

Supervisors approve Juvenile Hall transition

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The Board of Supervisors took multiple actions related to the re-organization of the Probation Department, resulting from the closure of the Juvenile Hall as a youth detention facility and the establishment of a re-entry unit and organizational changes.

The actions included the adoption of the classification of four positions upon the closure of Juvenile Hall as a detention facility. Further, the board approved and adopted a new position for program coordinator. Supervisors authorized one new position for a supervising deputy probation officer position, approved and adopted the position of assistant chief probation officer, approved the position of probation services manager and directed human resources to update the appropriate salary schedules.

In a Power Point presentation, Chief Probation Officer Lonnie Reyman detailed the transition facilitated by the reentry team.

“It’s a mouthful and the culmination of a lot of work by a lot of people in implementing these changes,” he said.

The complete re-purposing of the hall will save the County approximately \$3 million from the general fund budget. Reyman did not announce a date for implementation of the transition.

In a separate board action, supervisors approved a side letter agreement to clarify the status of the current Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Del Norte County Employees Association/SEIU Local 1021.

As a final action to facilitate the transfer, the board approved the transfer of \$81,000 from the probation budget to cover the costs of housing arrested youth in neighboring counties.