BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Calling an Election) to Consider the Columbia County) Parks Department Four Year Local) Option Tax)

ORDER NO. 89-00

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Parks Department is responsible for operating, maintaining and improving Columbia County parks; parks buildings and parks programs for the benefit of the public throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County owned timber will not be harvested and sold in the next four years; reducing the funds available for the operation, maintenance and improvement of said parks, buildings and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department has requested that the Board of County Commissioners refer to the voters, the question of approving a local option tax at the rate of approximately 15.9 cents per 1000.00 dollars of assessed real property value for four years; and

WHEREAS, the proposed local option tax would raise \$432,900.00 each year for four years for a total of \$1,731,600.00; and

WHEREAS, the purpose for which the funds to be provided by the proposed tax levy are to be expended would be to operate, maintain and otherwise improve the parks grounds, buildings located in the parks and parks programs; and

WHEREAS, the period of time authorized by the electors pursuant to ORS 280.060(3) would be four years;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. An election shall be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, to consider a local option tax to fund the Columbia County Parks Department.

2. The estimated total revenues will be \$432,900.00 each year beginning fiscal year 2001-2002, totaling \$1,731,600.00.

3. The period of time for the local option tax will be four years.

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

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5. The attached ballot title is approved.

DATED this <u>30th</u> Day of <u>August</u>, 2000.

Approved as to Form

By: **County Counsel**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Chair

not present By: Commissioner By: Commissioner

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