

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Certified Copy of Portion of Proceedings for the Meeting of July 23, 2024

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, a recent study found that Humboldt County has some of the worst pavement conditions in the state – with more than 50% of County roads rated “poor” or “failed”; and

WHEREAS, at current levels of funding, most County roads will be rated as “failed” by 2033 – including letting some turn back into gravel; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of the counties in California, including San Francisco and Los Angeles, have passed measures that give them access to billions in matching funds from the State and Federal Government that Humboldt County can’t currently access without additional funding; and

WHEREAS, over the past three decades, the state has taken over \$500 million in revenue from Humboldt County’s budget; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County has \$500 million in need for road repairs over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, delaying maintenance and repairs to our roads only increases costs in the long run – letting conditions worsen until roads must be replaced entirely; and

WHEREAS, funds from this Measure will help Humboldt County qualify for its fair share of state and federal funding for local needs and road repairs; and

WHEREAS, funds from this Measure will help repair and maintain roads while construction costs are still relatively affordable; and

WHEREAS, funds from this measure will help repair and update deteriorating county roads and bridges, fix potholes, maintain 9-1-1 response times, and maintain/improve emergency evacuation routes; and

WHEREAS, funds from this Measure will help the County provide bus services in the event of an emergency or natural disaster so that those without cars can safely evacuate or be transported to safe buildings, provide bus services for seniors, low income, people with disabilities, those traveling for work and others, and continue to provide public bus services and safe routes for children and getting to school; and

WHEREAS, funds from this Measure will all be spent locally, helping to create more local jobs; and

WHEREAS, this Measure includes strong fiscal accountability including the establishment of a Citizens’ Oversight Committee, subject matter experts to publicly recommend expenditures, independent audits and public disclosure of all spending; and

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WHEREAS, all funds raised by this Measure are legally required to stay in Humboldt County and cannot be taken by the state, ensuring local control and sufficient funds to address the needs of our local residents; and

WHEREAS, Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285 authorizes a county to impose a transactions and use tax throughout the entire county for general governmental purposes, which, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9140 must be approved by a majority of the electorate; and

WHEREAS, Government Code 53724 provides that a tax may be submitted to the voters by a resolution of the Board of Supervisors approved by 2/3 of the board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors proposes to the electorate an ordinance to impose a 1% transactions and use tax within the entire county, which shall be a general tax which may be used for any general government purpose, which is attached as Exhibit A, to be placed on the ballot for the Statewide General Election scheduled for November 5, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following measure be submitted to the voters, and that the Registrar of Voters be, and hereby is, instructed to place the measure on the ballot at said election in the following form:

<p>Humboldt County Roads, 911 Emergency Response Measure. To maintain 9-1-1 response times/ prepare for natural disasters by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • repairing deteriorating county roads/bridges; • fixing potholes; • maintaining evacuation routes; • bus services; • becoming eligible for Humboldt’s fair share of state/federal roads funding, 	<p align="center">YES</p>
<p>shall a measure enacting a one-cent sales tax, generating approximately \$24,000,000 annually for general government purposes, until ended by voters, with citizens’ oversight, annual audits, public disclosure, all funds used only for local services be adopted?</p>	<p align="center">NO</p>

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Dated: July 23, 2024

Supervisor Rex Bohn, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor _____, Seconded by Supervisor _____ and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors: --

NAYES: Supervisors: --

ABSENT: Supervisors: --

ABSTAIN: Supervisors: --

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Humboldt

I, Tracy Damico, 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.

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