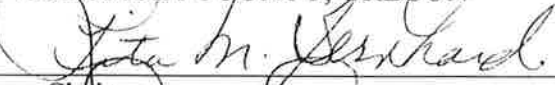





3. The period of time for the local option tax will be five years.
4. The proposed taxes are outside the limitation imposed by Section 11(3), Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.
5. The attached ballot title is approved.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2001.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:   
Chair

By:   
Commissioner

By:   
Commissioner

Approved as to form:

By:   
Office of County Counsel

# NOTICE OF COUNTY MEASURE ELECTION

ORS 250.035  
ORS 250.041  
ORS 250.175  
ORS 254.103  
ORS 254.465

COLUMBIA  
(Name of County)

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 15, 2001,  
(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)**  
County Historical Fund Five Year Local Option Tax

**QUESTION (20 Words)**  
Shall Columbia County levy \$150,000 for five years beginning fiscal year 2001-2002 to establish a County Historical Fund? This Measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY (175 Words)**  
The Columbia County Historical Society has been funded by Columbia County in past years. However, it is anticipated that County budget shortfalls will preclude future County funding of the Historical Society.

If approved, a Historical Fund would be established to pay for the continued maintenance, operation, and improvement of Historical Society museums, displays and special project facilities, and to provide funding for special equipment and products required for proper long term storage of County historical artifacts.

If not approved, the Historical Society will be unable to maintain suitable museums and displays which will lead to the discontinuance of Historical Society operations and reversion back to the State of all artifacts, photographs, historical documents, and research records currently held by the Historical Society.

The cost of this measure to property taxpayers is estimated to be 5.6 cents per 1000.00 dollars of assessed value (\$5.60 per year for property valued at \$100,000.00) each year for five years. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best 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.

Rita M. Bernhard  
Signature of authorized county official (not required to be notarized)

3/14/01  
Date Signed

Rita Bernhard  
Printed name of authorized county official

Chair, Board of County Commissioners  
Title

# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Ballot Title Caption: Historical Fund Five Year Local Option Tax

Measure Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Word Total (500 Maximum): 367

This measure would authorize a five year local option tax levy assessing approximately  $\$5.6/\$1000$  each year for five years to establish a County Historical Fund to fund the operation and maintenance of the Columbia County Historical Society, a non-profit 501(c)(4) organization. For property valued at \$100,000.00, the amount of assessment is estimated to be \$5.60 each year.

The Columbia County Historical Society was founded on July 30, 1930, and has the responsibility by charter, to preserve the history of Columbia County through the collection, cataloguing, maintenance, exhibition and publication of historical materials and data relating to the County. The Society is also responsible for maintaining suitable museums and public displays of artifacts, photographs, historical documents and research records throughout the County. Such museums or displays are currently maintained in St. Helens, Vernonia and Clatskanie. The Society is further responsible for performing historical research. Due to the impending Lewis and Clark Bicentennial commemoration of 2003-2005, there has been a recent increase in requests for historical research information.

Columbia County has in the past funded the Historical Society's maintenance and operations. However, County budget shortfalls have precluded County funding of the Historical Society and future funding from the County is unlikely. Without such funding, the Historical Society is unable to properly operate its museum and displays, and is unable to purchase, obtain and care for County historical documents, records, and artifacts. Without such funding the Historical Society is unable to hire professionals to perform historical research or to properly catalogue, preserve and store the County's artifacts and records. According to the Columbia County Historical Society Charter, all artifacts, photos, manuscripts and holdings of the Society revert back to the Oregon Historical Society if the County Historical Society discontinues its operations.

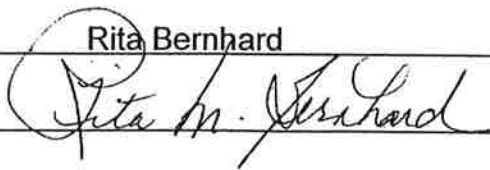
If this measure passes, a County Historical Fund will fund the Historical Society by providing money for maintenance and improvement to existing museums and displays; special equipment and products required for long term storage; in-kind matching funds required for grant requests; capital expansion of museums, displays and special project facilities; operational support for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Project; and a professional staff to do historical research and to oversee the proper cataloguing, preservation and storage of County artifacts and records.

Person responsible for the content of the Explanatory Statement:

(TYPED)

Rita Bernhard

(SIGNED) X



COLUMBIA COUNTY

Name of the Governing Body person represents:

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