



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 12/16/2019

File #: 19-1772

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk/Recorder

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 19-20-014 Requesting Consolidation of Eureka City Schools District Bond Election with the March 3, 2020, Presidential Primary Election

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Registrar of Voters to conduct, and give notice of, a general obligation bond election for the Eureka City Schools District;
2. Consolidate this election with the Presidential Primary Election to be held on March 3, 2020;
3. Direct Eureka City Schools District to reimburse the County of Humboldt for costs incurred pursuant to Resolution No. 19-20-014; and
4. Request the Clerk of the Board forward the signed Board Order and one copy of Eureka City Schools District Resolution No. 19-20-014 to the Humboldt County Office of Elections.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund (1100)

DISCUSSION:

On December 2, 2019 the Eureka City Schools District passed Resolution No.19-20-014 which orders a general obligation bond election to authorize the issuance of school bonds in the amount of \$18,000,000 subject to the approval of 55 percent of the votes cast by the qualified electorate. Further, Resolution No. 19-20-014 requests that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors consolidate the election with the Presidential Primary Election to be held on March 3, 2020, directs county election officials to conduct the necessary election, and states that the Eureka City Schools District agrees to reimburse the county for all costs associated with the bond election.

The question to be submitted to the voters shall read:

“EUREKA CITY SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOL EMERGENCY REPAIR/STUDENT SAFETY MEASURE. To repair unsafe school buildings, storm drains, fields and facilities; improve campus, student and teacher safety/disabled accessibility; acquire, construct, repair sites, equipment/high school/continuing education facilities; qualify for emergency State matching funds, shall Eureka City

Schools’ measure authorizing \$18,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying \$17/\$100,000 assessed value (\$1,100,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, be adopted, requiring annual independent audits, citizens’ oversight and all funds spent locally?”

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This item will not have a long term affect the General Fund. Initial costs of the election will be deducted from Fund 1100, Budget Unit 140 and fully reimbursed by Eureka City Schools District. The cost and reimbursement has been accounted for in the adopted 2019-2020 budget cycle.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board’s Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service and building interjurisdictional and regional cooperation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Eureka City Schools District

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board could decline to approve the consolidation. This is not recommended as this request is compliant with Election Code, Section 10403, which prescribes the manner in which a school district must consolidate a special election with a statewide election.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Resolution No. 19-20-014
- Attachment 2: Full Text of Bond Measure
- Attachment 3: Abbreviated Form of Bond Measure
- Attachment 4: Tax Rate Statement
- Attachment 5: Election Code, Section 10403

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

- Board Order No: N/A
- Meeting of: N/A
- File No: N/A