



Humboldt County Board of Commissioners
March 24 & 25, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
Budget Hearings Minutes

Those present were Chairman Mark Evatz, Commissioners Ron Cerri, Ken Tipton, Jesse Hill and Paige Brooks, Chief Deputy District Attorney Anthony Gordon, County Manager Don Kalkoske, Comptroller Gina Rackley, Deputy Comptroller Weston Noyes and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Evatz called the budget hearings to order at the regular place of meeting the Humboldt County Meeting Room, Courthouse, #201, Winnemucca, Nevada.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Evatz asked for public comment; none offered.

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP: This meeting is the first public hearing on the fiscal year 2025-2026 budgets. The Board of County Commissioners is required to hold budget hearings in accordance with NRS 354.596. The county offices, departments, and boards will present and discuss their fiscal year 2025- 2026 budget proposals with the Board of County Commissioners during the budget workshops. The budget workshops may include the presentation, review, and discussion of revenues, expenditures, and transfers to and from county funds, and specific funding requests including, but not limited to, additions or deletions to personnel, equipment, supplies, and services used or received. The Board of County Commissioners may take action for tentative approval of the proposed budget, but all budgets are subject to final approval and action at the time final budgets are submitted.

NOTE: Miscellaneous General Fund Budgets will be reviewed as time permits throughout the meeting.

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET OVERVIEW BY COUNTY MANAGER AND COMPTROLLER/AUDITOR: Humboldt County Comptroller Gina Rackley will provide an overview of current conditions with respect to Humboldt County revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025), and an overview of the FY2026 budget. County Manager Don Kalkoske reviewed his annual budget message for the Commission (see attached). Deputy Comptroller Noyes reviewed his financial message for the Commission (see attached). Chairman Evatz asked how much of the increase of costs are related to employee costs such as COLA, merit and PERS. Deputy Comptroller Noyes stated they would prepare a report identifying those numbers. Chairman Evatz also asked about the funding for Capital Projects noting the need to identify why the outstanding balance is still at the level it is and asked for input on what interest earnings might be for the next year.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Andy Heiser appeared before the Commission.

ASSESSOR (100-007): Assessor Heiser reviewed his request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the impact on the salary line item if the Elected Officials salary bill passes and his contract/agreements line item.

ASSESSOR TECHNOLOGY FUND (217): Assessor Heiser reviewed his request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the budget processing related to augmentation and the impact of the tax rate increase. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the Assessor's budget and the Technology Fund budget.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION (203): Extension County Coordinator Heather Nield appeared before the Commission.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION (203): Coordinator Nield reviewed her request for the Commission. Commissioner Cerri asked about weed coordination with Extension Agent Brad Schultz retiring and repairs to the 4-H cabin at Hinkey Summit and the building at the fairgrounds. Coordinator Nield responded. The Commission noted their support for the repairs for the cabin. Commissioner Hill asked about plans for extending the facilities at the fairgrounds due to the increase in program participation. Coordinator Nield responded. Chairman Evatz asked for detail as to some line-items that show less expenditures than budgeted for. Extension Agent Brad Schultz offered response to the queries. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the Cooperative Extension budget 203 as presented.

Commissioner Cerri thanked Agent Schultz for his years of service.

Manager Kalkoske offered comment on the status of the District Court budget and when the item may be heard.

6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT (FUND 205): A. Juvenile Probation (034); B. District Court (043); C. Law Library (045); D. Specialty Court (208): *** *This may be delayed until later in the day or a later date depending on the Judge's court calendar.*

GENERAL FUND (100): Manager Kalkoske appeared before the Commission.

A. Commissioners (001): Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the Travel & Training line-item, the Group Insurance line-item and the impact of the

Elected Official salary bill on the item. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the Commissioners budget, 001, as presented.

B. Administration (002): Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission including the transfer of the Human Resources Director to the Personnel budget and his plan to fill the Assistant County Manager position. Discussion ensued regarding the plan to fill the position. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve number 002 tentatively as presented.

C. Personnel (014): Human Resources Director Kellie Kranovich appeared before the Commission and reviewed the request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the costs associated with the negotiation line-item and recruiting. Commissioner Brooks asked about the status of the personnel policies. Director Kranovich responded. Discussion ensued regarding the negotiation timeframe. Chairman Evatz asked that \$5,000.00 be taken out of professional services. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approved the item C, Personnel budget, with the change of Professional Services dropping from \$40,000.00 to \$35,000.00.

D. Other General Government (015): Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. Commissioner Cerri asked about the Transfer to Other Funds line-item. Comptroller Rackley explained what would occur with this line-item. Commissioner Brooks and Hill asked about courthouse security and what it is related to and how it is shared. Manager Kalkoske responded and discussion ensued. Chairman Evatz asked about the Water Issue line-item. Manager Kalkoske responded noting that \$10,000.00 could be removed. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To tentatively the General Government budget 015 with the \$10,000.00 out of the Water Plan but leaving the line-item there.

Chairman Evatz noted for the record that all motions for approval are under the category of tentative.

E. Insect Control (061): Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission noting that the increase is related to the aerial spraying. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of the increase, what the City is planning to do, that it is part of the Cost Share Agreement and how that works, Commissioner

Hill commented on his concern with the reliance on aerial spraying rather than doing more work on the ground. Discussion continued. Commissioner Hill stated that he would like to cut the amount for aerial spraying. 425 from 525 The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To tentatively the Insect Control budget with the exception of dropping the mosquito control line item from \$525,000.00 to \$425,000.00.

Chairman Evatz recessed the meeting at 9:53 a.m. reconvening at 10:00 a.m.

F. Intergovernmental (086): Manager Kalkoske reviewed the budget request for the Commission with Comptroller Rackley explaining the increase in Parks and Recreation related to the Cost Share Agreement with the City. Chairman Evatz asked about the Airport line-item and Comptroller Rackley responded. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the Intergovernmental budget as presented.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (100-036): Emergency Manager Carol Lynn appeared before the Commission and reviewed her budget request noting the only change is really the funding for the PIO approved by the Commission previously. Manager Lynn offered comment on the potential impact of federal changes and how that may impact this budget in the future. Discussion ensued. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To approve the Emergency Management budget as presented, tentatively.

95-80 RDA (220): Economic Development Officer Michelle Hammond-Allen appeared before the Commission and reviewed her budget request for the Commission including her request for an additional position. Discussion ensued regarding whether budget approval would approve the position being hired and the impact of this position on the budget as presented as well as how the funding for this Department is managed between Humboldt, City, Pershing and the State. Commissioner Hill offered comment in support of this budget request. Chairman Evatz offered comment on what he would be looking at with requests for additional staffing. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed with Commissioners Cerri, Tipton, Hill and Brooks voting aye and Chairman Evatz voting nay:

For a tentative approvement of the RDA, 220.

HUMAN SERVICES (201 AND 211): Human Services Director Denni Byrd appeared before the Commission.

A. Indigent Services (201): Director Byrd reviewed the budget request for the Commission including proposed increases. Discussion ensued regarding the vehicle request. Director Byrd continued regarding her request for a Public Administrator/Guardian budget. Discussion ensued regarding the situation of having the Court Services under the Indigent budget. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To approve the Human Services Indigent Services budget tentatively as presented.

B. Indigent Medical (211): Director Byrd reviewed the budget request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the Indigent Medical budget portion.

CLERK (003-004): County Clerk Tami Rae Spero and Deputy County Clerk Jessica Koepke appeared before the Commission.

A. Clerk (004): Clerk Spero reviewed the budget request for the Commission. Commissioner Tipton noted the potential impact of the Elected Official salary bill on this budget. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the Clerk's budget tentatively as presented.

B. Elections (003): Clerk Spero and Deputy Clerk Koepke reviewed the budget request for the Commission including the proposed purchase of an updated voting system. Following discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the Elections budget 003 as presented.

TREASURER (005): Treasurer Rhona Lecumberry reviewed the budget request for the Commission including her request for another employee to be shared with the Comptroller's Office. Treasurer Lecumberry offered comment on the request made earlier by Chairman Evatz as to an interest prediction for the upcoming year. Discussion ensued regarding the position request. Treasurer Lecumberry and Commissioner Tipton noted the potential impact of the Elected Officials salary bill on this budget. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approval of the Treasurer 005 budget.

RECORDER (100-006): Recorder Tia Lange appeared before the Commission.

A. Recorder (100-006): Recorder Lange reviewed her budget request for the Commission. Commissioner Tipton noted the potential impact of the Elected Officials salary bill. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

To make that tentative budget approval for Recorder 100-006.

B. Recorder Technology Fund: Recorder Lange reviewed for the Commission her plans for her Technology Fund. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

To approve the tentative Recorder's Technology Fund.

Chairman Evatz stated that the Commission would proceed to item 17 on the agenda, Justice Court following a five-minute recess; the Commission went into recess at 10:57 a.m. reconvening at 11:04 a.m.

COMPTROLLER/AUDITOR (100-010): Comptroller Gina Rackley and Deputy Comptroller Weston Noyes appeared before the Commission. Comptroller Rackley reviewed information based on earlier queries as to the status of billing for cricket spraying by the spraying service and the funding associated with payroll. Discussion ensued regarding vacancy status for the County and the comparison between this year's budget and this proposed budget request.

A. Comptroller/Auditor (100-010): Deputy Comptroller Noyes reviewed the budget request for the Commission including the request for a shared employee with the Treasurer. Comptroller Rackley offered comment on the intent of the position in the department. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve Comptroller departmental budget 100-010.

B. Rural Street Lights (100-051): Deputy Comptroller Noyes offered no change to the prior year's budget for this request. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To approve the Rural Street Lights budget as presented, tentatively.

C. Public Health Nurse (100-060): Comptroller Rackley reviewed this budget for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the Public Health Nurse, 100-060.

D. Other Culture & Recreation (100-071): Comptroller Rackley explained why no amount was included in this line item. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

For cultural and recreation 100-071.

E. Community Support (100-080): Comptroller Rackley reviewed the budget request for the Commission. Manager Kalkoske responded to a query as to the Fire Protection line-item from Chairman Evatz. Discussion ensued. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

For the community support 100-080 with the change of a \$160,000.00 on Fire Protection.

F. Stabilization Fund (206): Comptroller Rackley reviewed the budget request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

A motion on the stabilization fund 206.

Chairman Evatz stated that his blanket tentatively still applies.

G. Genetic Marker Test (213): Comptroller Rackley reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

A motion on the Genetic Marker Test 213.

H. Unemployment Compensation (214): Deputy Comptroller Noyes reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve for the Unemployment Compensation 214.

I. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) (215): Deputy Comptroller Noyes reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve the Payment in Lieu of Taxes, PILT, number 215 as presented, tentatively.

J. Compensated Absences (216): Comptroller Rackley reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve the Compensated Absences budget 216 as presented, tentatively.

K. Capital Projects (301): Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission. Comptroller Rackley recommended that the amount of \$10,000.00 for the minor expenses such as file cabinets for the Facilities Operations Building, as they are not technically a Capital Project expense, should be costed to the department. Discussion ensued regarding the items identified for the Public Safety Project including Chairman Evatz's concerns with what is occurring with this Project and the lack of an update to understand what is happening. Technology Services Director Mike DeTullio appeared before the Commission and responded. Based on a question from Commissioner Brooks regarding what would be left in this Fund once this project is done, Comptroller Rackley responded. Commissioner Brooks asked, if once this funding is expended, will this Project is done. Director DeTullio stated that Phase 2 would be complete and he is reviewing Phase 3 so it is not planned for at this time; he explained the time frame for completion of Phase 2 based on a question from Commissioner Brooks. Director DeTullio explained what would be included in Phase 3 based on a question from Commissioner Brooks. Discussion ensued regarding the Public Safety Project and the funding associated with it. Commissioner Cerri asked that Director DeTullio re-evaluate this Project to see what can be done to move it along and address the costs. Director DeTullio stated that is what he plans to do for Phase 3 but he would like to just get through Phase 2. Chairman Evatz asked for a Gantt Chart but stated his non-support for this Project and explained. Commissioner Tipton stated that he is not comfortable with any approval on this item until the report is presented on April 7th. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

For number 301 to hold off until April 7th before we approve or not approve.

Chairman Evatz stated that the person identified as the Project Manager, whether that is Manager Kalkoske or Director DeTullio, needs to also be present at the April 7th meeting with a comprehensive update on the status of the project.

L. Building Reserve (302): Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission as to the Facilities Operations Building Project. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve the Building Reserve account, 302 as presented, tentatively.

M. Debt Service Fund (400): Comptroller Rackley stated that there is no budget as the County has no debt. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To approve the Debt Service Fund tentatively as presented.

N. Solid Waste Management (502): Deputy Comptroller Noyes reviewed the budget request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve the expenditure of Fund 502 as presented tentatively.

O. Opioid Settlement Fund (221): Comptroller Rackley reviewed the budget request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

To approve tentatively the Opioid Settlement Fund, 221.

P. Self-Insurance Fund (504): Comptroller Rackley reviewed the request for the Commission explaining concerns with this Fund and the overall plan for self-insurance; she did note that even with outside coverage there would be an impact but with this type of plan we are in control. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

To approve tentatively for Self-Insurance Fund 504.

JUSTICE COURT (100-042): Justice of the Peace Mike Mavity and Court Administrator Carmen Garcia appeared before the Commission.

A. Justice Court (100-042): Justice of the Peace Mavity reviewed a hand out provided to the Commission related to the statistics for the Court and continued reviewing the budget request for the Commission including increases for mental health evaluations, interpreter services and courthouse security. Chief Deputy District Attorney Gordon noted a change with the way traffic citations are managed. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the Justice Court budget as presented.

B. Administrative Assessment (209): Administrator Garcia reviewed the budget request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the Administrative Assessment budget of the Justice Court.

C. Administrative Assistant (Assessment)/Court Facilities (219): Administrator Garcia reviewed the budget request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

To approve the assessment for the Court Facility Fee 219 tentative.

PLANNING (100-011): Senior Planning Technician Betty Lawrence appeared before the Commission and reviewed her budget request for the Commission including the budget increase due to the need to update the Master Plan. Manager Kalkoske offered comment on this proposal. Discussion ensued regarding the amount identified for the Master Plan update. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To tentatively the Planning budget as presented.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (100-040): District Attorney Kevin Pasquale and Office Manager Nancy Jurad appeared before the Commission.

A. District Attorney (100-040): District Attorney Pasquale reviewed the budget request for the Commission. Commissioner Tipton noted the potential impact of the Elected Officials salary bill on this budget. Commissioner Hill offered comment on the need for Chief Deputy District Attorney Gordon to have sufficient time to prep the Commission on issues that appear before them. Chairman Evatz commented on the need for an attorney to be present and thanked Chief Deputy District Attorney Gordon for his assistance. Chairman Evatz asked about the Investigation line-item, the Travel & Training line-item and the Professional Services line-item. District Attorney Pasquale reviewed the plans for those line-items. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the District Attorney's 100-040 budget.

B. Child Support (100-041): District Attorney Pasquale reviewed the budget request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To approve the Child Support budget as presented, tentatively.

C. Check Restitution (210): District Attorney Pasquale reviewed the budget request for the Commission. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the Check Restitution budget.

BUILDING INSPECTOR (100) (100-040(sic – 033)): Building Inspector Andrew Arminio appeared before the Commission and reviewed the budget request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the request for an additional employee, plans for the contracts/agreements, the vehicle request, the impact

of the new Nuisance Code enforcement aspect on this department and the impact of the new mine site on this department. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the Building Inspector budget 100-033 but removing the capital expenditure of \$35,000.00 for a new vehicle.

Chairman Evatz stated the Commission would now go to item 23 on the agenda for the Library at this time.

PUBLIC DEFENDER (100-048): Legal Secretary Maureen Macdonald appeared before the Commission. Manager Kalkoske reviewed the request for the Commission including the status of the County moving to the State Public Defender's program. Discussion ensued regarding the issue with communicating with the State Public Defender's Office and the amount of the statutory limit that the County is responsible for which is estimated at approximately \$544,000.00. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve for Public Defender, 100-048 with the correction of \$541,000.00 to the Conflict Counsel line-item.

ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER (100-049): The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve the budget of zero for the Alternate Public Defender which is 100-049 as presented tentatively.

Chairman Evatz recessed the meeting for lunch beginning at 12:16 p.m. reconvening at 12:45 p.m. returning to item 16 on the agenda.

LIBRARY (207)/LIBRARY MEMORIAL FUND (740): Library Director Jessica Anderson appeared before the Commission.

A. Library (207): Director Anderson reviewed the budget request for the Commission including her request for an additional part-time person. Discussion ensued regarding the need for the new position, the status of the Salary & Benefits line-item, the Publications line-item, the computer that allows for West Law access and the proposed cost of the chairs. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the Library's budget as presented.

B. Library Memorial Fund (740): Director Anderson reviewed the budget request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the Library Memorial Fund.

Chairman Evatz stated that the Commission would return to item 21 on the agenda at this time related to the Public Defender.

Chairman Evatz stated that the Sheriff's Office budget would be taken on March 25th at 8:30 a.m. so the Commission would be moving to item 25 on the agenda, Buildings & Grounds, at this time.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (100-009): Facilities Operations Manager Adrian Gonzalez and Administrative Clerk Rebecca Azurmendi appeared before the Commission. Director Gonzalez reviewed the budget request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the requests by the Sheriff's Office, training, the siding at the Extension building with Chairman Evatz asking that the schedule be tightened up and a report be provided by the end of the month, the status of the current Special Department Projects and the need to follow-up on the projects not completed, the intention to bring the Juvenile Facility roof project forward this budget year due to its condition, the issue with the generator project pending completion for the current fiscal year, the vehicle requests, and, based on comment by WCVA Director Kim Petersen, the need to match the other buildings at the fairgrounds with any work on the extension building. Chairman Evatz suggested that the Services and Supplies be reduced to \$170,000.00 and that one vehicle be approved and Manager Gonzalez prioritize which he needs. Discussion ensued. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To tentatively the Buildings and Grounds budget with the change to Services and Supplies down to \$170,000.00 and we would expect a change on the final budget to budget for one vehicle plus the salt hopper.

Chairman Evatz recessed the meeting at 2:16 p.m. reconvening at 2:24 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT - COMPUTER SYSTEMS (100-008) AND COMMUNICATIONS (100-012)/HUMBOLDT TV DISTRICT (501)/QUINN RIVER TV (709)/DENIO TV (710): Technology Services Director Mike DeTullio and Administrative Clerk Tammy Bendell appeared before the Commission.

A. Computer Systems (100-008): Director DeTullio reviewed the request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the Telephone line-item, the Contacts & Agreements line-item, Computer

Equipment and the vehicle requests. Chairman Evatz suggested that the vehicle request be reviewed to take down to just one and review the contract. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

For the Computer Systems, 100-008, tentative budget with a change of one vehicle.

B. Communications (100-012): Director DeTullio reviewed the request for the Commission noting that he will be reducing Travel & Training by \$10,000.00; discussion ensued regarding the Professional Services line-item and the plan for the back-up generator and the need. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve tentatively 100-012 to remove the \$159,950.00 from the budget and to cut the travel and training down to \$26,400.00.

C. Humboldt TV District (501): Director DeTullio reviewed the request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the ATSC 3.0 Project and why this is being done, the ability to phase in the project and the impact to the TV Fund. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To approve the budget for Humboldt Television Fund 501, tentatively.

D. Quinn River TV District (709): Director DeTullio reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

To approve the Quinn River TV District, 709, tentatively.

E. Denio TV District (710): Director DeTullio reviewed the request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

To approve the Denio TV District 710, tentatively.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (202): Public Works Director Daniel Ferraro appeared before the Commission.

A. Road Fund (202): Director Ferraro reviewed the request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the grader buy-back option. Chairman Evatz offered suggested reductions to Culverts & Cattleguards, Signs & Pavement Marking and Water Issues. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

For Road Fund 202 to tentatively accept the budget with possibly changing the \$40,000.00 on the Culverts and Cattle Guards to \$35,000.00, Signs and Pavement Markings to \$12,000.00 and Water Issues from \$50,000.00 to \$40,000.00.

B. Regional Transportation Fund (204): Director Daniel Ferraro appeared before the Commission on behalf of the County.

C. City (204-052): No review or action taken on this item.

D. County (204-053): Director Ferraro reviewed the budget request for the County for the Commission. Commissioner Cerri asked what the Fund balance is and Deputy Comptroller Noyes responded. Discussion ensued regarding the Mag Chloride cost. Chairman Evatz asked if the upcoming Mag bid comes in less than expected that the budgeted amount be adjusted accordingly. Discussion ensued regarding the Road Maintenance line-item. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously

To approve the RTC budget 053, tentatively, with a reduction in Road Maintenance from \$250,000.00 to \$200,000.00 and including an update on the actual number for the mag control, as by the end of the week, there will be a number there.

E. Star City Water (503): Director Ferraro reviewed the budget request for the County. Deputy Comptroller Noyes explained how the new position being requested by the Treasurer will be aligned with the separate enterprise funds. Discussion ensued regarding the short-lived assets line-item, the staff costs and how they are budgeted, how the rates are established and the use of fund balance for budgeted costs in excess of revenue, the need for a rate study on this system. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To approve tentatively the 503 Public Works Star City budget as proposed.

F. McDermitt Water (760): Director Ferraro reviewed the budget request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding how the new service station will be charged, how the short-lived assets line-item should work and a request for review of that, what the ending fund balance is and the rate collection average. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

On 760 McDermitt Water to approve tentatively as presented.

G. McDermitt Sewer (761): Director Ferraro reviewed the budget request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the loan and the ending fund balance and expected revenues for this Fund. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To tentatively McDermitt Sewer District budget, 761, as presented.

H. Gold Country Water (505): Director Ferraro reviewed the budget request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the current budget's status and how that was impacted by the system only being with the County for the year. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cerri and passed unanimously:

To tentatively approve the Gold Country Water budget, 505, with a \$200,000.00 reduction in short-lived assets making that \$183,000.00.

Chairman Evatz recessed the meeting at 4:18 p.m. reconvening at 4:24 p.m.

WINNEMUCCA EVENTS COMPLEX FUND (212): WCVA Director Kim Petersen appeared before the Commission.

A. Ag District 3 (212-070): Director Petersen reviewed the budget request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the Services & Supplies line-item, the Capital items and the need to review the Salary & Benefits items due to the retirement of a long-time employee. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To approve the Ag District 3 budget as presented, tentatively.

B. Indoor Events Center (212-073): Director Petersen reviewed the budget request for the Commission. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

To improve the Indoor Events Center, 212-073, tentatively as presented.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE REVISIONS OF WORKSHOP ACTIONS AND NEED TO RECONVENE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025: Consideration, discussion, and possible actions based on review of the decisions made during the hearing, including, but not limited to revisions to individual budgets, and a determination to continue the hearings into Tuesday, March 25, 2025 (if necessary). Chairman Evatz stated that the review of revisions will occur during tomorrow's session. Deputy Comptroller Noyes reviewed the purpose of the Short-Term Asset line-item in the Public Works budgets. The following motion was made by Commissioner Brooks and passed unanimously:

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To continue to tomorrow morning with at 8:30 a.m. kick-off and that we will recapture the summary tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Evatz asked for public comment. Sheriff Angel Cardenas appeared before the Commission and provided a packet for review for tomorrow's budget session.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Evatz adjourned the budget hearings for March 24th at 4:49 p.m. to reconvene on March 25th at 8:30 a.m.

RECONVENE: Chairman Evatz reconvened and called to order the budget hearings for Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the regular place of meeting the Humboldt County Meeting Room, Courthouse, #201, Winnemucca, Nevada.

Those present were Chairman Mark Evatz, Commissioners Ron Cerri (via Teams), Ken Tipton, Jesse Hill and Paige Brooks, Chief Deputy District Attorney Anthony Gordon, County Manager Don Kalkoske, Comptroller Gina Rackley, Deputy Comptroller Weston Noyes and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Evatz asked for public comment. Chairman Evatz offered a public comment apologizing to Manager Kalkoske and Technology Services Director Mike DeTullio for his statement yesterday that the Communications budget was exactly the same as last year's budget, which was not an accurate statement. No further public comment offered.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Sheriff Angel Cardenas, Undersheriff Damon Kuskie, Captain Sean Wilkin, Captain Jeremy Peters and Office Manager Liz Sjoblom appeared before the Commission. Various members of the Sheriff's Office were present in the audience.

A. Patrol (100-030): Captain Wilkin reviewed the budget request for the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the Radio Contracts & Maintenance line-item, the Capital Outlay budget status for this fiscal year, Vehicle Fuel & Maintenance line-item budget status for this fiscal year. Deputy Comptroller Noyes noted that the items identified on the B-1 form (Armored Vehicle, Narcotics Detection K-9 & Live Scan Fingerprint Machine) do not appear to be included in the Capital Outlay; he indicated that the armored vehicle would increase the Vehicle line-item to \$650,000.00 and the Capital Outlay Over Five Thousand line-item to \$35,000.00. Commissioner Cerri asked about the Overtime line-item. Captain Wilkin responded. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Cerri asked how the armored vehicle is being obtained by lease or purchase. Captain Wilkin responded explaining the options including outright

purchase or lease to own. Discussion ensued including the best method for obtaining the armored vehicle. The following motion was made by Commissioner Tipton and passed unanimously:

For Sheriff's Office department 030, that we approve tentatively, their budget after moving the K-9 and the fingerprint machine into Capital Outlay Projects Over Five Thousand, turning that into \$35,000.00 and that we add in \$350,000.00 to Vehicles for a lease or a purchase price to be figured before our final budget into that Capital Outlay and the rest as presented.

Commissioner Tipton noted the impact of the Election Officials salary bill on this budget.

B. Detention (100-031): Captain Peters reviewed the budget request for the Commission noting that there is a typographical error in that he is not asking for any additional staffing only the current number that is already budgeted for. Discussion ensued regarding the Groceries line-item, the request for a new fingerprint machine and the amount of the Telephone line-item. The following motion was made by Commissioner Hill and passed unanimously:

To approve the Sheriff's Detention budget 031 as presented, tentatively.

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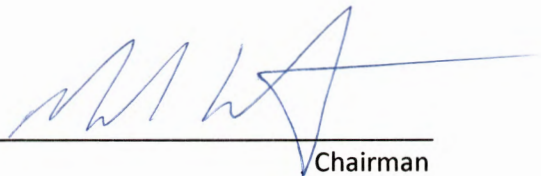
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PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Evatz asked for public comment. Commissioner Hill thanked Manager Kalkoske and the Comptroller's Office and all the department heads for tightening the budgets up. The Commission echoed the comments made by Commissioner Hill. Manager Kalkoske offered his thanks to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Evatz adjourned the budget hearings at 9:32 a.m.

ATTEST: 

Clerk

APPROVED: 

Chairman

(Minutes approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman on 04-07-25)

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Subject: Comptroller's Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

The General Fund is the County's largest and most comprehensive fund encompassing a wide variety of functions and programs. Humboldt County's 2025-2026 Budget reflects a General Fund in which budgeted expenditures and other financing uses are \$31,090,545. This is an increase in budgeted expenses of \$1,117,803 over Fiscal Year 2025. As of the time of preparing this message, the final revenue projections have not been received by the State of Nevada. I expect to have those final projections that include abatements and exemptions on March 25th (the last date allowed for release pursuant to NRS 361.4535(2)).

In projecting Salaries and Benefits for FY 25/26 the general unit will receive a 2.5% merit increase and 2% COLA, law enforcement will receive a 2.5% merit increase and a 3.6% COLA. I have also budgeted for the anticipated increase in employer paid PERS contributions in which the general unit will increase from 33% to 36.75% and law enforcement will increase from 50% to 58.75%. It is also worth noting that SB116, the elected official's salary bill, if passed will have an impact on the salary and benefits projected for elected officials. However, until legislature enacts this bill, I have used the NRS currently in effect (NRS 245.043).

The budget being presented to you does include 36 vacant or new positions. They can be identified on the salary projection sheets in each department and listed alphabetically beginning with the word "Vacancy".

Over all funds, the total expenditures requested are \$65,482,731 broken down as follows:

Salaries	\$ 16,690,200.00	25%
Benefits	\$ 13,011,203.00	20%
Service and Supplies	\$ 26,578,747.00	41%
Capital Outlay	\$ 9,202,581.00	14%
	<u>\$ 65,482,731.00</u>	

For the General Fund the breakdown for the total request of \$31,090,545 is as follows:

Salaries	\$ 11,235,400.00	36%
Benefits	\$ 9,163,058.00	29%
Service and Supplies	\$ 9,900,806.00	32%
Capital Outlay	\$ 791,281.00	3%
	<u>\$ 31,090,545.00</u>	

It is anticipated that the County will utilize a portion of unassigned fund balance to maintain the level of services that our citizens have become accustomed to over the last several years. However, it is anticipated that the actual ending fund balance will be greater since historically the County has not spent 100% of its expenditure appropriations.

Many of the Capital Projects approved in the FY2025 budget have not yet been completed. You will see some of these requests being carried forward to FY2026 due to factors which the Department Heads or Elected Officials will address individually during their respective hearings. The total amount budgeted in the current fiscal year for capital projects was \$8,353,250 whereas only \$1,239,655.42 has been spent YTD. The majority of this difference is in the Road Fund, Juvi, Gold Country Water, Capital Projects and Building Reserve.

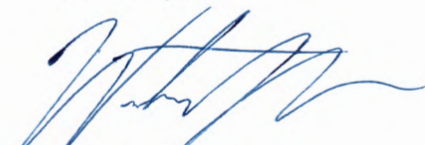
As presented by our auditor's, the General Fund ending balance as of June 30, 2024 was \$16,038,873. An increase of \$675,889 from FY2023 which is attributed to a significant increase in Net Proceeds and Property Taxes received. In this budget cycle we can anticipate a similar pattern with Net Proceeds given the recent Property Tax increase enacted by the county. I commend your action to increase the counties property tax rate and recognize the importance this component plays in maintaining the financial health of the county. As these projections come in I will continue to monitor the impact of the tax rate increase on Net Proceeds which are received the last week in May each fiscal year.

Interest rates remain strong, and Treasurer Lecumberry has done a great job managing the County's investments and actively communicating with our investment advisors. Fiscal year to date we have received \$1,700,742 in interest earnings. Although investments are always an uncertain source of revenue, it is the only way to generate revenue without asking the taxpayers to reach into their pockets. I commend Rhona and the job that she is doing with investments including continued education and networking to strengthen her investment knowledge.

Humboldt County maintains a balance of \$1,050,843 in the County's stabilization fund as authorized by NRS 354.6115. The money in this fund can only be used to mitigate the effects of natural disasters (tab 27).

I look forward to these upcoming budget hearings and working with you all again to adopt a budget that works to benefit the citizens and taxpayers of Humboldt County.

Sincerely,



Weston Noyes

County Manager's Office Humboldt County, Nevada



March 14, 2025

Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Budget Message,

Dear Commissioners,

As we prepare for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY 25/26) budget, it is with great responsibility and a deep commitment to the well-being of our community that we present this proposed budget for your review. This document reflects our ongoing efforts to address both immediate fiscal needs and long-term priorities, while maintaining a balanced approach to service delivery, operational efficiency, and strategic investment in the future of our county.

The fiscal environment for FY 25/26 presents both challenges and opportunities. While we are witnessing some economic growth, inflationary pressures and potential uncertainties in state and federal funding sources require caution in our approach. Our county's revenue streams, primarily from property taxes, sales taxes, other taxes and fees remain stable. Although we recently enacted a property tax increase, after holding fast for 20 years, Humboldt County continues to have the lowest taxes among Nevada counties and the country as a whole. Over the next year, we anticipate some growth, driven by development and taxes generated by those projects.

At the same time, we must address the long-term effects of inflation and escalating costs in critical areas such as public safety, health services, and infrastructure maintenance. The budget strives to balance these economic realities with our commitment to maintaining or enhancing the safety of our facilities and quality of life for our residents.

To continue providing the essential services, we need to have the necessary infrastructure in place. While our current facilities are functional, the county's infrastructure is aging, and we have seen numerous issues over the past year, including the Detention and Administrative-Courthouse facilities. Some issues were addressed over the past year using ARPA funding, but additional work is necessary to ensure these facilities remain safe and accessible for employees and the public.

One bright spot related to our county facilities is the new Facilities Operations building. This project has been awarded, and construction is underway of a new building near the current Public Works equipment shop. Once complete, by the end of the year, this new facility will resolve safety concerns associated with housing the department in the courthouse basement.

Beyond facility infrastructure, the health and well-being of our residents remains central to our mission. We are continuing the process of planning and design of a new wastewater collection

and treatment facility in the Grass Valley area. While this project will take years to come online, in the meantime, efforts are underway to improve water quality in the Gold Country area by developing a new source well and creating and intertie between the Gold Country and Star City Water systems.

The proposed budget includes careful management of revenues and expenditures. We remain committed to controlling unnecessary spending while continuing to fund essential services. One of the greatest increases we will see this year is the projected PERS contribution increase. This increase will put a great burden on the departments as they struggle to maintain flat or decreasing budgets.

There are several other challenges that we must continue to navigate. Inflationary pressures, particularly in labor and materials costs, may outpace growth in revenues. In addition, we must be prepared for potential changes in federal and state funding, which could impact our revenue forecasts. These challenges require that we remain vigilant and flexible in our financial planning.

In conclusion, the FY 25/26 budget represents our collective vision for the future of our community. It reflects our commitment to improving the lives of our residents while ensuring financial sustainability. This budget is a blueprint for responsible governance that balances the needs of today with the opportunities of tomorrow.

I look forward to working with each of you as we review and refine this proposal. Your input and leadership are essential as we continue our efforts to make Humboldt County a thriving, sustainable, and vibrant place for all.

Thank you for your dedication to the county, and for your continued support in making our community a better place.

Sincerely,



Don Kalkoske,
County Manager

VEHICLE LEASE/PURCHASE/MACHINERY

DEPARTMENT: FACILITY OPERATIONS
FISCAL YEAR: 2025-2026
SUBMITTED BY: ADRIAN GONZALEZ

ITEM DESCRIPTION	\$ BUDGET REQUEST
2025 F150 4x4 XL Supercrew	\$ 54,765.00
2024 250 MR Cargo RWD Cargo Van	\$ 54,575.00
Stainless Steel Hopper Spreader	\$ 8,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 117,840.00

Special Projects

DEPARTMENT: Public Works (Roads)

FISCAL YEAR: 2025-2026

SUBMITTED BY: Dan Ferraro

ITEM DESCRIPTION	\$ BUDGET REQUEST
Crushing (Outlying Areas)	\$ 100,000.00
Crushing (Outlying Areas)	\$ 100,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 200,000.00

FY 2025/26 Capital Projects

070 Events Complex (Fairgrounds)

1. Power Distribution Boxes with Cords \$6,500

The Winnemucca Events Complex (WEC) continues to host more significant events requiring more power distribution boxes and cords. These 50 Amp distribution boxes provide temporary power to various locations during events, including vendor and food booths, portable offices, light towers, etc. The Ag District #3 has a small number of boxes on hand, most of which have operational issues due to their age. To service our current level of customers and to accommodate the needs of the upcoming World Australian Dog Trials, the Ag. District #3 Board finds it necessary to purchase Ten 50 Amp Distribution boxes and ten 50-foot heavy-duty electrical cords.

2. Events Complex Website Design \$16,000

For the past 15 years, the Winnemucca Events Complex has had a minimal presence on the Winnemucca Convention and Visitor Authority's Website. This has not been ideal, as it has made it difficult to effectively promote the facility and provide easy access to important information about the Events Complex. A few months ago, the Ag District #3 and WCVA staff were advised that the software used to design the WCVA Website 15-20 years ago was no longer supported, causing our website to be no longer functional. Subsequently, the WCVA has entered into an agreement with a highly-rated tourism website designer to redesign and substantially upgrade its website. Due to this change, it has been determined that now is the time for the Winnemucca Events Complex to have its own highly functional and attractive website. We feel that the WEC website should be similar in design and compatible with the WCVA website, as much of the content and calendars will be shared. We are proposing to use the same developer.

3. 40'X60' Special Event Tent Replacement Parts \$12,000

The Winnemucca Events Complex has been in possession of two 40'X60' special event tents for over 20 years. These tents have been used yearly for events such as the Superior Livestock Auction and the Tri-County Fair. A few years ago, one of the tents received considerable damage due to a freak windstorm at the beginning of the Tri-County Fair. We have not used this tent since then, but both tents are needed for the large Australian Shepherd Dog Trials scheduled for September 19-27, 2025, to accommodate all of their events. The Dog Trials will be paying a rental fee of \$8000 for the use and erection of these tents. The parts, including shipping, come in just under \$12,000. A new tent, including shipping, is \$16,000. The repair parts, including new tarp tops, will make our existing tent just like new.

4. Livestock Loading Ramp \$16,000

For safety reasons, the Ag. District #3 has identified the need to replace the existing livestock loading ramp located at the Outdoor Arena. The loading ramp has been in place for 30 years and receives heavy usage throughout the year. It has been patched together almost yearly to extend its life, but the time has come to replace it before it causes a serious injury to livestock.

5. Exhibit Hall Exterior Door/Emergency Exit Hardware Retrofit \$50,000

The Exhibit Hall on the Winnemucca Events Complex is over 50 years old. Over the past few years, the Humboldt County Building and Grounds Department has been called on numerous to work on and secure the exterior doors and emergency panic hardware. We have been advised by them that the hardware that operates the doors and panic hardware is obsolete, and a total replacement is required.

This project must be done as we must have the ability to secure the building to protect the assets of the county and those who use the facilities.

6. Banner/Privacy Screen for Livestock Arena Setups \$6000

Ag District #3 wants to purchase approximately 750 feet of banner/privacy screen material to hang on the panels used in the temporary competition arenas during events. If the panels are not covered during the competitions, the cattle constantly try to jump the panels, causing disruptions in the show and damage to the panels.

7. Arena Groomer \$46,000

The most challenging requirement for WEC staff is preparing the various dirt arenas to meet the demands of each event promoter. Each event has a specific way they want the dirt worked to provide safe footing for the horses performing in their particular event. Some want it hard, dry, and packed, while others want it deep and lightly watered. Event facilities nationwide are ranked by participants on their ability to prepare the ground. Water content is also a high priority. If the ground is too wet, it is slippery, and if it is too dry, it is too dusty. To provide the perfect footing requires the correct equipment and knowledgeable staff. To accomplish this task, the Ag District #3 desires to add the ABI Arena Groomer to the various pieces of equipment needed to prepare the arenas. The ABI Arena Groomer is a sophisticated tractor attachment that contains hydraulic leveling blades, adjustable grooming rods, blades, and finishing bars. It also contains a 500-gallon water tank with sprayers, hydraulic scarifiers, and rippers. This unit has a complete laser-level package that allows us to continue to level the arena as it is being worked.

073 Indoor Event Center

1. Event Center Overhang Livestock Holding Pens Retrofit \$25,000

Since its construction 25 years ago, the overhang area on the back of the Event Center has been used as a livestock staging area for the many livestock-related events held in the facilities. Initially, we weren't sure of the building's destiny and how the overhang area would be utilized. It wasn't long before it became clear that our facilities would be in high demand as the place of choice to conduct various livestock events. As a result, an area was needed to house and stage the cattle and horses required to produce the shows. The overhang became that area. Still not wanting to tie up the area with livestock pens in case another type of event that needed the open space came along, temporary livestock pens were constructed. Twenty-five years later, it has been determined that livestock holding pens are the best use of the overhang area. Time has taken its toll on the temporary set-up, and many years of experience have taught us that there are better, safer, and more efficient ways to lay out the pens and alleys. The Ag. District #3 Board has determined it is time to enter phase 1 of a retrofit to make the pens permanent. The retrofit will address the concerns we receive from promoters regarding the potential of injury to livestock.

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