COUNTY OF GLENN
BOARD REPORT

COUNTYWIDE SALES TAX MEASURE
Submitted by Board/CAO/Clerk
May 19, 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On May 5, 2020 Supervisor McDaniel asked that staff return to the Board of Supervisors with an item regarding a sales tax measure. The Board is being asked to discuss and provide staff direction regarding the drafting of a local tax measure.

The County of Glen has long seen funding be an inhibiting factor when seeking grants, maintaining facilities, providing public safety services and reaching its goals for community improvement. The focus of a countywide sale tax measure would be to address these areas, which would improve quality of life and service delivery to the constituents of Glenn County. Key issues the measure could be used to help address are:

- Rural Fire District Funding
- Public Safety
- Ambulance Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Libraries
- Facilities
- Roads

This list is not exhaustive of all the opportunities to improve the quality of life but provides some options for the development of a measure. And clearly any measure would need to have a refined approach to insure

If the Board decides to move forward with a tax measure, it would be wise to include input from the two cities, the fire districts, and the other entities the Board seeks to help. The City of Orland currently has a half cent sales tax measure that is used to fund public works, police, and city fire. The City of Willows does not have an approved sales tax. These are elements that will need to be considered by the county as we draft our measure. These details will need to be addressed and may impact the interest of the voters.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

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HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:

FISCAL/PERSO NNEL IMPACTS(S):
If the Board decides to place a sales tax measure on the next consolidated election the county would need to pay the shared cost of the election for the measure. The costs of the election are relatively fixed with the printing of ballots, multiple election sites to set up, and salaries/stipends for poll workers as examples. To that point the next general election will be an all mail ballot meaning that the cost of a measure may be less than a normal election due to the elimination of the requirement to have multiple election sites around the county staffed by poll workers. Should the Board wish to get an estimated cost for this, staff will work with the Assessor to develop an estimated cost.

Another possible cost is related to the drafting of the measure and the legal review for sufficiency. Staff recommend setting aside $7,000 to $10,000 for this process. Based on initial conversations with Counsel this amount should be sufficient for those services.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:
Need to add language about the two types of measures and the different thresholds for the voters approval.

APPROVERS: