

FINAL REPORT OF THE
TRINITY COUNTY
GRAND JURY

2006 - 2007

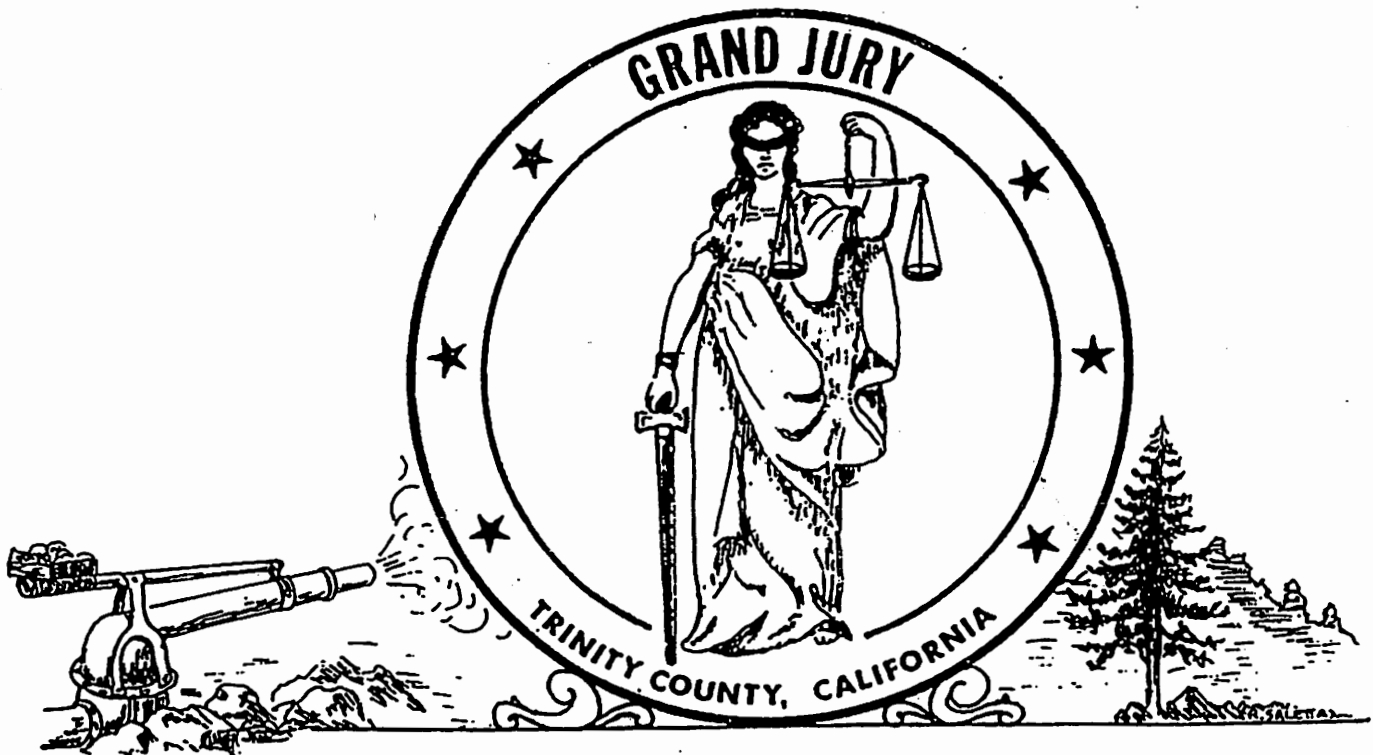


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2006 – 2007 TRINITY COUNTY GRAND JURY ROSTER

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PAUL R. BELLINGER	TRINITYCENTER
MARGARET BLUER (Secretary)	WEAVERVILLE
DEBBIE BRITTON (Resigned)	WEAVERVILLE
LES DAYE	LEWISTON
GREG GARDNER	DOUGLAS CITY
DEBBIE HALL	WEAVERVILLE
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JEAN ANN HORSTMAN	WEAVERVILLE
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June 5, 2007

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Hon. James Woodward, Presiding Judge
Trinity County Superior Court
P.O. Box 1258
Weaverville, CA 96093

Dear Judge Woodward:

I am pleased to submit the Trinity County Grand Jury Final Report for fiscal year 2006-2007.

The 2006-2007 Grand Jury received nineteen (19) Citizen Complaints within the past year. After a preliminary investigation of each received complaint, it was either approved for further action or dismissed.

This year's Grand Jury had the opportunity to look at several county departments with regards to the quality of life and fiscal management within Trinity County. These investigations included but were not limited to: opportunities for our youth, availability of higher education or vocational education within Trinity County, the County's Purchasing Policy, and Trinity County's Airports.

I would like to thank the various committee chairpersons and other members of the Grand Jury for their time and effort over the last year. My special thanks and gratitude to Maggie Bluer, our secretary, for her very strong commitment to this year's Grand Jury by keeping me organized and the entire Grand Jury focused and informed.

My appreciation for the help and advice which Court Executive Officer Donna Regnani and staff provided the Grand Jury over the past year.

I truly believe that the Grand Jury, as a county watchdog, provides the citizens of Trinity County an invaluable service.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Foreman for fiscal year 2006-07.

Respectfully yours,

Keith Johnson, Foreman
2006-2007 Trinity County Grand Jury

**COMMITTEE ROSTER – GRAND JURY
2006-2007**

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Jean Ann Horstman, Chair
Ken Nilsson
Seth Palmer
Ed James

JUDICIAL

John J. Hodges, Chair
Debbie Hall
Jean Ann Horstman
Jack Hubbard
Jim Quinn

**HEALTH/HUMAN AND
SOCIAL SERVICES**

Debbie Hall, Chair
Gerry Maxey
Ken Nilsson
Jim Quinn
Brandon Scalzo
Debra Shearer

**SPECIAL DISTRICTS
SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Les Daye, Chair
Richard Ackerman
Debbie Hall
John Hodges
Gerry Maxey

**DEVELOPMENT &
ENVIRONMENTAL**

Paul Bellinger, Chair
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Seth Palmer
Brandon Scalzo
Debbie Shearer

EDITORIAL

Gerry Maxey
Debra Shearer

Names of Board of Supervisors and Other County Officials

2006 - 2007 TRINITY COUNTY GRAND JURY

TRINITY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Judy Pflueger, District 1

(Lewiston, East Weaver, Minersville, Trinity Center, Coffee-Carrville)

Jeff Morris, District 2

(Weaverville)

Roger Jaegel, District 3

(Hayfork, Douglas City, Indian Creek)

Howard Freeman, District 4

(Junction City, Big Bar, Burnt Ranch, Denny, North Fork, Salyer)

Wendy Reiss, District 5

(Hyampom, Ruth, Zenia, South Hayfork, Mad River, Wildwood)

TRINITY COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Michael Harper, District Attorney/Coroner

David Nelson, Auditor/Controller

Jeanette Palla, County Counsel

Terry Lee, Chief Probation Officer

Dero Forslund, Clerk/Recorder/Assessor/Elections Officer

Lynda Hymas, Treasurer/Tax Collector

Carl Bonomini, Director of Transportation

Wyatt Paxton, General Services Director/Building Department

Pat Mortensen, Director Grants and Rehabilitation

Susan Price, Planning

Lorrac Craig, Sheriff

Oresta Esquibel, Librarian

Lynn McConnachie, Director Child Support Services

Mark Lockhart, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures

Linda Wright, Director Health and Human Services

James French, Trinity County Superintendent of Schools

James P. Woodward, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

Anthony C, Edwards, Judge of the Superior Court