

## Probation Chief updates Juvenile Hall

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Del Norte Chief Probation Lonnie Reyman updated the Board of Supervisors on the status of the vacant Juvenile Hall.

There are five wards of the Court in custody. After Humboldt and Shasta counties approved memoranda of understanding with Del Norte to take additional minors' caseload, three minors were transferred to Eureka. Two minors were transferred to Redding.

Reyman reported one non-sworn staff has resigned. Two sworn officers will be departing March 1; one from the Hall, the other from Adult Probation. Net costs to the County budget continue to decline from \$1.66 million in fiscal 20/21 to \$1.28 million for the current 22/23 budget.

Staff impact has been profound. The Chief reports the following:

The workload is uncertain. Uncertainty breeds low morale.

Special Purpose scheduling breeds low morale.

Filling vacancies remain challenging with low applicant turnout response and continuous challenge to fill those vacancies remains problematic. The current model is unsustainable.

This story is evolving. Additional coverage will continue.