

# Curry County Town Halls

Curry County Commissioners

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April 25, 2016-Port Orford

April 26, 2016-Gold Beach

April 27, 2016-Brookings

## Purpose:

With the approach of the 2016-2017 budget discussions, the Commissioners would like to share information regarding the process of the budget and engage the citizens in a discussion about community priorities for the budget.

## Agenda:

- Budget Overview
- Department Overview
- Mandated/Non-Mandated Services
- Open Discussion-Community Priorities

# Budget Overview

*Commissioner Brown*

# 2015-2016 Budget

2015-2016 estimated  
expenditures

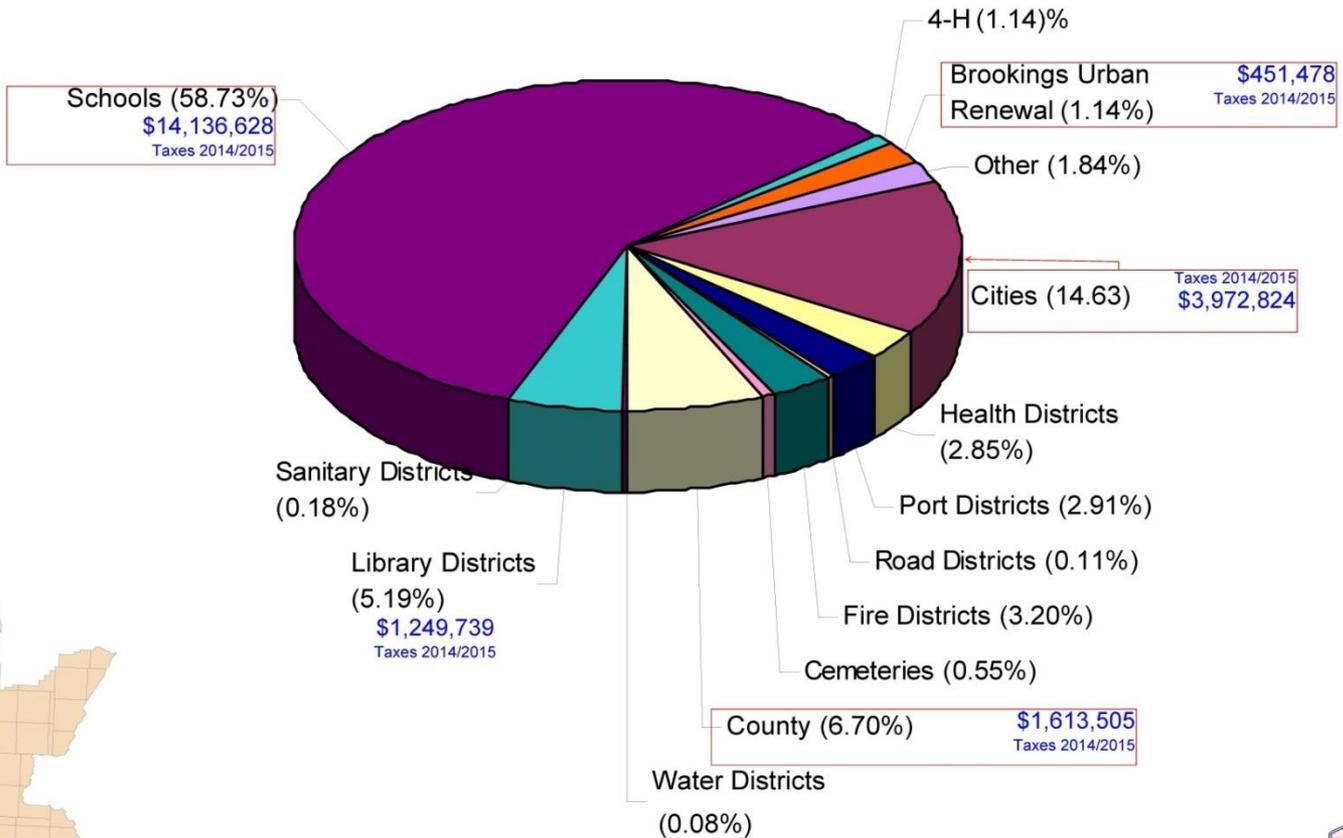
Overall Budget

<b>Restricted Road Funds</b>	\$ 38,816,088	\$ 4,568,730
<b>Restricted Other Funds</b> Airport (FAA funds), Economic Development (Lottery\$), Title III (SAR), Sheriff & Clerk Reserve, Court Security, Cornerstone Preservation, Landfill Trust, PEG Access.....many others	\$ 4,616,526	\$ 2,455,580
<b>Assigned Funds</b> Communication Towers, County Lands, Cable TV Franchise	\$ 359,197	\$ 246,766
<b>Internal Service Funds</b> Commissioner's Office, Accounting, County Counsel, Payroll/Personnel, IT, Insurance, Occupancy/Maintenance	\$ 2,980,031	\$ 2,040,880
<b>General Fund</b> <b>Property Taxes</b> , SRS, Working Capital, Unemployment Reserve, Misc Taxes, PERS Reserve, Pass Through Grants (CDBG, Re-Home, MHCG, etc), PILT.....more	\$ 11,209,779	\$ 7,553,539
	<b>\$ 57,981,621</b>	<b>\$ 16,865,495</b>

# General Fund.....

	2015-2016 Department Budget	General Fund Support		2015-2016 Department Budget	General Fund Support
BOPTA	\$4,980	\$3,980	Clerk/Recording	\$223,785	\$31,161
Clerk/Elections	\$223,725	\$223,075	Surveyor	\$65,866	\$13,766
Treasurer	\$116,142	\$108,842	Sheriff		
Assessor	\$587,989	\$391,689	Civil/criminal	\$1,580,671	\$1,277,671
Tax Collector	\$124,849	\$88,749	SAR	\$131,741	\$9,741
GIS	\$52,950	\$15,450	Marine Patrol	\$222,537	\$12,004
District Attorney	\$395,611	\$340,011	Forest Patrol	\$113,608	\$15,423
Juvenile	\$587,205	\$456,423	Jail	\$1,419,530	\$1,187,330
Veteran's Services	\$84,490	\$51,038	911	\$718,279	\$462,779
RSVP	\$63,473	\$12,046	P&P	\$483,427	\$23,462
Other Requirements		\$405,942	ES	\$150,462	\$62,730
			<b>General Fund Total Support</b>		<b>\$5,193,312</b>

# Taxing Districts



## Curry County Property Tax Distribution Summary



# Taxing Districts

School Districts – 5	\$ 14,138,626	City Districts – 3	\$ 3,521,344
Port Districts – 3	\$ 699,466	Cemetery Districts – 5	\$ 134,874
Fire Districts – 13	\$ 771,104	Sanitary Districts – 3	\$ 44,605
Water Districts – 3	\$ 19,375	Health Districts – 1	\$ 685,396
Library Districts – 5	\$ 1,249,736	Road Districts – 1	\$ 27,524
County Districts – 1	\$ 1,613,505	Urban Renewal Districts - 1	\$ 451,478
4-H District	\$ 274,785		
Curry Public Transit	\$ 0.00		
<b>Total District Taxes</b>	<b>\$23,631,837</b>	<b>County Allocation</b>	<b>\$1,613,505</b>

\*\*6 of these districts are non-taxing districts (Curry Soil & Water, Agness-Illahe RFPD, Harbor Sanitary, Camellia Park Sanitary District, Nesika Beach/Ophir Water District, Harbor Water District)

\*\*The County has no authority over the taxing districts except budget authority over the 4-H District and Curry Public Transit District.

# County Departments and Functions

*Commissioner Smith*

# Elected Officials

## Commissioners

- ☞ County commissioners oversee county activities and work to ensure that citizen concerns are met, federal and state requirements are fulfilled, and county operations run smoothly.
- ☞ County commissioners spend a lot of time working with and representing people. They attend regular meetings of the county board as well as meetings of board sub-committees and county-related boards and commissions. They represent county concerns before local, state and national boards and commissions, including school boards, city councils, township boards, and state and federal offices. County commissioners work with constituents and respond to constituent concerns.
- ☞ The Commissioners serve as the Executive Branch and perform legislative and quasi-judicial functions of the County. Commissioners are responsible for the planning, formation and implementation of the annual budget. In addition, Commissioners serve on other federal, state and local mandated governmental panels, boards and commissions with fiscal duties and authority over public monies. Commissioners also serve the ceremonial functions of the County in representations to the public for the public good and betterment of Curry County.
- ☞ Commissioners establish policies, procedures and long term planning, oversee all county departments and personnel, adjust and adopt the budget, set the tax rate, authorize levies, adopt and participate in fiscal policies, oversee expenses, adopt ordinances, set advisory boards, and oversee and participate in county management.

# Elected Officials (cont.)

## Sheriff: Sheriff's Office

The County Sheriff's Office is the county law enforcement agency, and coordinates law enforcement efforts with the state and municipal police agencies within the County:

- ☞ **Patrol** - responsible for the safety and security of the County citizens.
- ☞ **Civil** - responsible for carrying out the orders of the court.
- ☞ **Search & Rescue** - responsible for the search and rescue of lost and distressed persons.
- ☞ **Corrections** - responsible for the operation of the Curry County Jail.
- ☞ **Communications** - responsible for the operation of police dispatch and 911 emergency dispatch.
- ☞ **Adult Parole & Probation** - responsible for supervision of community service work and parolees.
- ☞ **Emergency Services** - responsible for the County's Disaster Preparedness and other emergency services.
- ☞ **Marine Patrol** - responsible for patrolling the waterways of the County.
- ☞ **Forest Patrol** - responsible for patrolling the private and public forest lands of the county.
- ☞ **Harbor Sub-Station** - provides physical location for South County.
- ☞ The County Sheriff's Office also contains a division of reserve officers and volunteers for patrol, corrections, and the sub-station.

# Elected Officials (cont.)

## **Assessor: Assessment & Taxation**

The Assessor/Tax Collector appraises property and calculates and collects the property tax in a manner intended to merit the highest degree of confidence possible considering the current limitations of the budget allowed to this program in Curry County.

This office maintains an inventory of all taxable real and personal property in Curry County including the ownership, real market and assessed values thereof.

There are approximately 21,000 properties to assess in Curry County and the total tax certified for collection on the 2013-14 tax roll was almost \$23.5 million dollars.

Property tax supports a wide range of services for Curry County citizens. This office is the collection agent for the property tax levies of 48 jurisdictions that include cities, school districts, fire districts, libraries, ports, urban renewal and other special districts.

## **Clerk: Elections/Recording**

The County Clerk is responsible for the Elections Department and Recording Department. The Elections Department plans, coordinates and conducts all elections in Curry County. It ensures that elections are in compliance with Federal, State and Local Election Laws, as well as directing the preparation and maintenance of voter registration and records related to voting activities, candidates and special district services, precincting, programming, printing and distribution of election ballots.

The Recording Department records all documents that affect the conveyance, encumbrance, or division of Real Property, (Deeds, Deeds of Trust, Mortgages, Easements, Land Sale Contracts, Leases, Liens, Partition Plats, and Subdivision Plats), and maintains and indexes the County Commissioner's Journal (a monthly record of the Orders, Ordinances, Contracts, Agreements, and other business proceedings of the Board of Commissioners.)

Other recorded and filed documents include Marriage Licenses/Certificates; Military Discharges (DD214s), Mining Records, Oaths, Powers of Attorney, and Taxing Districts Budgets.

The County Clerk issues Marriage Licenses and Passport Applications, and Performs Marriage Ceremonies.

# Elected Officials (cont.)

## District Attorney

The District Attorney's Office is responsible for the prosecution of crimes, violations and juvenile delinquency acts, as well as the enforcement of child support orders and involvement in juvenile dependency actions.

The District Attorney's Office advises the Sheriff and probation officers, coordinates Grand Jury proceedings, represents the state in jury trials and is responsible for investigations of unattended deaths. They also work closely with the Sheriff's office, probation and parole officers, the juvenile department, and other agencies and groups in the community.

The Victims Advocacy Program assists crime victims in a variety of ways including restraining orders, emergency services, crisis response and case tracking.

## Surveyor *(will be an appointed position in Jan 2017)*

The County surveyor is responsible for reviewing, filing, and indexing all surveys, and land division plats. Restoring and maintaining records of all Public Land Survey (PLS) corners and providing survey research services to the public, county departments, and local jurisdictions.

## Treasurer-Elected Official

The County Treasurer is responsible for the custody of all County funds under strict statutory regulation. The Treasurer controls the flow of funds to and from the County, maintains records for the receipt, investment, and payment of County funds. These funds also include but are not limited to, disbursements of the taxes collected for the Cities, Ports, Schools, Libraries and all other special Tax Districts within the county.

# Appointed Officials

## County Counsel

The Office of the Curry County Counsel provides legal services to the entity Curry County through the Board of Commissioners, other elected officials, department heads, other County employees and members of numerous boards and commissions.

These legal services include research and interpretation of law, legal advice to individuals and government bodies associated with Curry County, preparation of legal documents such as contracts, orders, deeds, briefs, pleadings, etc., and appearance at administrative and court proceedings. The County Legal Counsel serves as Curry County's risk manager with the goal of reducing and in some instances eliminating county liability. In addition, this Office, together with the Payroll and Personnel Coordinator, is responsible for addressing personnel matters and union issues.

## Economic Development

The County works in partnership with other organizations to provide such services as economic development coordination, marketing, business recruitment and business retention. The County also works with citizens, businesses and other levels of government to provide comprehensive land use and transportation, public safety, public health and affordable and low-income housing services for livable and economically strong communities.

## Finance Office

The County Finance Office consists of the Accounting Department and the Payroll/Personnel Department. The office is administered by the appointed director and staffed with a Payroll/Personnel Coordinator, and a Senior Accounting/Accounts Payable Clerk.

The Finance Office is responsible for the financial accounting operations of the County, the preparation of the County budget, and monitoring of the budget process. It is also responsible for: payment of all bills, preparing payroll and providing payroll information, maintaining all personnel records, providing personnel recruitment, providing new hire orientation and documentation, preparation of all audit documentation, coordination of the independent auditors for the annual audit, and preparation of the County's monthly/annual financial reports.

The County Accountant acts as the County's Budget Officer and provides financial oversight for all County departments and Service Districts that are classed as 'component units' of the County.

# Appointed Officials (cont.)

## Information Technology

Information Technology (IT) provides centralized strategic and tactical technology project management, disaster planning, hardware and software procurement and standardization, virtual and physical server administration, complete network and desktop support services and enterprise class VoIP telephone, e-mail, database, backup and domain services for ALL County Departments plus The Gold Beach Police Department (Partner Agency). In addition, the Curry County IT department runs the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department, manages all cellular phones and technology resources, builds and maintains the County Website, prepares budgets and is responsible for physical access control (keycards), logical security and video recording and publishing of public hearings.

## Juvenile Services

The Juvenile Department serves a vital role in providing accountability, interventions and positive pro-social skill development for youth and families to mitigate community risk and increase public safety. The Department builds on the prevention and intervention efforts of the early childhood system, in an effort to address high-risk youth behaviors, victim and community impact, and redirect youth from escalating criminal behavior into the state juvenile justice system; and eventually the adult criminal justice system.

## Occupancy

Occupancy is responsible for the integrity, security and comfort of the entire County owned buildings and their infrastructures' (except the Road Department). Occupancy is responsible for all of the fire-life-safety compliances and reports required by State and Federal Agencies.

# Appointed Officials (cont.)

## Community Development

Community Development is responsible for the administration of land use planning, building inspection, and related land development regulatory programs in the unincorporated county. Comprehensive planning, zoning and land use approvals, permitting of new construction and other building improvements.

The Planning Department administers and maintains the county's locally adopted comprehensive land use plan and land use code. Basic functions include reviewing various types of land use and development applications, and the update and revision of the various elements of the comprehensive plan and land use code.

The Building Department administers the county's building permit and inspection program. This function involves the review of construction plans, the issuance of permits and the field inspection of work in progress for compliance with state construction codes.

## Road Department

The Road Department is responsible for the development, operation, and maintenance of the County road system. The Road Department's services include routine road maintenance (e.g. chip sealing, pothole patching), roadside vegetation management, traffic signing and striping, bridge maintenance, and emergency response to roadway hazards. Additionally, engineering and administration services are provided for contract management of pavement preservation and capital improvement projects, regulation of work within the public road right of way, and review of countywide planning and land use issues related to transportation. The purchase and maintenance of fleet and heavy equipment needed to perform road maintenance functions are also the responsibility of the Road Department.

# Appointed Officials (cont.)

## RSVP

Curry County RSVP connects volunteers age 55 and older with stations throughout the county. Volunteers work on community issues such as housing, workforce, food, and neighborhood safety. These volunteers give many hours back to their communities.

## Veterans' Services

The Veterans Service Office advises and assists all veterans and their survivors or dependent parents in obtaining the benefits provided for them by County, State and Federal laws. These benefits vary depending on each individual and can include hospitalization, education, compensation, pensions, home loans, insurance, and property tax exemptions. The Veterans Service Office also assists women veterans in obtaining benefits to which they are entitled.

Such services include identifying potential claims and entitlements to which veteran or dependent may be eligible, assisting veterans or dependents in gathering and/or completing necessary entitlement related applications and documentation, and providing a variety of outreach services as necessary and appropriate.



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# Mandated Non-Mandated Services

*Commissioner Huxley*

Mandated County Departments & Services	Non-Mandated County Departments & Services	Outsourced County Departments & Services
Board of Commissioners -General Legislative Authority	Building & Maintenance	Home Health
Assessor -Assess Property for Tax Purposes	Information Technology	Hospice
County Clerk -Board of Equalization -Conduct & Supervise Elections -Keep & Maintain Records	County Counsel	Human Services -Developmental Disabilities Programs -Alcohol & Drug Programs
District Attorney -Serve as Public Prosecutor -Supervise Medical Examiner	Fiscal Services	Community Development -Sanitation
Juvenile Officer -Corrections	District Attorney -Domestic Violence -Victim's Assistance	Public Health
Community Development -Adopt Comprehensive Plans & Land Use	Community Development -Building Department	Mental Health
Sheriff -Serve Civil Papers -Dog Control -Emergency Services -Provide a Jail Service -Search & Rescue -Warrants	Sheriff -Criminal -Corrections -Marine Patrol -Road Patrol	Animal Shelter
Surveyor -Provide & Keep Accurate Records -Cornerstone Preservation	Retires Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	
Treasurer -Receive all Money Due & Disburse	Road Department	
Human Services -Mental Health Commitment Hearings	Veteran's Services	**Necessary for Mandated Departments

# Community Priorities

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