

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Supporting Adequate)
Funding for Law Enforcement Purposes)
_____)

RESOLUTION NO. 72-02

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2002, the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, adopted Order No. 57-02, "In the Matter of Calling an Election to Consider the Columbia County Law Enforcement Local Option Tax"; and

WHEREAS, the purpose for which the funds to be provided by the proposed local option tax are to be expended would be to hire an estimated seven new corrections deputies, two new corrections technicians, eleven new road deputies, three new road sergeants, one new civil deputy, two new support staff, and one new deputy district attorney; provide uniforms and duty belts, vehicles and equipment cost, and miscellaneous costs for new hires; provide funds for the additional costs to operate the new jail and sheriff's office including, but not limited to, office supplies, operating supplies, food, laundry, jail clothes, medical costs, utilities, programs, equipment maintenance fees, telecommunications systems, facility repairs and maintenance; and for other law enforcement purposes as necessary; and

WHEREAS, it would be inconsistent with the purpose of the proposed levy to reduce current funding for law enforcement purposes, other than the General Fund monies temporarily shifted into the Jail budget pending determination of the minimum amount of additional funds necessary to operate the new Jail; and

WHEREAS, to the extent allowed by the Oregon Constitution and laws of the State of Oregon, particularly the Local Budget Law, the Board is committed to providing adequate funding for law enforcement purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. If the proposed Columbia County Law Enforcement Local Option Tax passes, the Board of County Commissioners RESOLVES that the revenue raised by the levy will only be used for law enforcement purposes.
2. Other revenues, particularly federal INS bed rental funds, state grants, and state 1145 funds (used to help the county pay for Measure 11 criminals) are constantly changing. The County may or may not receive the same level of funding in these areas. The Board of County Commissioners RESOLVES to spend whatever funds it receives in these areas for law enforcement purposes.
3. The Board of County Commissioners RESOLVES to continue to provide the Columbia County Sheriff's Office patrol section with at least the current level (fiscal

year 2002-2003) of funding it is receiving from the General Fund adjusted for inflation.

4. The Board also RESOLVES to provide the Columbia County Jail with at least the same level of funding it received from the General Fund as it received prior to construction and occupancy of the new Jail (fiscal year 1999-2000) adjusted for inflation.
5. 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 23rd day of October, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Chair

By: _____

Commissioner

By: _____

Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: _____

Office of County Counsel

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