



PROPOSED BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR
2014-15

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**TRINITY COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
Trinity County Library
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351 Main Street
Weaverville, CA

BUDGET HEARINGS

2014-09-10 through 2014-09-11

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NOTE: *This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. Supporting documentation is available in the public packet at the Board meeting or at the Office of the Clerk of the Board, located at 11 Court Street, Room 230, Weaverville, California. The Board will break for lunch at their discretion.*

September 10, 2014

9:00 AM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Health and Human Services, Christine Zoppi

Behavioral Health Services, Noel O'Neill

Department of Child Support Services, Robin McStay

Trinity County Cooperative Extension, Larry Forero

Sheriff, Bruce Haney

District Attorney

Probation, Hal Ridlehuber

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, Jeff Dolf

Treasurer/Tax Collector, Terri McBrayer

Clerk/Recorder/Assessor/Elections, Deanna Bradford

September 11, 2014

9:00 AM Reconvene

Department of Transportation/Building/Planning, Rick Tippet

Auditor/Controller, Angie Bickle

Advertising County Resources, Wendy Tyler

County Administration/Board of Supervisors, Wendy Tyler

Public Input on all Departmental Budgets

Board deliberation and direction

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Trinity County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Wendy G. Tyler, County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Proposed Budget

DATE: August 29, 2014

Presented is the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-15. The total budget including enterprise funds and dependent districts totals \$93,670,142. The General Fund component is \$18,286,853, which includes \$8,201,003 in discretionary revenues and cash balance forward of \$1,500,000. The budget as presented provides for an appropriation for contingency of \$182,869.

This budget reflects revenue increases in both the General Fund and State and Federal programs; however, those increases do not cover the increased cost of doing business. Again we have increased our payment toward our Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligation by 10%, bringing us to 30% of the Annual Required Contribution (ARC). Rates for the County share of CalPERS Retirement for miscellaneous and safety employees increased 1.98% and 3.35% respectively, over last year. All debt service obligations are fully funded within the proposed budget. It goes without saying that other costs, such as insurance, fuel, utilities, and other supplies continue to grow.

General Fund departments were not given any particular instruction in developing their requested budgets, however it is apparent that they have given great consideration to the limited funds available for appropriation and have submitted budgets reflecting that. Their realistic budgeting approach is greatly appreciated, and has made this task less cumbersome.

With costs exceeding revenues, reductions are necessary. Hard decisions must be made and priorities set. In that spirit I have proposed a budget that ensures debt service obligations are met, capacity for revenue generation is increased, and public safety services are provided. Several departments have increased general fund contributions due to work in progress from the previous fiscal year, other contractual obligations, or new projects being implemented. Some departments and/or services will fare better than others in the budget process. All available revenues have been appropriated.

This budget funds 279 Full Time Equivalent positions. Positions in the Assessor, Treasurer/Tax Collector, Animal Control, Environmental Health and District Attorney offices have been restored. It is my belief that the only department that will require furlough in this fiscal year is the Library, 1 FTE at 20%.

Unfortunately, the proposed budget does not provide for reopening of the juvenile detention facility. At the special meeting held in June the Board directed that Chief Ridlehuber and I work to secure additional funding to assist in offsetting the general fund contribution required as a result of the loss of Title IVE funding. As of the preparation of this memo, no such funding has been secured.

Health realignment revenue is anticipated to decrease nearly \$346,600 due to the AB 85 provision that redirects Health Realignment to the State for costs for expanded MediCal under the ACA, which subsequently decreases the county responsibility for the County Medical Services Program (CMSP). The Health Realignment cash balance forward, from FY 2013/14 is less than prior years at \$68,896. The need to fund ambulance services in the western part of the county was identified, and has been included in proposed expenditures from Health Realignment. However, due to the decreased balance forward, the contributions to Jail Health and Public Health have been reduced. While both of these functions are critical, the departments are working to reduce jail health costs by leveraging provisions of the ACA and other solutions. The public health component has requested positions that can remain unfilled until revenue numbers are firmed up.

My thanks to the departments, their fiscal staffs and our dedicated employees for their assistance in shaping this proposed budget.

I look forward to the dialogue as we make the final determination of how to allocate our precious resources based on state and federal mandates, desired constituent services and fiscal prudence.

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