



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/12/2023

File #: 23-1169

To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Administrative Office

Agenda Section: Departmental

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Year 2022-23 Grand Jury Responses: “Custody and Corrections, and Other Humboldt County Facilities,” “Humboldt County Emergency Preparedness: Ready or Not?” and “The Humboldt County Child Abuse Services Team”

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Review and modify as necessary the proposed Grand Jury responses from the Board of Supervisors. (Attachments 2, 5 and 8);
2. Approve the documents, as may be modified, as the response;
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board, within 5 working days, to submit the final response with an accompanying Board Order to the 2022-23 Grand Jury and the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court;
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board, within 5 working days, to submit a copy of all attached responses to the County Clerk/Recorder, together with a copy of the original report; and
5. Direct the Clerk of the Board, within 5 working days, to submit two copies of all attached responses to the Clerk of the Court, one of which will be forwarded to the State Archivist, together with a copy of the original report.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund (1100)

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury investigates and reports on the operations, accounts, and records of the officers, departments, or functions of the County of Humboldt and other local government agencies. The county thanks the grand jury for its hard work and efforts they have put forth in their 2022-23 Grand Jury reports.

To date, the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury has submitted seven reports to the presiding judge of the Humboldt County Superior Court, of which were received, and responses for two reports were approved by your Board on July 18, 2023, and Aug. 15, 2023. Three of the remaining reports that require responses from your Board which will come before your Board today.

The reports to be discussed that require responses from your Board are as follows:

- “Custody and Corrections, and Other Humboldt County Facilities?” (Attachment 1)
- “Humboldt County Emergency Preparedness: Ready or Not?” (Attachment 4)
- “The Humboldt County Child Abuse Services Team” (Attachment 7)

It should be noted that the response for the “Custody and Corrections, and Other Humboldt County Facilities” was due to the presiding judge by Saturday, Sept. 9. Staff have contacted the Grand Jury to make them aware of this and the Grand Jury did not voice any concern with the timing of the response.

Responses to the reports “Custody and Corrections, and Other Humboldt County Facilities” and “Humboldt County Emergency Preparedness: Ready or Not?” have been provided by the Humboldt County Sheriff and are included in this agenda item for informational purposes. These responses have previously been submitted to the Presiding Judge and Grand Jury as your Board is not required to respond or approve the Sheriff’s responses related to this report, per California Penal Code Section 933.05.

Additionally, responses to the report “The Humboldt County Child Abuse Services Team” have been provided by the Humboldt County District Attorney (DA) and included in this agenda item for informational purposes. These responses have previously been submitted to the Presiding Judge and Grand Jury as your Board is not required to respond or approve the DA’s responses related to this report, per California Penal Code Section 933.05.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board’s Strategic Framework by fostering transparent, accessible, welcoming and user friendly services .

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. Custody and Corrections, and Other Humboldt County Facilities Report

2. Custody and Corrections, and Other Humboldt County Facilities - Board of Supervisors Response
3. Custody and Corrections, and Other Humboldt County Facilities - Sheriff's Response
4. Humboldt County Emergency Preparedness: Ready or Not? Report
5. Humboldt County Emergency Preparedness: Ready or Not? - Board of Supervisors Response
6. Humboldt County Emergency Preparedness: Ready or Not? - Sheriff's Response
7. The Humboldt County Child Abuse Services Team Report
8. The Humboldt County Child Abuse Services Team - Board of Supervisors Response
9. The Humboldt County Child Abuse Services Team - Humboldt County District Attorney Response

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

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