

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of July 22, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 14-60

**RESOLUTION PLACING THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX ON THE NOVEMBER 2014 BALLOT FOR VOTER APPROVAL**

**WHEREAS**, Humboldt County has been in severe financial condition over the last several years, due to reduced revenues and budgetary constraints; and

**WHEREAS**, due to budget constraints, sheriff's patrols have been greatly reduced across the County, meaning it can sometimes take several hours for a sheriff's deputy to respond to a call, and additional funds are needed to expand patrols, maintain emergency 9-1-1 response times, and make sure calls about violent or property crimes are responded to promptly; and

**WHEREAS**, many areas of Humboldt County are not patrolled by sheriff's deputies at night, and we need to ensure there are sheriff's deputies on-duty 24 hours a day; and

**WHEREAS**, hard drugs and narcotics like methamphetamine are growing problems in Humboldt County, and more funds are needed to fight drug-related crimes, eliminate methamphetamine labs, and provide drug prevention and rehabilitation services; and

**WHEREAS**, we need to do more to fight large-scale, industrial marijuana farms which are diverting and drying up sensitive creeks and streams and using toxic pesticides that are destroying our local environment and risking our health; and

**WHEREAS**, despite limited funding, volunteer fire departments and firefighters play critical roles in protecting life and property here in Humboldt County and additional resources will allow them to better – and more safely – protect County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, protective and counseling services for the victims of child abuse have been severely reduced in recent years, and additional funds can restore those services and protect children that have been victims of these horrible crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, Humboldt County has a \$150 million backlog of road maintenance projects and over a third of the County's roads are currently classified as "poor" or "very poor," and without additional funding our roads will continue to deteriorate, and become increasingly dangerous to drive on and more expensive to repair in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 22 years, the State of California has taken \$286 million in revenue from Humboldt County's budget, and this measure provides our area with a guaranteed source of local funding that cannot be taken by the State; and

**WHEREAS**, funds from this measure are subject to strict accountability provisions, including annual audits and an advisory committee which will be established by the Board of Supervisors to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors as to the expenditure of funds derived from the tax imposed by this measure; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Transactions and Use Tax is a general tax and the revenues from the tax will be placed in the County's discretionary General Fund for general purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, a local 0.5% Transactions and Use Tax will greatly benefit the people of Humboldt County by generating revenue of approximately \$6 million per average year; and

**WHEREAS**, the net proceeds of the Transactions and Use Tax will be used by the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors adopted Humboldt County Ordinance No. 2517 on July 22, 2014, which imposes a 0.5% Transactions and Use Tax for general purposes in compliance with Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285 and Government Code Section 53723; and

**WHEREAS**, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors wishes to place this general tax measure on the November 4, 2014 ballot for majority voter approval pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285 and Government Code Section 53723; and

**WHEREAS**, upon approval of a majority vote of this general tax measure, the tax will become operative the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of Humboldt County Ordinance No. 2517.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. That all the above recitations are true and correct.
2. That the Transactions and Use Tax is a general tax not raised for a specific purpose, in which the revenues from the tax will be placed in the County's discretionary General Fund for general purposes, thereby requiring a majority vote of the voters voting in the election on the tax, which includes voters in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County.
3. This tax shall be applicable in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of the County.
4. This tax will be collected and administered by the State Board of Equalization.
5. The Transactions and Use Tax will be at the rate of 0.5%.
6. The net proceeds of this tax will be used by the County for services which will benefit the residents of the County.
7. The Board of Supervisors shall, no later than March 1, 2015, establish by resolution an advisory committee that will make recommendations to the Board as to the expenditure of funds derived from this tax.
8. The Transactions and Use Tax will terminate on March 31, 2020.
9. The full text of the Transactions and Use Tax is found in Humboldt County Ordinance No. 2517.
10. The Board of Supervisors hereby directs staff to take whatever action is necessary to place on the November 4, 2014 election ballot, for majority voter approval, the general tax measure, as summarized in the ballot measure attached hereto as Attachment "A" and to place in the ballot pamphlet the full text of Humboldt County Ordinance No. 2517.

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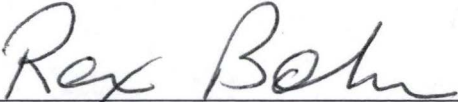
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11. Upon approval of the tax measure by the voters, Humboldt County Ordinance No. 2517 will be operative on the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of Humboldt County Ordinance No. 2517.

12. This resolution is effective immediately.

Dated: July 22, 2014

  
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REX BOHN, Chair of the Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Fennell, seconded by Supervisor Sundberg, and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Sundberg, Lovelace, Bohn, Fennell, Bass  
NAYS: Supervisors  
ABSENT: Supervisors  
ABSTAIN: Supervisors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
County of Humboldt )

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

  
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By ANA HARTWELL

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Humboldt, State of California