

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Maintaining Funding)
for Law Enforcement Purposes)
_____)

RESOLUTION NO. 61-05

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2005, the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, adopted Order No. 60-05, "In the Matter of Calling an Election to Consider the Columbia County Law Enforcement Local Option Tax Levy," also known as the "Enhanced Law Enforcement Operating Fund"; and

WHEREAS, the question of the proposed local option tax levy will be placed before the electors of Columbia County on the November 8, 2005, election ballot; and

WHEREAS, if the measure passes, the funds raised would be used to increase the number of county law enforcement officers — road deputies and sergeants; uniforms and equipment for the new personnel; and other law enforcement purposes as necessary, including medical and behavioral drug treatment for incarcerated offenders; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is committed to maintaining and enhancing existing funding for law enforcement purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. Should the proposed Columbia County Law Enforcement Local Option Tax Levy be approved by voters, the Board of County Commissioners resolves that the revenue raised by the levy will be dedicated to and used only for law enforcement purposes.

2. The Board of County Commissioners also resolves to spend other revenues raised by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office (such as from bed rentals, state grants and SB 1145 funds for Measure 11 criminals) also for law enforcement purposes.

3. The Board of County Commissioners further resolves to maintain current levels of General Fund support for the Sheriff's Office.

4. This resolution is subject to the Oregon Constitution and laws of the State of Oregon, particularly the Local Budget Law. This resolution shall not be interpreted in a

manner which would be inconsistent with applicable law. The Board reserves the right to reconsider paragraph 3 of this resolution in the event of serious revenue shortfalls.

DATED this 7th day of September 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 

Chair

Approved as to form

By: 

Commissioner

By: 

Office of County Counsel

By: 

Commissioner