
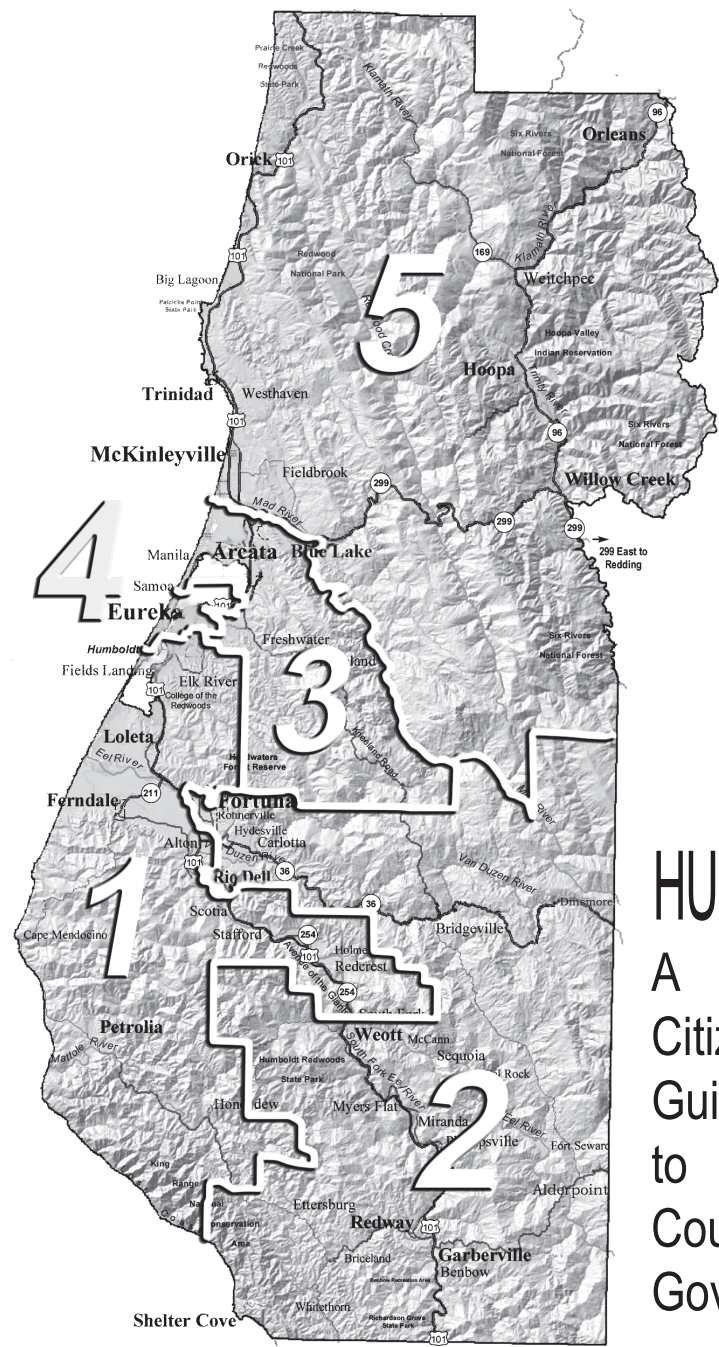


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Introduction

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County has prepared this guide and made it available free-of-charge in order to promote informed participation in county government by providing access to detailed information about elected and appointed offices, intergovernmental bodies, and other public agencies. We wish to thank the county officials and staff and the many individuals who provided information for this publication; any errors are our own. The figures are based on the 2017-2018 adopted budget.

League of Women Voters Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Supporting the League

The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. It does take action on selected government issues in the public interest. *Join us* in creating responsible civil discourse, and action based on substance rather than partisanship. Become a member of the League. Membership is open to *all* persons at least 16 years of age. Call 444-9252 or email us at vote@lwwhc.org. Write to us at: P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502-3219.

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Elected Offices

Courts

Superior Court of California

County of Humboldt

825 5th St., Eureka 95501

483 Conger St., Garberville 95542

toll free (866) 608-1804

Avg. Salary: \$200,042 State-funded

Has general trial jurisdiction, including all felonies, civil matters, family court involving child custody and support, adoptions, probate and guardianships, dissolutions and annulments, traffic violations, small claims, and misdemeanors. Issues jury summonses; provides juries for courts; maintains the law library. Because increasing the number of judges is not lightly done, the court has acted within its authority to appoint a commissioner with limited judicial authority to assist with the family law caseload.

Superior Court Administrative Office

Kim Bartleson, Chief Executive Officer 269-1200

Staff: 107.0 Budget: \$1,858,248*

*County Contribution

Coordinates and schedules the court's calendars; complies with all orders of the court and ensures their proper and timely execution; maintains secure custody of all legal records; performs personnel management for the court administrative office; is responsible for all financial aspects of court operations; maintains statistical data on judicial and administrative activity.

Traffic Division

421 I St., Eureka 95501

445-7256

Collects fines and answers questions arising from traffic citations.

Law Library

812 4th St., Room G04, Eureka 95501

476-2356

The law library is administered by a board of trustees made of up county judges and attorneys, and provides the bench, bar, and public with free access to up-to-date, user-friendly, and appropriate legal resources.

Legislative Bodies

Board of Supervisors

5 members

825 5th St., Room 111, Eureka 95501 476-2396

Clerk of the Board 476-2390

Avg. Salary: \$87,427 Staff: 9.0 Budget: \$1,399,376

Meets: Every Tuesday, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.,
except the 5th Tuesday of the month

825 5th St., Eureka Supervisors Chambers

Judges
Serve 6-year terms

Kaleb Cockrum
next election 2020

Gregory Elvine-Kreis
next election 2018

Joyce Hinrichs
next election 2020

Kelly Neel
next election 2020

Dale Reinholdtsen
next election 2018

Christopher Wilson
next election 2022

To Be Appointed
next election 2020

Commissioner
Timothy Canning

Living life in the
fast lane?
Traffic Ticket Info
toll-free
445-7256

If you need
disability-related
accommodations
to participate in a board
meeting, contact the
clerk of the board
476-2390
at least two full business
days before the start of the
desired meeting.

Serves as the legislative and policy-making body of the county; adopts ordinances, resolutions, and orders; appoints the non-elected department heads and members of boards and commissions; governs a number of special districts; adopts annual budget; levies taxes and sets fees; approves contracts; regulates land use in unincorporated areas.

Meeting agendas are available on their website on the Friday before each meeting. For county departments, to request that an item of business be placed on a future agenda, submit a written request, together with any supporting material, to 825 5th St., Room 111, Eureka, CA 95501, at least ten days before the desired meeting. Members of the public may alternatively contact a supervisor to request that an item be placed on the agenda. Persons submitting supporting materials must provide an original and nine copies for the materials to be placed in the public record. At meetings, the chair asks for public comment on agenda items after staff and board discussion and before the vote. The time for citizens to address matters not on the agenda is during the limited period set aside for public comment. Public comment is identified as such on the agenda, generally the first item of the afternoon session. Citizens also have the right to be heard during any public hearings that are noticed or advertised to the public. Meetings of the Board of Supervisors are broadcast live on Suddenlink channel 10, and are also rebroadcast Wednesdays at 8 P.M.

Board of Education

5 members

901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka 95501

445-7030

Salary: Not salaried, receive a state-funded stipend

Meets: 2nd Wednesday, 3 P.M., call to confirm

Office of Education Board Room

Adopts rules and regulations governing the office of education; sets the county superintendent's salary; approves the office of education budget; approves educational films and videos for school districts; acts as the governing board for county-operated schools and programs; functions as an appellate body for student expulsions.

Meeting agendas are posted at the office of education, and at each school site. An item to be considered for the agenda must be submitted in writing to the superintendent of schools at least two weeks in advance. Discussion is limited to school business; confidential matters regarding individual students and personnel will not be discussed during public meetings. Each agenda item has time allotted for public comment. If you wish to address an agenda item, you may do so by signing in at the beginning of the meeting, or by raising your hand to be recognized and then coming forward to speak. There is no set time limit for public comment.

Executive Offices

Assessor

Mari Wilson

next election 2018

825 5th St., 3rd Floor, Eureka 95501 445-7663

Salary: \$121,464 Staff: 31.0 Budget: \$2,651,858

Appraises all unsecured property annually; appraises secured property at time of transfer, including all new construction; prepares the tax roll and delivers it to the auditor yearly; keeps records of taxable property.

Supervisors

By District

Serve 4-year terms

1 Rex Bohn

rbohn@co.humboldt.ca.us

476-2391

next election 2020

2 Estelle Fennell

efennell@co.humboldt.ca.us

476-2392

next election 2020

3 Mike Wilson

mike.wilson@co.humboldt.ca.us

476-2393

next election 2020

4 Virginia Bass

vbass@co.humboldt.ca.us

476-2394

next election 2018

5 Ryan Sundberg

rsundberg@co.humboldt.ca.us

476-2395

next election 2018

Board of Education

Members

By Trustee Area

Serve 4-year terms

1 Mary Scott

next election 2018

2 Robert Siekmann

next election 2020

3 Bill Ruff

next election 2018

4 Loretta Eckenrode

next election 2018

5 Marc Rowley

next election 2020

Auditor-Controller

Joseph Mellett next election 2018
825 5th St., Room 126, Eureka 95501 476-2452
Salary: \$121,464 Staff: 14.1 Budget: \$1,492,520

Serves as chief accounting officer for the county; records the financial transactions of the county and other related agencies; audits and processes claims for payments; issues receipts for all monies received by the county; maintains personnel earnings and benefit records; accounts for property tax monies; oversees the divisions of payroll, accounting, accounts receivable, audit and cost accounting, and property tax.

Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters

Kelly Sanders next election 2018
825 5th St., 5th Floor, Eureka 95501 445-7593
Salary: \$121,464 Staff: 23.0 Budget: \$2,827,648

The official repository for all real estate records and official maps as well as vital records (birth, death and marriage records). Files fictitious business name statements and notary bonds; sells marriage licenses and performs civil wedding ceremonies. It has one division:

Elections & Voter Registration 445-7481
Judith Hedgpeth
2426 6th St., Eureka 95501
Staff: 6.0 Budget: \$1,649,392

Registers all voters; conducts federal, state, county, city, school, and special district elections; ensures that all eligible residents are able to exercise their right to vote; ensures that elections are held in a fair, accurate, and efficient manner; provides election information and results to the public.

District Attorney

Maggie Fleming next election 2018
825 5th St., Eureka 95501 445-7411
Salary: \$169,308 Staff: 57.3 Budget: \$6,416,491

Initiates and conducts the prosecution of public offenses occurring within Humboldt County on behalf of the People of the State of California; assists and advises the grand jury on criminal matters; oversees a Victim-Witness program which offers support services to victims, their families and witnesses during criminal proceedings, and collaborates with other agencies to operate special programs focusing on child abuse and on anti-drug abuse enforcement.

Sheriff-Coroner

William "Billy" Honsal III next election 2018
826 4th St., Eureka 95501 445-7251
Salary: \$175,716 Staff: 294.1 Budget: \$38,895,555

Enforces state law, county ordinances, and court orders; maintains police patrols for unincorporated areas including all waterways in the county and the Pacific Ocean out 3 miles; performs search and rescue; processes civil writs; operates the county jail; serves as bailiff to the superior court; processes

business licenses, gun registrations, and concealed-carry licenses; provides public protection through stray dog control, bite investigations and dog licensing programs; serves as director of emergency services; provides public access to fingerprinting services.

Coroner and Public Administrator 445-7242
Ernest Stewart, Chief Deputy Coroner
3012 I St., Eureka 95501

Investigates all deaths reportable to the coroner; safeguards property of the deceased; notifies and counsels next-of-kin; conducts inquests; administers estates; provides burial for indigent persons. Formerly an elected office, the Coroner's Office was consolidated with the Sheriff's Office in 2015.

Office of Emergency Services 268-2500

Controls and directs the county's emergency efforts; assists cities or special districts that request additional resources and organization in times of crisis by mobilizing both county assets and, when necessary, assets from other cities and special districts; requests assistance from the state office of emergency services when necessary.

Superintendent of Schools

Chris Hartley next election 2018
901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka 95501 445-7030

State-funded:

Salary: \$176,000 Staff: 332.0 Budget: \$46,595,847

Provides educational, consultative, administrative, legislative, and business services to 31 school districts in Humboldt County; coordinates regional services in health, special education, multi-county education-related mental health, staff development, attendance, library/instructional media, insurance/risk management, and legal services; maintains teacher credential files; operates court and community schools, special education schools, and career education support services; acts as a liaison between the California Department of Education and local school districts; monitors income and expenses of local school districts.

Treasurer-Tax Collector

John Bartholomew next election 2018
825 5th St., Room 125, Eureka 95501 476-2450
Salary: \$121,464 Staff: 17.0 Budget: \$2,234,010

Performs functions for several local governmental agencies not under the control of the Board of Supervisors; collects taxes for all taxing agencies including cities, school districts and special districts; invests the monies for the school districts and most special districts; coordinates financing for county and other local agency projects; issues business licenses; administers the county's Deferred Compensation and Defined Benefit Plans. This is a unique relationship in that the Board of Supervisors alone controls department financing, but the office is equally responsible to all of the agencies it serves.

Sheriff Substations
Garberville Station
648 Locust St.
923-2761

McKinleyville Station
1608 Pickett Rd.
839-6600

Trinity River Division Station
80 Country Club Dr.
Willow Creek
(530) 629-1025

Animal Shelter
Animal Control
980 Looming
McKinleyville
840-9132

The tax-defaulted
property auction
is held annually. For
more information call:
476-2450

Business Licenses
476-2450

Property Taxes
476-2450
toll-free in the U.S.
(877) 448-6829
(877) 4HUMTAX

Applying for a
marriage license?
Need a copy of a
certificate for a
birth, death or
marriage
that occurred in Humboldt
County, or a copy of a
property deed?
445-7382

Appointed Offices

Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights & Measures

Jeff Dolf

5630 South Broadway, Eureka 95503 441-5260

Salary: \$129,456 Staff: 8.0 Budget: \$1,047,495

Provides environmental protection through agricultural pest exclusion, pesticide use enforcement, and management of predatory animal damage; registers local organic producers with the State program and performs compliance inspections for the national organic program; protects consumers by inspecting and/or testing all commercial weighing devices and enforcing package labeling laws.

Chief Probation Officer

William "Bill" Damiano

2002 Harrison Ave., Eureka 95501 445-7401

Salary: \$132,372 Staff: 123.4 Budget: \$12,562,759

Provides supervision of adult and juvenile offenders; sanctions and treats offenders through community correction; enforces court orders; provides accurate and comprehensive information to the courts; is responsible for the operation of the juvenile hall and Northern California Regional Facility. The probation department is an arm of the superior court, and its head is an appointee of the court.

Child Support Services Director

Lisa Dugan

2420 6th St., Eureka 95501 (866) 901-3212

Salary: \$131,448 Staff: 54.0 Budget: \$5,183,305

Administers child support services for the county; establishes paternity and enforces child support orders; locates non-custodial parents; collects and disburses child support funds. State and federal funding supports these services; they have no impact on the general fund. Since 1975, federal law has mandated that all states operate a child support enforcement program. To ensure uniformity of effort statewide, each California county is required to enter into a plan of cooperation with the State's Department of Child Support Services.

Cooperative Extension Director

Yana Valachovic

5630 South Broadway, Eureka 95503 445-7351

Salary: *Paid by UC* Staff: 1.5 Budget: \$183,685

Provides programs and activities related to forestry, dairy, livestock and range, marine science, horticulture, and 4-H Youth Development. Humboldt County supports this office with clerical staff and operating expenses. The University of California appoints the director and other local advisors.

Fox in your henhouse? Wildlife services may be able to help. 441-5260

Juvenile Hall 445-7644

You can get general information about child support services and payment information for your case 24 hours a day on the automated information line. (866) 901-3212

County Administrative Officer

Amy Nilsen

825 5th St., Room 112, Eureka 95501 445-7266

Salary: \$184,716 Staff: 36.0 Budget: \$10,752,432

The administrative arm of the Board of Supervisors. The CAO's office assists the Board in the development and implementation of policies, and recommends annual budget and legislative platforms to the Board. Acquires goods and services for county departments and conducts sales and auctions of retired equipment; oversees the mailroom; collects court fines and other outstanding fees owed to county departments, and negotiates payment agreements.

Economic Development

520 E St., Eureka 95501

445-7745

Encourages economic development by focusing on business retention and expansion, on the development of housing and infrastructure, and on workforce development; oversees the Headwaters Fund and the Workforce Development Board.

Information Technology & Communications

839 4th St., Eureka 95501

445-7556

Operates and maintains the county's computer network. Administers the county's phone and radio systems, which includes all federally licensed equipment and frequencies that operate through the courthouse emergency dispatch center, public works dispatch center, and six remote mountaintop radio repeater sites; manages the county's utilities, and negotiates and administers the cable television franchises.

County Counsel

Jeffrey Blanck

825 5th St., Eureka 95501

445-7236

Salary: \$166,608 Staff: 24.5 Budget: \$2,239,148

The General Services Unit serves as legal advisor to the Board of Supervisors, all county departments, and some joint powers agencies; by contract gives legal advice to special districts; represents the county in civil litigation; oversees litigation aspects of the risk management program. The Child Welfare Services Unit provides legal services to Child Welfare Services from the trial court to the appellate court level. The Code Enforcement Unit performs investigative inspection, abatement and compliance work related to use, maintenance and safety of land and structures.

Human Resources Director

Lisa DeMatteo

825 5th St., Room 100, Eureka 95501 476-2349

Salary: \$142,104 Staff: 10.0 Budget: \$34,906,394

Manages the county human resources and risk management programs, including recruitment, selection, classification, equal employment, training and workers' compensation; keeps employee records; administers contracts with employee organizations; conducts ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance activities; administers benefit programs; and administers county insurance and liability programs.

Measure Z

In November of 2014 voters passed a half-cent sales tax to maintain and enhance public safety services. Projected revenue for the current fiscal year: **\$11,090,596**

The **Measure Z Citizens Advisory Committee** makes recommendations about the expenditure of Measure Z funds.

Call 445-7266 to find out about attending their meetings or to apply for Measure Z funds for a public safety project.

Health & Human Services Director

Connie Beck
 507 F St., Eureka 95501 441-5400
 Salary: \$175,752 Staff: 1307.4 Budget: \$185,719,242

The department has 3 branches:

Mental Health

Emi Botzler-Rogers, Director
 Admin: 824 Harris St., Eureka 95501 268-2990
 Services: 720 Wood St., Eureka 95501 268-2900
 Alcohol & Other Drug Programs 476-4054
 727 Cedar St., Garberville 95542 923-2729
 Staff: 370.9 Budget: \$40,307,121

Directs diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of persons within the county who suffer from mental and emotional disorders, alcoholism, and substance abuse. State and Federal Funds, insurance, user fees, contracts for services, and a small amount of county funds offset the cost of these services.

Public Guardian – Public Conservator

Kelli Schwartz
 1105 6th St., Eureka 95501 445-7343
 Staff: 8.0 Budget: \$983,313

Acts as the legally appointed guardian or conservator for persons found by the superior court to be too physically or mentally disabled to care properly for themselves or their finances, or who are unable to resist undue influence or fraud; conducts the official county investigation into conservatorship matters.

Public Health

Michele Stephens, Director
 529 I St., Eureka 95501 445-6200
 toll-free (855) 707-9355
 727 Cedar St., Garberville 95542 923-2779
 77 Walnut Way, Willow Creek 95573 (530) 629-2410
 Staff: 245.5 Budget: \$22,381,526

Promotes community health, disease prevention and a healthy environment through prevention programs; diagnoses and investigates community health problems and hazards; enforces laws and regulations; and responds to disasters. Most public health funding comes from other governmental agencies.

Social Services

Stephanie Weldon, Director
 929 Koster St., Eureka 95501 269-3590
 toll-free (800) 891-8551 TDD 269-2750
 727 Cedar St., Garberville 95542 923-2759
 535 Airport Rd., Hoopa 95546 (530) 625-4251
 Staff: 646.0 Budget: \$115,890,382

Administers public assistance programs, including CalWORKS, CalFresh, Medi-Cal and General Relief; directs social service programs including Child Welfare Services, In-Home Supportive Services, and Adult Protective Services; coordinates services with other public and private agencies.

Lifejackets Save Lives
 Lifejacket loan program
 268-2132

Mental Health Crisis Hotline

24 hours 445-7715
 toll-free (888) 849-5728

Lead Poisoning Prevention
 445-6025

Family Violence Prevention
 268-2132

Public Health Nursing
 268-2105

Free or low cost health insurance for children
 Healthy Kids Humboldt
 442-6066

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Nutrition Program
 445-6255

Want to quit?

Tobacco-Free Humboldt
 268-2132

HIV & Hepatitis C Services

confidential and free
 268-2132

Hazardous Waste Recycling
 441-2005

Report abuse

445-6180 child 24 hrs
 476-2100 adults/elders
 After hours 445-7715

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit
 445-6072

CalWORKS & Welfare to Work
 (877) 410-8809

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Library Services Director

To be appointed
 1313 3rd St., Eureka 95501 269-1900
 Salary: \$112,068 Staff: 30.3 Budget: \$3,912,566

Provides library and information services via the Eureka Main Library, ten Branch Libraries and a Bookmobile; maintains reference, print, and audio/visual collections and materials of local historical and genealogical significance; provides public internet and computer access. Library revenues come primarily from property taxes, state and federal funds, and some fees, fines and gifts.

Planning & Building Director

John Ford
 3015 H St., Eureka 95501 445-7245
 Salary: \$118,368 Staff: 42.0 Budget: \$9,505,557

The Planning & Building Department has 4 main divisions:

Current Planning 445-7245

Steve Werner, Supervising Planner
 Staff: 17.0 Budget: \$1,995,454

Processes land use permit applications for subdivisions, lot line adjustments, coastal development permits, special permits, use permits, and applicant-initiated amendments to the General Plan and Zoning text and maps. Current Planning provides public information and reviews building applications, reviews business license referrals, assigns addresses and street names, and manages the code compliance unit.

Building Inspection

Todd Sobolik, Chief Building Official 445-7245
 toll-free (800) 900-4034
 Staff: 14.0 Budget: \$1,720,226

Authority for building regulations for unincorporated areas of Humboldt County; performs inspections during new construction for codes and standards compliance; issues permits to alter, enlarge, remodel or repair existing buildings and issues permits for the placement of mobile homes in unincorporated areas.

Advance Planning & GIS 445-7245

Michael Richardson, Supervising Planner
 Staff: 6.0 Budget: \$3,753,417

Prepares and updates the General Plan and Land Use and Development Codes including Community Plans, Housing Element and Local Coastal Plans; maintains an online Geographical Information System (GIS); manages affordable housing and grant programs.

Cannabis Services 445-7245

Staff: 5.0 Budget: \$2,036,460

Supports the permitting process and provides long-range planning, development and implementation of local ordinances and code related to commercial medical cannabis.

Veterans Services

1105 6th St., Suite F
 Eureka 95501
 445-7611
 Serves as a liaison between veterans and their families and the Veterans Administration on matters such as home loans, pension and medical benefits, and burial benefits.

Got maps?
 Planning's GIS program has maps and other geographical information.
 445-7245

Building permits & inspection requests:
 445-7245

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Public Defender (Interim)

Marek Reavis

1001 4th St., Eureka 95501 445-7634

Salary: \$150,132 Staff: 32.9 Budget: \$4,053,844

Represents defendants in criminal cases who are unable to pay for a private attorney. Also represents juveniles, parents in dependency matters, and proposed conservatees of the Public Conservator. Oversees the offices of the Alternate Counsel and Conflict Counsel, who also represent defendants.

Public Works Director

Thomas Mattson

1106 2nd St., Eureka 95501 445-7491

Salary: \$138,456 Staff: 219.0 Budget: \$89,448,973

Responsible for the improvement and maintenance of the county's public infrastructure, as well as the county's vehicle fleet. Prepares engineered plans and specifications; inspects construction projects; manages county properties and right-of-ways; obtains regulatory permits; manages six county airports; administers solid waste franchises and facilities; also provides funding to transit service operators and for pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Following are two major divisions of Public Works:

Environmental & Park Services

Hank Seemann, Deputy Director

1106 2nd St., Eureka 95501 445-7491

Staff: 12.0 Budget: \$17,968,171

Responsible for environmental permitting and compliance, resource management, natural hazard planning and mitigation, and recreation facilities. Environmental Services has three main units:

Natural Resources Planning 267-9542

Implements programs for integrated water resource management and natural hazard mitigation. Performs environmental review and permitting for Public Works projects and operations.

Parks & Trails 445-7651

Operates 17 park units (nearly 950 acres) and the five-mile-long Hammond Trail in McKinleyville. The park system includes ten beach parks, five parks with river access, five boat ramps, and five campgrounds.

Water Management 445-7741

Manages three levee systems, implements storm water pollution prevention programs, and leads or provides assistance for water resource projects such as habitat restoration, flood risk reduction, and regional planning initiatives.

Road & Equipment Maintenance

Robert "Bob" Bronkall, Deputy Director

1106 2nd St., Eureka 95501 445-7421

Staff: 110.0 Budget: \$23,763,628

Performs routine maintenance for all county roads and bridges. Also provides disaster response during storms and other emergency events, and maintains the county's heavy equipment.

Annual Parks Passes
\$45 permit provides
free access to day-use
parks, and discounted
camping for one year.
445-7651

***Board of Supervisors
Appointed Boards, Commissions
and Committees***

The Board of Supervisors appoints the following to advise them on specific matters or to perform certain duties, or appoints a designated number of their members. Citizens may seek appointments to these bodies, and they all have designated time at their meetings for public input. For more information contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Following is a partial list:

Assessment Appeals Board

Meets: As needed. 476-2390
825 5th St., Eureka Supervisors Chambers

Hears property tax valuation assessment appeals.

Behavioral Health Board

Meets: 3rd Thursday, 4 P.M. 268-2905
Meeting location varies

Advocates for mental health and alcohol and other drug (AOD) services in the community, evaluates the community's behavioral health needs and priorities.

Fire Safe Council

Meets: 3rd Monday every quarter, 4 P.M. 267-9542
1105 6th St., Eureka

Oversees the Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), shares fire-safety information, assesses fire risk, promotes community fire-safe planning and coordination, and links fire-prevention programs.

First Five Humboldt

Meets: Varies, call or check their website 445-7389
525 2nd St. Suite 203, Eureka

Responsible for the county strategic plan for the support and improvement of early childhood development. Promotes comprehensive, integrated services to ensure that all children enter school in good health, ready and able to learn.

Forestry Review Committee

Meets: As needed. 445-7541
3015 H St., Eureka

Advises the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission regarding technical forest-related matters.

Headwaters Fund Board

Meets: 2nd Tuesday, 12:15 P.M. 445-7745
520 E St., Eureka

In 1999, the Board of Supervisors used economic mitigation funds from the Headwaters Forest acquisition to create the Headwaters Fund, which promotes the economic development of the area through grants and loans. The board reviews and recommends policies and projects.

Housing Trust Fund & Homelessness**Solutions Commission**

Meets: Call for times and locations 476-2390

Established in 2018 to recommend criteria for the use of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to meet the county's affordable housing goals with an emphasis on "bricks and mortar" projects, to recommend projects, and to make recommendations on homelessness solutions.

Housing Authority Commission

Meets: 2nd Monday, 12 noon 443-4583
735 W. Everding St., Eureka

Administers the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program, funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Human Rights Commission

Meets: 1st Thursday, 5 P.M. 476-2390
825 5th St. Room 1A, Eureka

Established in 1965 to aid in the eradication of discrimination in Humboldt County, particularly with reference to housing, employment, and education. The commission investigates complaints of human rights violations, educates the community about human rights issues, and co-sponsors public discussions.

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Board

Meets: 4th Monday, 2 P.M. 476-2100
808 E St., Eureka CA

IHSS provides domestic services and personal care to individuals who require assistance to remain safely in their homes. The board advises the Board of Supervisors, the IHSS program and the IHSS Public Authority. It also develops and implements educational materials and activities to enhance the IHSS program.

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

Meets: Bimonthly beginning in January 445-7508
3rd Wednesday, 9 A.M.
825 5th St., Eureka Supervisors Chambers

Reviews proposals for the formation of new local governmental agencies and changes of organization in existing agencies; coordinates changes in local governmental boundaries; conducts special studies that review ways to organize, simplify and streamline governmental structure. Works to protect agricultural and open-space lands by guiding development toward urban infill.

Measure Z Citizens' Advisory Committee

Meets: Thursdays, 2 P.M. - Varies 445-7266
825 5th St., Eureka

Recommends to the Board of Supervisors how funds should be spent that are raised by Measure Z, a half-cent sales tax passed by voters in 2014. Provides a forum for public comment on Measure Z projects.

Planning Commission

Meets: 1st Thursdays, 6 P.M. 445-7541
825 5th St., Eureka Supervisors Chambers

Approves land and zoning permits that can't be done administratively, usually hearing cases for exceptions to zoning regulations. Meetings are televised live, and rebroadcast, on Suddenlink local access channel 10.

Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA)**Board of Directors**

Meets: 3rd Thursday, 5 P.M. 269-2001
904 G St., Eureka

Determines policy and direction for the RCAA, a local, private, non-profit agency that provides a wide range of services to low- and moderate-income people with the aim of reducing poverty and dependency.

Resource Conservation District

Meets: 2nd Thursday, 8 A.M. 444-6058 Ext. 5
5630 S. Broadway, Eureka

Non-regulatory organization that works in voluntary cooperation with landowners, residents, and community groups. Provides information, technical assistance and funding to implement practices that improve and protect water quality and natural habitat on private lands.

Workforce Development Board (WDB)

520 E St., Eureka 445-7745

Meets: Call for times and locations

Works to improve the quality of the local workforce. The majority of members represent private sector employers; WIA requires certain agencies using workforce funds to be represented on the WDB, such as the Employment Development Department and the Northern CA Indian Development Council; CA law requires that 10-15% of the WDB membership be Labor Unions.

Superior Court Appointed Bodies**Grand Jury**

825 5th St., Eureka 95501

19 members

476-2475

Budget: \$57,410

Investigates and reports on efficiency and operation of county government and special districts. Jurors, in their official capacity, have the right to inspect: prisons, jails, government facilities, and with limited exceptions, official books and records to which other citizens are denied access. The Grand Jury may receive and investigate complaints by individuals concerning county or public officials, and may bring accusation against a public official for misconduct.

Jurors are selected by lot from a pool of volunteers, nominations and holdovers, and serve a 1-year term. Members are sworn to secrecy, and most of the jury's work is conducted in closed session. The foreperson is the only official spokesperson for the Grand Jury.

Do you have a concern about your county government or elected officials?
476-2475

The grand jury is different from **criminal grand juries**, which are formed when the district attorney requests an indictment proceeding and are selected in the same way as all other trial jurors.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency**Prevention Commission**

15 members

Meets: 2nd Wednesday, 6 P.M. 445-7401
Office of Education Annex, 901 Myrtle Avenue

Promotes and sanctions programs for delinquency prevention; monitors services to youth within the county; appointed by the presiding judge of the superior court, with concurrence of the judge of the juvenile court.

Intergovernmental Bodies

Humboldt County's
7 Incorporated
Cities:
Arcata
Blue Lake
Eureka
Ferndale
Fortuna
Rio Dell
Trinidad

Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG)

Marcella Clem, Executive Director
611 I St., Suite B, Eureka 95501 444-8208

Meets: 3rd Thursday, 4 P.M.
Eureka City Hall, 531 K St., Eureka

The HCAOG board is the final authority for all of the decisions generated in the region's transportation planning and programming arena. The board is comprised of the Mayors of the seven incorporated cities and the chair of the Board of Supervisors or their designee. HCAOG is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE). The RTPA is largely responsible for programming state and local road improvements, public transportation resources, and roadside call boxes. HCAOG also bears responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA)

Greg Pratt, General Manager
133 V St., Eureka 95501 443-0826

Meets: 4th Wednesday, 9 A.M.

Made up of seven members of indefinite term (five members chosen from participating cities and two members from the Board of Supervisors); serves as governing board for the Redwood Transit System; supervises maintenance and operation of the buses; provides support for Dial-A-Ride and Dial-A-Lift.

Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA)

Jill Duffy, Executive Director
1059 West Hawthorne, Eureka 95501 268-8680

Meets: 2nd Thursday, 6:30 P.M.
Eureka City Hall, 531 K St., Eureka

A joint powers authority made up of the following municipalities and the County: Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Ferndale, Rio Dell. HWMA owns and operates a transfer station that includes garbage drop off, green waste drop off, a recycling center and a household hazardous waste collection facility. HWMA also collects hazardous waste, tires and electronics at mobile events around Humboldt County, and works with local garbage companies, recycling centers and others to reduce, reuse, recycle and safely dispose of the waste generated in Humboldt. HWMA does not provide or oversee any curbside collection services or bin rentals.

Recycling
268-8680

Hazardous Waste
Disposal
441-2005

North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

Brian Wilson, Air Pollution Control Officer
707 L St., Eureka 95501 443-3093

Meets: Time and locations vary, call or check website

Formed in 1982 from the merger of air pollution control districts of Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity Counties, the AQMD was created to achieve and maintain federal and state ambient air quality standards. A five-member board of directors, made up of four county supervisors and one member from an incorporated city, appoints the air pollution control officer and adopts the budget, air quality rules and regulations, and policies. The air pollution control officer monitors air quality; enforces county, state, and federal air pollution laws.

Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA)

Matthew Marshall, Executive Director
633 3rd St., Eureka 95501 269-1700

Meets: 3rd Monday, 3:15 P.M.
HBMWD Offices, 828 7th St., Eureka

A joint powers agency formed in 2003 comprised of the seven incorporated cities and the county, governed by representatives from each of these jurisdictions. The RCEA's purpose is to develop and implement sustainable energy initiatives that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, and advance the use of clean, efficient and renewable resources. RCEA is funded completely from contracts and grants.

Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC)

Gregg Foster, Executive Director
520 E St., Eureka 95501 445-9651

Meets: 4th Monday, 6:30 P.M.

Formed in 1977 to coordinate economic development and planning, and to allocate grant funds given to the County as economic mitigation for the expansion of Redwood National Park. Coordinates project development and grant administration; operates \$3.3 million in revolving loan funds for small businesses; contracts to administer other programs; assists member entities with grant applications and administration. Made up of 19 members and alternates; each is appointed by the governing board of each member jurisdiction for an indefinite term.

Air Quality Complaint
Hotline - After Hours
444-2233

Burn Day Information
toll-free (866) BURN-DAY
(866) 287-6329

The AQMD
issues
**Residential Burn
Permits**
for Humboldt County
443-3093

Other Elected Offices

Special Districts

Special districts provide services outside of incorporated cities. There are 60 special districts in Humboldt County: 13 governed by the county, and 47 governed by elected boards. In practice, many elected board members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors because of a lack of candidates.

Special districts can be financed by property taxes, bonds, or fees for services. Many receive homeowner's exemption tax loss reimbursement from the state. Some districts receive state and federal grants and private donations.

Three examples of large self-governed districts follow:

Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District

601 Startare Dr., Eureka 95502 443-0801
Meets: 4th Thursdays, 7 P.M.

Charged with the oversight and development of the harbors and ports of Humboldt County and the development and the protection of the county's natural resources for "multiple purpose use and for the benefit of the people." The HBHRCDC is a countywide agency empowered to grant permits, franchises and leases over all tide, submerged and other lands granted to the district, including all of Humboldt Bay. The commission divisions share the same boundary lines as the supervisorial districts.

Funded by: a small portion of Humboldt County property taxes; grants; tideland leases from dock operators and mariculture operations; rents and leases from sources such as Woodley Island marina and the Fields Landing boat yard; the Harbor Improvement Surcharge levied on deep draft vessels.

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District

828 7th St., Eureka 95501 443-5018
Meets: 2nd Thursday, 9 A.M.

Makes decisions on the wholesale distribution of industrial and drinking water, power generation and recreation from Mad River and the Ruth Lake Reservoir; protects the long-term water supply and water quality interests of the district.

McKinleyville Community Services District

1656 Sutter Rd., McKinleyville 95519 839-3251
Meets: 1st Wednesday, 7 P.M.
Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd.

Responsible for the district's water and sewer systems, streetlights, recreational facilities and library. To place an item on the agenda, call 839-3251 at least 4 days before the next meeting. Receive the agenda and board packet each month for free via email; call 839-3251 to sign up.

Harbor Commissioners
by Division
 Serve 4-year terms

Larry Doss 1
 next election 2020

Greg Dale 2
 next election 2020

Stephen Kullman 3
 next election 2018

Richard Marks 4
 next election 2018

Patrick Higgins 5
 next election 2020

Water District Board Members
by Division
 Serve 4-year terms

Neal Latt 1
 next election 2020

Sheri Woo 2
 next election 2020

Barbara 3
Hecathorn
 next election 2020

Bruce Rupp 4
 next election 2018

Michelle Fuller 5
 next election 2018

School District Boards

The role of each local district board is to establish a vision for the district, set policies for how the district is run, oversee district operations, and hire the district superintendent.

Meeting agendas are posted at each school site. Discussion is limited to school business. Confidential matters regarding individual students and personnel will not be discussed during public meetings. School board meetings may vary slightly, but each will allow public comment and time to address an agenda item. You may do so by signing in at the beginning of the meeting, or by raising your hand to be recognized. It's always a good idea to call and verify that a meeting has not been cancelled or changed.

<u>School District</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Meets</u>
Arcata	822-0351	2nd Monday, 6:30 P.M.
Big Lagoon Union	677-3688	2nd Tuesday, 4:30 P.M.
Blue Lake Union	668-5674	2nd Thursday, 6 P.M.
Bridgeville Elementary	777-3311	2nd Monday, 5:30 P.M.
College of the Redwoods	476-4170	1st Tuesday, time and locale vary
Cuddeback Union	768-3372	2nd Wednesday, 6:30 P.M.
Cutten	441-3900	2nd Monday, 6:30 P.M.
Eureka City Schools	441-2400	1st & 4th Thursdays, 7 P.M.
Ferndale Unified	786-5900	2nd Wednesday, 7 P.M.
Fieldbrook	839-3201	3rd Tuesday, 5:30 P.M.
Fortuna Elementary	725-2293	3rd Thursday, 6:15 P.M.
Fortuna Union High	725-4461	2nd Tuesday, 7 P.M.
Freshwater	442-2969	2nd Tuesday, 6 P.M.
Garfield	442-5471	2nd Thursday, 4 P.M.
Green Point	668-5921	2nd Thursday, 6 P.M.
Humboldt County Office of Education	445-7030	2nd Wednesday, 3 P.M.
Hydesville	768-3610	2nd Monday, 6 P.M.
Jacoby Creek Charter	822-4896	2nd Monday, 7:15 P.M.
Klamath Trinity Joint Unified	530-625-5600	2nd Tuesday, 5 P.M.
Kneeland	442-5472	2nd Thursday, 4 P.M.
Loleta Union	733-5705	2nd Wednesday, 5 P.M.
Maple Creek	668-5596	2nd Friday, 1:30 P.M.
Mattole Unified	629-3311	2nd Thursday, 4 P.M.
McKinleyville Union	839-1549	3rd Wednesday, 6 P.M.
Northern Humboldt Union High	839-6470	2nd Tuesday, 6 P.M.
Orick	488-2821	2nd Tuesday, 4 P.M.
Pacific Union	822-4619	2nd Thursday, 6 P.M.
Peninsula Union	443-2731	2nd Tuesday, 4:30 P.M.
Rio Dell	764-5694	2nd Wednesday, 6:15 P.M.
Scotia Union	764-2212	2nd Thursday, 7 P.M.
South Bay Union	476-8549	2nd Thursday, 7 P.M.
Southern Humboldt Unified	943-1789	2nd Thursday, 4:30 P.M.
Trinidad Union	677-3631	2nd Thursday, 6:30 P.M.

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Self-governed Special Districts by Type:

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Health Care.....	1
Parks & Recreation.....	1
Water	1

City Councils

City councils oversee, set policy and provide direction in the consideration of ordinances and resolutions pertinent to the city. By law, citizens have the right to speak during any public hearing that was noticed or advertised to the public. The public is allotted time to speak at city council meetings in two different places:

Public comment

Time is specifically set aside for public input on items not found on the agenda.

Speaking to an item on the agenda

Normally, the chair of the council will ask for public input on an agenda item either before or after discussion by the council, but before a vote.

These segments are identified on the meeting agenda, which may be viewed prior to the meetings at the posted locations. The time allowed for public input varies from 2 minutes to no limit. The chair will normally tell the audience what the limit is and stop you if you have gone over that limit.

Arcata City Council

736 F St., Arcata 95521 822-5953

Meets: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6 P.M.

Council Members

Mayor:
Sofia Pereira
 Susan Ornelas
 Paul Pitino
 Brett Watson
 Michael Winkler

Agendas are posted in the City Manager's Office at Arcata City Hall the Friday before each council meeting. To place an item on the agenda contact the city manager's office at 822-5953 at least 15 business days prior to the meeting. Citizens are allowed three minutes per person to address a non-agenda item during the public comment section of the meeting by approaching the podium to be recognized. Citizens are also allowed three minutes per person to speak on agenda items, before discussion by city council members, by approaching the podium to be recognized. Meetings are televised live, and also rebroadcast, on the local access channel: Suddenlink channel 10.

Blue Lake City Council

111 Greenwood St. 668-5655

P.O. Box 458, Blue Lake 95525

Meets: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 P.M.

Council Members

Mayor:
Adelene Jones
 Summer Daugherty
 Jean Lynch
 Elizabeth Mackay
 Bobbie Ricca

Agendas are posted at the Blue Lake City Hall and the post office. To place an item on the agenda call by noon the Wednesday before the next meeting. Public comments are limited three minutes per person. Citizens may address an agenda or non-agenda item by raising their hand to be recognized.

Eureka City Council

531 K St., Eureka 95501 441-4144

Meets: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6 P.M.

Agendas are posted at Eureka City Hall the Friday before each council meeting. To place an item on the agenda call by 5 P.M. the Wednesday before the next meeting. Public comments are limited to three minutes; citizens may address agenda and non-agenda items during the public comment section of the meeting by approaching the podium to speak. Meetings are televised live, and also rebroadcast, on the local access channel: Suddenlink channel 10.

Council Members

Mayor:
Frank Jäger
 Ward 1: Marian Brady
 Ward 2: Heidi Messner
 Ward 3: Kim Bergel
 Ward 4: Austin Allison
 Ward 5: Natalie Arroyo

Ferndale City Council

834 Main St. 786-4224

P.O. Box 1095, Ferndale 95536

Meets: 3rd Wednesday, 7 P.M.

Agendas are posted at Ferndale City Hall. To place an item on the agenda, call at least one week before the meeting. Citizens may address a non-agenda or agenda item during the public comment time of the meeting by raising their hand to be recognized and standing to speak. Public comments are limited to five minutes unless the mayor grants more time. The council appreciates speakers stating their name and address, but it is not required.

Council Members

Mayor:
Don Hindley
 Doug Brower
 Dan Brown
 Patrick O'Rourke
 Michael Sweeney

Fortuna City Council

621 11th St., Fortuna 95540 725-1409

Meets: 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6 P.M.

Agendas are posted at Fortuna City Hall. To place an item on the agenda, call at least ten days before the next scheduled meeting. Citizens are allowed to address a non-agenda item during the public comment time of the meeting. Citizens may address an agenda item during discussion of the item by raising their hand to be recognized. Meetings are televised live, and also rebroadcast, on the local access channel: Suddenlink channel 10.

Council Members

Mayor:
Sue Long
 Tiara Brown
 Dean Glaser
 Douglas Strehl
 Tami Trent

Rio Dell City Council

675 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell 95562 764-3532

Meets: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M.

Agendas are posted at Rio Dell City Hall, the post office and the chamber of commerce. To place an item on the agenda, send a request in writing to the city clerk, at least one week before the next meeting. Citizens may address agenda items during discussion of the item by raising their hand to be recognized, and non-agenda items during the public comment period.

Council Members

Mayor:
Frank Wilson
 Debra Barnes
 Gordon Johnson
 Timothy Marks
 Sue Strahan

Trinidad City Council

409 Trinity St., Trinidad 95570 677-0223

Meets: 2nd Wednesdays, 6 P.M.

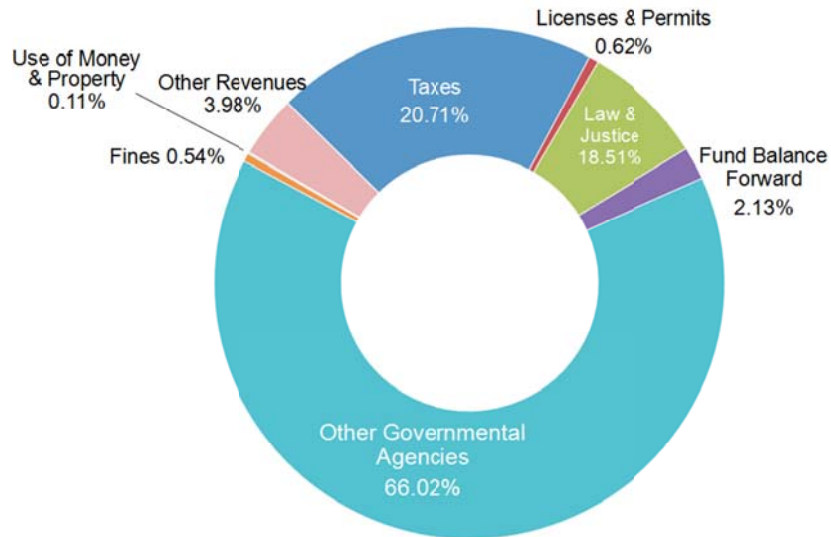
Agendas are posted at Trinidad Town Hall, the post office and Murphy's Market. Anyone wishing to place an item on the agenda should call 677-0223 at least one week before the meeting. Citizens may address a non-agenda or agenda item during the public comment time of the meeting, either by signing in or raising their hand and standing to be recognized.

Council Members

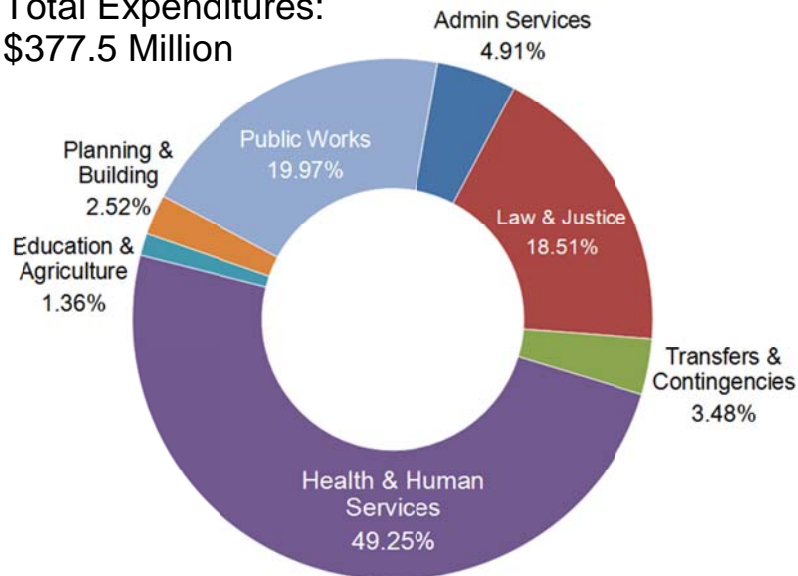
Mayor:
Susan Rotwein
 Jim Baker
 Steve Ladwig
 Dwight Miller
 Jack West

County Revenue and Expenditures

Total Revenue by Source: \$377.5 Million



Total Expenditures:
\$377.5 Million



Voter Registration Information

You are eligible to vote in this county if you are:

- a citizen of the United States
- a resident of Humboldt County
- at least 18 years old by Election Day
- a registered voter at least 15 days before the election **OR** have visited the Elections Office in the 14 days **up to and including Election Day** to complete a voter registration affidavit and receive a conditional ballot
- not judged mentally incompetent by a court of law
- not in prison or on parole for a felony

To register to vote:

Register Online: <http://registertovote.ca.gov>

Register by mail: Get a postcard registration form at any post office, library, city hall, or military recruiting office. You may also call the Humboldt County Registrar of Voters 707-445-7481, or you may call toll-free (800) 345-VOTE anytime; leave your name and address, and a form will be sent to you. For help in Spanish call: toll-free (800) 232-VOTA.

Register at the DMV: Registration forms are also offered by agencies serving the disabled and to those applying in person for public assistance.

Re-register to vote if you:

- have never registered to vote in Humboldt County
- changed your place of residence and/or mailing address since last registering
- wish to change your political party
- changed your name since last registering

Direct questions on voter registration and ballots to:

Humboldt County Elections Office

2426 6th St., Eureka 95501

445-7481

Hours: 8-12, 1-5, Monday-Friday