

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2- 2011

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, adopted Order No. 3-2011, "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 Levy"; and

WHEREAS, the question of the proposed local option tax levy will be placed before the electors of Columbia County on the May 17, 2011, election ballot; and

WHEREAS, if the measure passes, the funds raised would be used to increase the number of County law enforcement officers, and for the operation of the jail, including medical and behavioral drug treatment for incarcerated offenders; and for other law enforcement purposes as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is committed to providing the citizens of Columbia County public safety at the highest level possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. Should the proposed Columbia County Law Enforcement Operating Fund 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 the current percentage of General Fund support as determined by the Columbia County Finance Department to support law enforcement efforts.


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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.

DATED this 12th day of January, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Earl Fisher, Chair

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel