

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Calling an Election on)
the Question of Formation of a new)
Columbia Health District)
_____)

ORDER NO. 55-2004

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2004, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 36-2004 approving the formation of a new Columbia Health District; and

WHEREAS, the Board scheduled a final public hearing on the proposed formation of the new district for July 7, 2004, in the Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room, Room 308 of the Courthouse Annex in St. Helens, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Board caused notice of the public hearing to be published by two insertions in a newspaper as provided by ORS 198.730(2) and 198.810(1); and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was held on July 7, 2004, as scheduled, in order to determine if sufficient written requests for an election had been received, and also to consider whether to put the question of formation and a proposal for a permanent rate limit for the new district on the November 2, 2004, general election ballot; and

WHEREAS, no written requests for an election were filed at or before the final hearing as provided by ORS 198.810, however, the Board heard testimony from supporters and opponents to the new District and testimony regarding the need for, and amount of, a permanent rate limit for operating taxes for the new district, and considered the economic feasibility statement and other materials submitted by supporters of the new district;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners finds and approves the stated purpose of the new district, i.e., to create a district and funding method to support a new Critical Access Hospital. The Board further finds that a permanent rate limit of \$0.38 per \$1000 of assessed value would be needed to fund the new Critical Access Hospital.
2. The Board of County Commissioners calls for an election to be held on the question of formation of a new Columbia Health District with a permanent rate limit of \$0.38 per \$1000 of assessed value. Said election shall be held on November 2, 2004, the date of the next general election. At such election members of the new district board will be voted for. Candidates to be voted for as members of the first board of the district shall be nominated as provided by ORS Chapter 255 and ORS Chapter 440, the principal Act of the proposed new district. Formation of the new district shall be contingent upon approval by the electors of a measure, also on the November 2, 2004, general election ballot, dissolving the existing Columbia Health District.
3. The County elections official shall include with the ballot for the election a map or other

description of the boundaries of the proposed new district using streets and other generally recognized features and a statement of the permanent rate limit proposed for the district.

4. The Board of County Commissioners adopts and approves the Notice of District Measure Election and ballot title which is attached hereto, labeled Exhibit "A", and incorporated herein by this reference.

DATED this 7th day of July, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: [Signature]

Chair

By: [Signature]

Commissioner

Approved as to Form:

By: [Signature]

Office of County Counsel

By: Not Available to Sign

Commissioner

NOTICE OF DISTRICT MEASURE ELECTION

EXHIBIT A

ORS 250.035
ORS 250.041
ORS 255.145
ORS 255.345

COLUMBIA HEALTH DISTRICT

(Name of District)

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(Date of Election)

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(Name of County or Counties)

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The following authorized district official hereby certifies the above ballot title is true and complete.

Signature of authorized district official (not required to be notarized)

Date signed

Printed name of authorized district official

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Signature of authorized district official (not required to be notarized)

7/7/04
Date signed

Rita M. Bernhard
Printed name of authorized district official

Chair, Board of Commissioners
Title