



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: August 15, 2017

Date: August 6, 2017
 To: Board of Supervisors
 From: Amy S. Nilsen, County Administrative Officer *ASN*
 Subject: Responses to 2016-17 Grand Jury Reports: Child Welfare in Humboldt; Responding in Time to Help Our At-Risk Children; Unfunded Pensions; Consolidation of Sheriff/Coroner

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Review and modify as necessary the proposed Grand Jury responses from the Department of Health & Human Services (Attachments 2 and 4), Board of Supervisors and County Administrative Office, under the appointment authority of the Board of Supervisors (Attachment 7);
2. Receive reports from the Sheriff (Attachments 5 and 9);
3. Approve the documents, as may be modified, as the response;
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board, within five working days, to submit the final response with an accompanying Board Order to the 2016-17 Grand Jury and the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court; and

Prepared by Sean Quincey CAO Approval _____

REVIEW:
 Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Human Resources _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
 Upon motion of Supervisor Sundberg seconded by Supervisor Fennell
 Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson
 Nays _____
 Abstain _____
 Absent _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: August 15, 2017
 By: Kathy Hayes
 Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

5. Direct the Clerk of the Board, within five working days, to submit two copies of all responses to the County Clerk/Recorder, one of which will be forwarded to the State Archivist, together with a copy of the original report.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION:

The Grand Jury investigates and reports on the operations, accounts, and records of the officers, departments, or functions of the county. The county thanks the Grand Jury for their hard work and efforts that they have put forth in their 2016-17 Grand Jury reports.

The Grand Jury has submitted four reports to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. Each department head or agency mentioned in the report is required to respond. The reports and responding agencies are as follows:

- “Child Welfare in Humboldt County” (Attachment 1). The Grand Jury has requested responses from the Department of Health & Human Services.
- “Responding in Time to Help Our At-Risk Children” (Attachment 3). The Grand Jury has requested responses from the Department of Health & Human Services and the Sheriff’s Office.
- “Will Unfunded County Pensions Un-fund Our Future?” (Attachment 6). The Grand Jury has requested responses from the Department of Health & Human Services, the County Administrative Office and your Board.
- “Consolidation of Sheriff and Coroner/Public Administrator” (Attachment 5). The Grand Jury has requested a response from the Sheriff’s Office.

Draft responses to these reports have been prepared and included for consideration and modification as the Board deems appropriate (Attachments 2, 4, and 7). Responses from the Sheriff’s Office have been included as a courtesy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact related to providing a response. Some individual responses may require expenditures.

This agenda item supports the Board’s Strategic Framework by safeguarding the public’s trust.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Those referenced in the Grand Jury reports.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may elect to modify any response pertaining to matters under its control.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Child Welfare In Humboldt - Grand Jury Report
2. Child Welfare in Humboldt - DHHS Response
3. Responding in Time – Grand Jury Report
4. Responding in Time – DHHS Response
5. Responding In Time - Sheriff Response
6. Unfunded Pensions – Grand Jury Report
7. Unfunded Pensions – BOS, CAO, DHHS Response
8. Consolidation of Sheriff/Coroner – Grand Jury Report
9. Consolidation of Sheriff/Coroner – Sheriff Response