

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Calling an Election to)
Consider the Columbia County Veterans)
Services Local Option Tax Levy)
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ORDER NO. 48 -2010

WHEREAS, Columbia County has an increasing need for Veteran Services from Veterans of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, state funds available to the Columbia County Veterans Services program to provide services to veterans and their families has been reduced and future cuts are likely; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Services Officer has requested additional funding to continue to provide services to Columbia County Veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Services Officer is requesting that the Board of County Commissioners refer to the voters the question of approving a local option tax levy at the rate of approximately 3.5¢ /\$1,000 of assessed value for five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. An election shall be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, to consider the Veterans Services Operating Tax Levy at the rate of 3.5¢ /\$1,000 of assessed value for five years. The Columbia County Clerk is hereby directed to place the question of the proposed local option tax levy before the electors of Columbia County on the November 2, 2010, ballot.

2. The purpose for which the funds to be provided by the proposed local option tax levy are to be expended would be exclusively Veterans Services Programs, especially for veterans suffering from war related physical and mental injuries, and administrative support.

3. The estimated total amount of money to be raised for each year of the proposed local option tax would be approximately \$ 150,381 in 2011-2012; \$156,397 in 2012-2013, \$ 162,653 in 2013-2014, \$169,159 in 2014-2015, and \$175,925 in 2015-2016, for an estimated total outlay for such purposes of \$814,515.

4. The period of time authorized by the electors pursuant to ORS 280.060(3) would be five years.

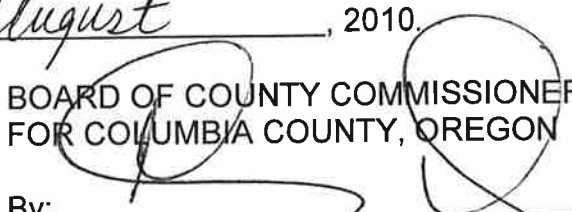
5. The proposed taxes are outside the limitation imposed by Section 11(3), Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

6. The Board of County Commissioners adopts and approves the Notice of

County Measure Election and ballot title which is attached hereto, labeled Exhibit "A", and is incorporated herein by this reference.

DATED this 18th day of August, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: 
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel

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NOTICE OF COUNTY MEASURE ELECTION

COLUMBIA COUNTY

(Name of County)

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 2, 2010

(Date of Election)

A measure election will be held in Columbia County, Oregon.

(Name of County)

The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county's voters on this date:

CAPTION (10 Words)

Columbia County Veterans Services Local Operating Levy

QUESTION (20 Words)

Shall Columbia County levy 3.5¢ per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning fiscal year 2011-2012 for Veterans Services? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY (175 Words)

The Columbia County Veterans Service Office annually assists over 500 local veterans and their widows. This assistance annually returns more than four million dollars in federal benefits to our local veterans and their families. The Veteran's Program helps veterans with paperwork for disability claims including physical injuries, mental health services, widows benefits, housing assistance and medical transportation assistance. Funding for the Veteran's Services program has been reduced and future funding is in jeopardy. With a five-year levy, stable funding will be provided.

The approximate rate for this operating fund is 3.5¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value, approximately \$3.50 to the owner of a \$100,000 home. (The estimated money raised will be \$150,381 in 2011-2012, \$156,397 in 2012-2013, \$162,653 in 2013-2014, \$169,159 in 2014-2015 and \$175,925 in 2015-2016 for an estimated total levy of \$814,515). The estimated tax for this measure is an estimate only based on the information available from the County Assessor at the time of the estimate.

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

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

Date signed

Anthony Hyde

Chair, Board of Commissioners

Printed name of authorized county official

Title