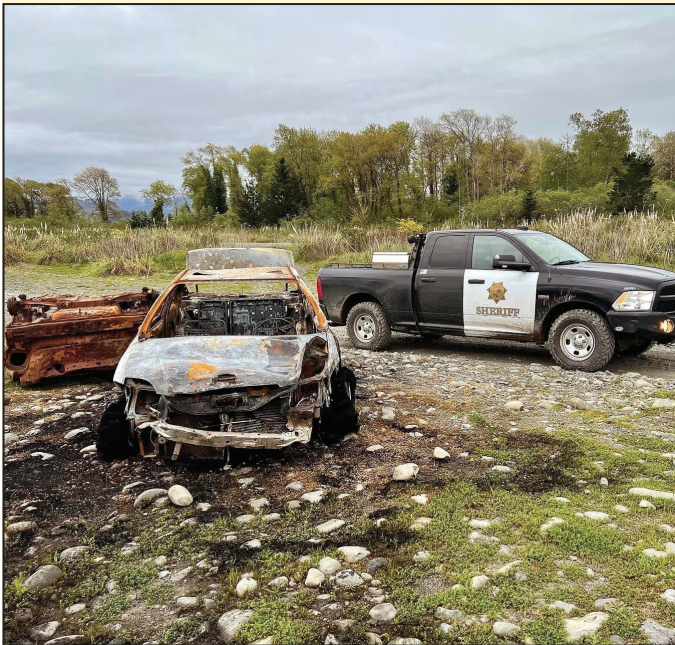
## Measure J - Hotel Tax

Humboldt County voters voted in favor of Measure J, which changed the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) rate from 10 to 12% and added overnight recreational vehicle parks/private campgrounds to the tax. The TOT is paid only by hotel/lodging guests and is used to maintain vital county services. As a General-Purpose Measure, Measure J funds are included in the county's general fund, which supports services that benefit all residents and visitors who travel to Humboldt County. In 2022-23 this measure was projected to generate \$440,000 which the Board of Supervisors allocated to local public safety, housing, film, and arts and culture programs serving the community.

## Measure J Investments:

The Board allocated revenue from Measure J to the following projects and agencies for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24:

- 30% to build affordable housing
- 30% to local arts programs
- 30% to the Sheriff's Office for existing positions
- 10% to the Humboldt Del Norte Film Commission



## Measure K - Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program Renewal

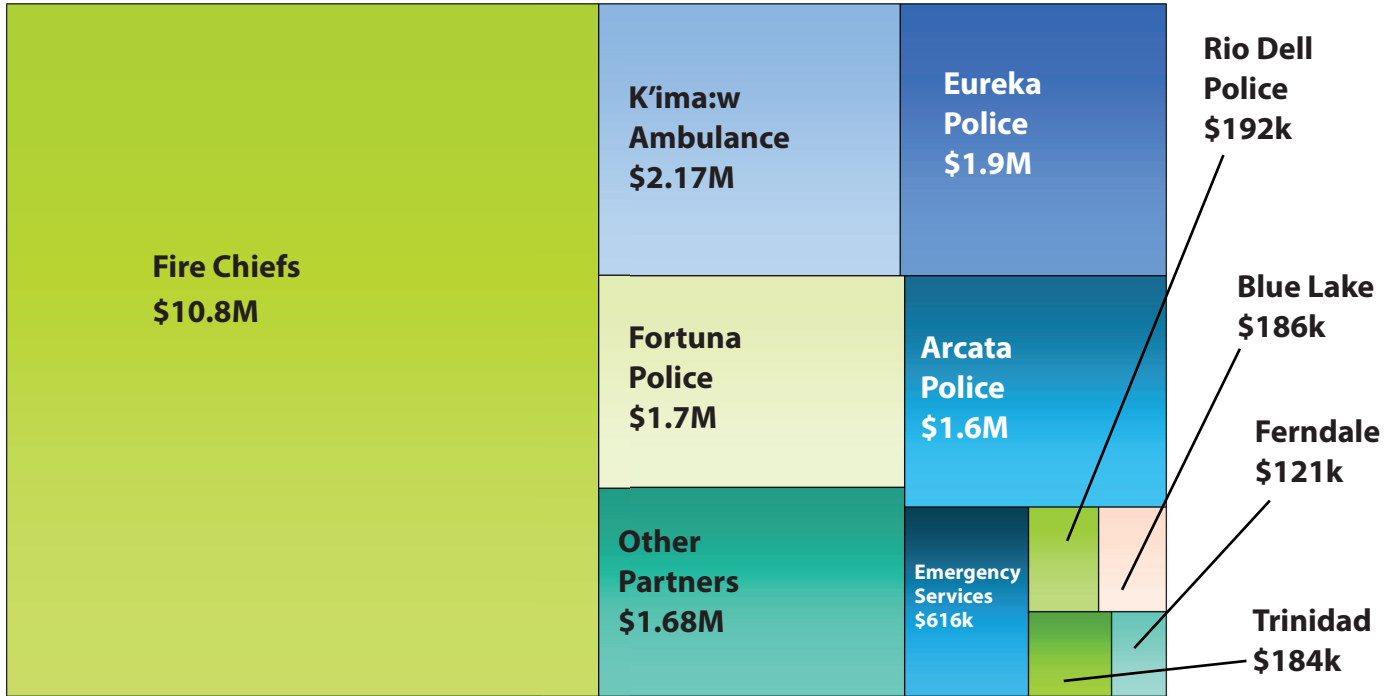
State law requires county voters to renew its modest, annual registration fee that is used to remove and dispose of abandoned vehicles every 10 years. In June 2022, Humboldt County voters passed Measure K, which renewed the county's Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program. Voters voted in favor of renewing the ordinance at the rate of \$1 per vehicle and an additional \$2 for certain commercial vehicles, generating approximately \$160,000 annually to be used to remove and dispose of abandoned vehicles in Humboldt County.



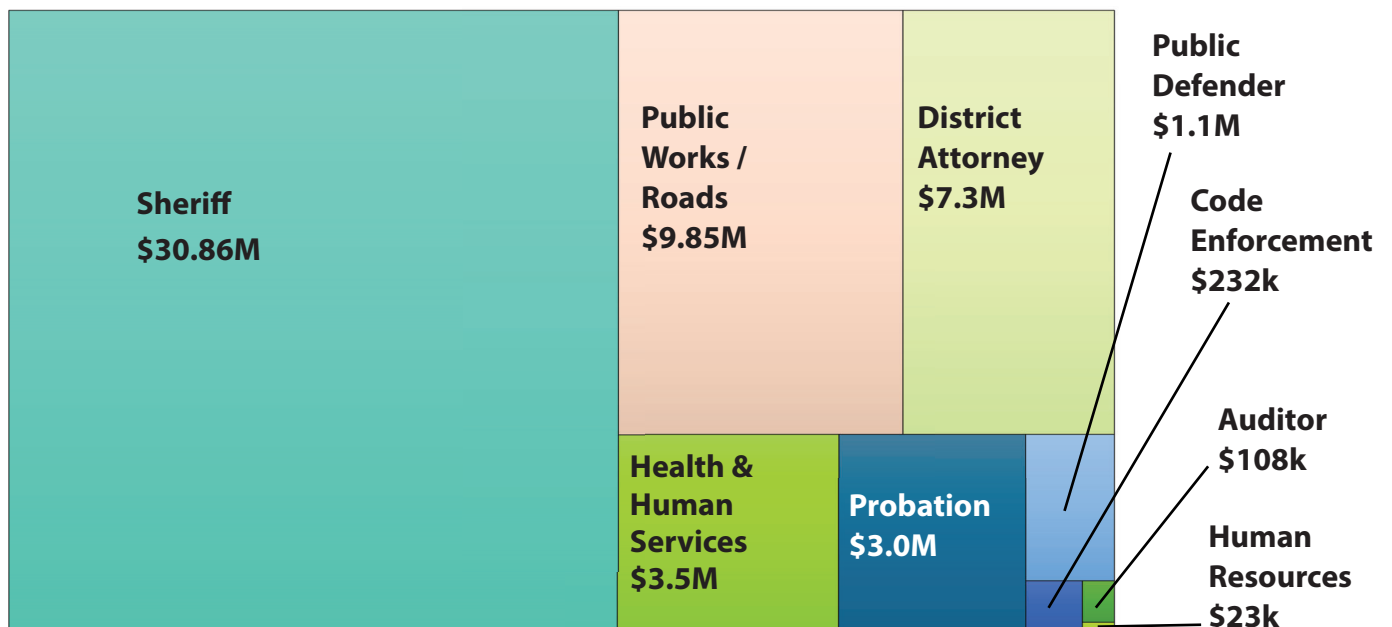
# Measure Z

Measure Z is a half-cent local sales tax passed by voters in 2014 and renewed in 2018. Funds from Measure Z are intended for public safety and essential services. This funding has been used to add more than 80 personnel at the county, providing services for law enforcement, behavioral health intervention, prosecution, probation, indigent defense and more. Volunteer fire departments have received necessary equipment including breathing apparatuses, wildland and structural turnouts, rescue tools, funding for dispatch services and training towers.

## Community Partners Actual Expenditures From 2015 through 2022



## County Department Actual Expenditures From 2015 through 2022





# Challenges

## “Operation John Wayne”

Starting in December 2022, a series of major winter storms and “atmospheric rivers” brought cold temperatures, heavy rain, snow, and high winds to Humboldt County, adding to the burden of county residents still recovering from the Six Rivers Lightning Complex wildfires in August 2022, and a 6.4 earthquake in December 2022 and 5.4 aftershock in January 2023 that left nearly 100 structures unsafe to occupy and hundreds of others needing safety repairs. As a result of the storms, on March 8, 2023, Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal declared a local emergency.



A large accumulation of snow, impassible roadways, downed trees, disrupted utility services, damaged and flooded roadways, mudslides, damaged structures and dead livestock exhausted and exceeded available county resources. Road closures made travel difficult, if not impossible, trapping some residents, livestock, and travelers in the hardest hit areas. Taking care of cattle, a major livestock industry in Humboldt, became difficult and dangerous. Snowed-in cattle began starving and freezing to death; livestock in some areas had been over a week without grass and in some cases, snow was so deep, ranchers couldn’t reach them to supplement with hay or protein buckets. With ranchers unable to make access, officials needed to devise way to try and save them.



“We’ve had some unprecedented weather over the last two weeks and we’ve received multiple reports of cattle dying off because ranchers cannot get to their cows due to impassable roadways,” Sheriff Honsal said. “These cattle are an economic driver, they’re starving and they’re calving right now. So all these things necessitate some drastic measures.”

“We are still recovering from an earthquake, the winter storms in December and it’s been raining or snowing for about a month now. So the impact to our whole community has been drastic,” Sheriff Honsal said. “We won’t know until the snow melts



how many cattle have died due to these conditions. But I know this for certain, if we don’t act, there’s going to be way more that do die and it will be a catastrophe for our county.”

Employing a method that was used in the 1980’s when there was a similar situation, local residents led by Humboldt County Supervisors Michelle Bushnell (2nd District) and Rex Bohn (1st District) worked with the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Department, CalFire, the California National Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay to come up with a plan to deliver hay to the ranches with starving animals. The hay was paid for by the affected ranchers and crews from Cal Fire and the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay then delivered it via helicopter to remote fields full of cattle.

“It’s working!” Supervisor Bushnell declared. “Their first drop was to 35 cows that had been without food for 8 days on Rainbow [Ridge],” she said. “They found cows and dropped hay.”



Southern Humboldt-Area Fire Chief Diana Totten said about 30 ranchers had reached out to the county for help. Within a couple of days, crews had made at least eight trips and flown for at least seven hours to drop off about 3.5 tons of hay to stranded cows.

The coordinated response from the Supervisors, ranchers, volunteers, Humboldt County Sheriff’s Department, CalFire, California National Guard and U.S. Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay demonstrates a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the well-being of all animals in the region, including the critical and lifesaving measures taken during this snowstorm. The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Department’s efforts and commitment to helping local communities undoubtedly helped secure the survival of both the cattle and the local livestock economy.



# Sustainability

## Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP)

The Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) is an alternative to incarceration for low-risk offenders. Offenders are able to work off their time at the Sheriff's Wood Lot, Farm, Animal Shelter, the county garage, the McKinleyville Community Services District or the Hoopa Food Distribution Center. Our SWAP program also partners with local cities, agencies, and airports, providing work crews to attend to those organizations' maintenance needs. This reduces overcrowding inside the jail and allows individuals to remain productive members of society.

### SWAP Farm

The SWAP Farm grows produce, harvests eggs and raises livestock to supply food to our Correctional Facility. Excess produce is regularly donated to local nonprofits to help feed our low income and houseless communities. The farm has a thriving pig project which not only supplies pork to our Correctional Facility, but provides low-cost meat to local citizens. The farm also supports our local 4-H/Future Farmers of America (FFA) by providing show pigs at a reduced cost to students.

### Connecting with our community through Coffee at the Farm

On Saturday, Sept. 10, the Sheriff's Farm hosted the first-ever Coffee at the Farm event, inviting members of the public to come out and experience the farm first-hand. More than 200 community members joined us for guided farm tours, hay rides, produce tasting and a meet-and-greet with HCSO staff. At the event, attendees were also able to meet adoptable animals and see the Sheriff's Bearcat and other equipment up close. More than a dozen staff members were involved in making this event a success.

SWAP LOCATION	HOURS SERVED
Animal Shelter	1,296
Sheriff's Farm	11,646
Hoopa Foods	264
McKinleyville Community Services District	2,192
Motorpool	4,560
Wood Lot	6,272
Airports	769
Cities	2,000
Botanical Gardens	2,776
Schools	368
County Parks	304
All Others	1,080



2022 FARM STATS	
Produce Harvested	8,120 lbs
Eggs Collected	5,384
Pigs Born	138
Meat Processed	7,558 lbs
Pork Donated	280 lbs
Cords of Wood Processed	132





# Accessibility

## County Facility Access Improvements Recent Projects

**Auditor-Controller's Office Tenant Improvement and ADA Project:** This project went out to bid in April 2023. The project scope consists of fully renovating the Auditor-Controller's Office with a contemporary look and feel including a new configuration for better use of available space, and will include accessible design, new flooring, ceilings, paint, and lighting. The project is anticipated to complete by June 2024.

**Courthouse 4th Street ADA Modification Project:** This project went out to bid in April 2023. It will include replacing the accessible parking stall in the 4th Street parking lot adjacent to the building with an ADA-compliant van accessible stall, replacing the aging moisture barrier between the parking lot asphalt and the ceiling of the Office of Emergency Services located directly below, replacing the accessible route linking the building entrance to the public right-of-way on the 4th Street side of the courthouse, replacing the problematic outward swinging entrance and exit doors at the 4th Street entrance security vestibule with electronic sliding doors similar to the ones used on the 5th Street side of the facility, installing decorative retaining wall type ballads to prevent vehicles from driving into the security vestibule around the accessible route and 4th Street parking lot, and replacing paint and flooring on the Ground Floor hall between the security vestibule and the Sheriff's Office lobby.



**Courthouse Restrooms ADA Modification Project:** This project went out to bid in April 2023. The project recommendation consists of full renovations and modernizations of all twenty (20) public restrooms in the courthouse. The project is expected to complete in June 2024.

**Clark Complex ADA Modification Project:** Construction is currently underway and is expected to complete by September 2023. The project will renovate, improve and remove barriers to access in the multi-user men's and women's restrooms on the first floor, provide a facelift of the staff restroom, improve the accessible route to the main lobby by installing a wheelchair lift and reconstruct a portion of the parking lot with one (1) ADA-accessible van parking stall.

**ACV Airport Car Rental Service Counter ADA Modification Project:** The ADA Team recently began the remodel of each of the four car rental service counters at the California Redwood Coast-Humboldt County Regional Airport (ACV), making them fully ADA-compliant. This project is highly complex and detail-oriented. Special care is being taken to ensure that the modifications to the existing woodwork look original and blend in well with the aesthetics of the terminal. This project is anticipated to complete by August 2023.



**Clam Beach Mat:** In February 2023, the ADA Team in conjunction with County Parks installed a 5-foot-wide polyester mat along the beach access corridor that starts at the northern parking lot of Clam Beach County Park, which enables individuals with mobility disabilities to travel from arrival points to the edge of the wave slope. Clam Beach is one of the northernmost ADA-accessible beaches in California.

**Garberville Public Health:** In December 2022, the ADA Compliance Team completed renovations to the Garberville Public Health Branch. The project renovated, improved and removed barriers in the single-user restrooms, making one fully ADA-compliant, reconstructed three service counters, and replaced the front door and reconstructed the parking lot with one ADA-accessible van parking stall and a compliant path of travel linking the facility to the pedestrian right-of-way as well as the newly constructed Garberville County Complex across the street. This project completion resolves a second strategic goal of the Facilities Master Plan.

**Economic Dev./DCSS Tenant Improvement and ADA Modification Project:** This project is currently in design and is anticipated to be complete by June 2024. The scope includes new office space for both Economic Development and Child Support Services (DCSS), which will serve as a welcoming and inviting location to attract industry professionals interested in investing in the Humboldt County economy.

# Improvements

## ACV Runway Improvements

One of the largest projects in the history of the California Redwood-Coast Humboldt County Airport (ACV) will begin in June 2023. This project, known as the ACV Runway and Electrical Rehabilitation Project, will be conducted in three phases to make much needed improvements to ACV's primary runway, which was last rehabilitated in 1994.

Funding for this project was provided thanks to the advocacy efforts of Congressman Jared Huffman, who helped secure a \$13 million Airport Improvement Program grant through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) covering 90% of the project costs. The remaining 10% of the project costs will be funded by Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act Grant funding which was previously provided to the county by the FAA.

In addition to infrastructure improvements at ACV, FAA funding secured by Congressman Huffman also funded wildlife hazard assessment and management plans and electrical systems studies for Murray Field Airport and Rohnerville Airport.

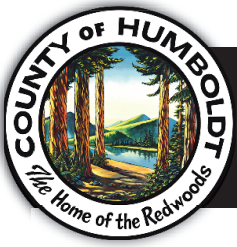


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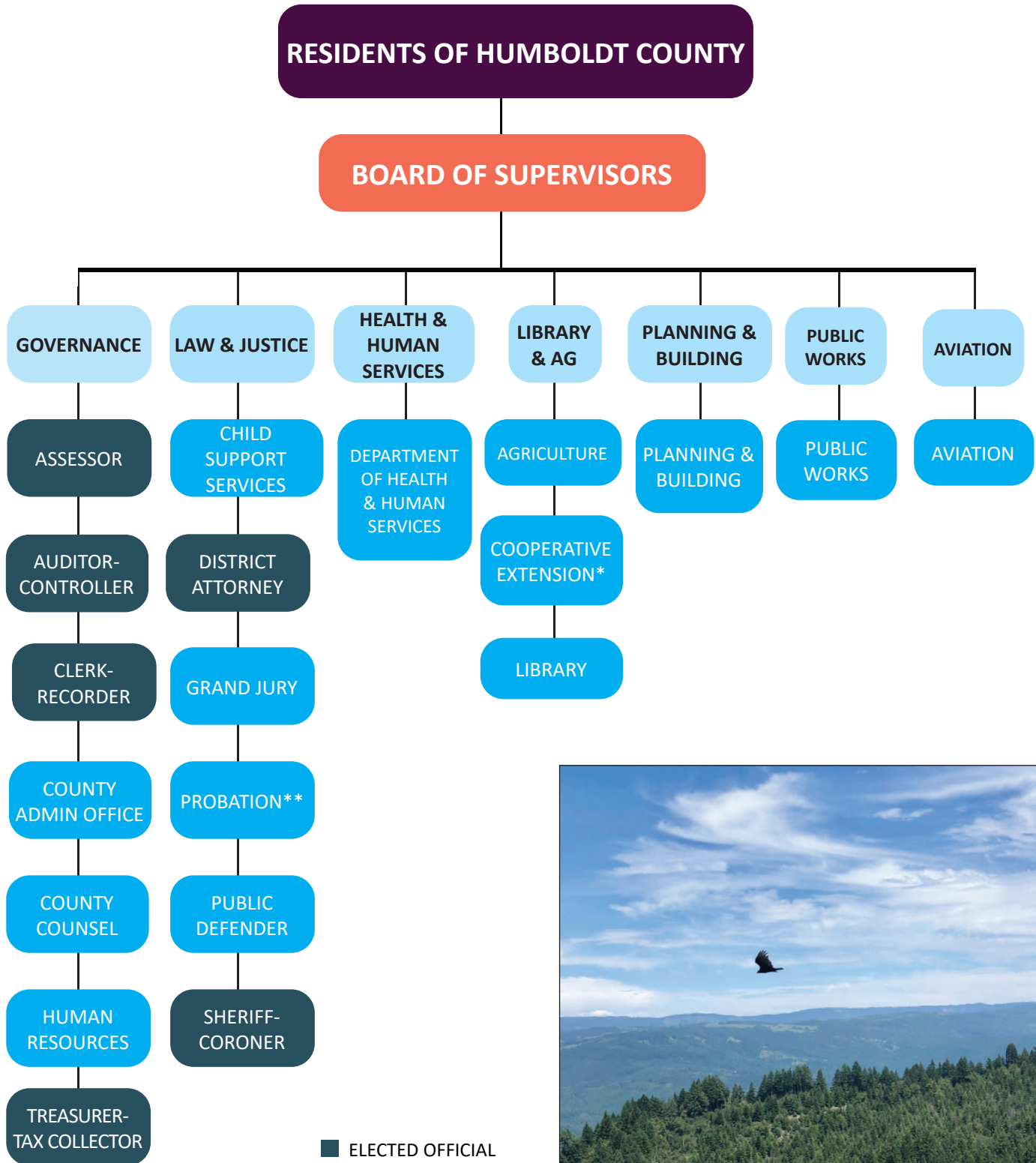
Work for the ACV Runway and Electrical Rehabilitation Project includes two categories: upgrades to electrical/lighting infrastructure and pavement rehabilitation including, milling approximately two (2) inches off the surface of the airport's primary runway and adding approximately six (6) inches of fresh asphalt for a new runway surface. This rehabilitation is expected to help the airport realize another 10-20 years of useful life out of the runway before another major rehabilitation project is needed.

Work required for this project will take place in three phases from June to December 2023, and air service at ACV is expected to be impacted in August 2023. The Department of Aviation worked closely with the US Coast Guard-Sector Humboldt Bay, United Airlines, Avelo Airlines, and medical flight operators who partnered with the department to arrange this project's schedule to minimize the impacts of this project for airport partners, operators, customers, and the community.

The Department of Aviation looks forward to completing a safe and successful project to improve the airport for the Humboldt County residents and visitors to enjoy in the future.



# County Organizational Chart



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# Staying Involved

## Online at Humboldt.gov.org

- Sign up for the county's NewsFlash and Calendar updates
- Weigh in on county issues on the Open Humboldt discussion forum
- Follow us on social media to connect with us and with your neighbors

## In Person

- Watch and make public comment at a Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesdays. Meetings begin at 9 am.
- Participate in the budget hearings in June

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