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IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER) **IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET**
08-3-19-13) **DIRECTION FOR FY 08-09**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners met on December 17th, 2007 with the Budget Committee and the County's Department Directors to consider the status of renewal of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS) and the financial forecast for the County's General Fund;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, on January 2nd, 2008, directed the County Administrator to develop three budget options for consideration;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognize the need to proactively plan for a Lane County without the Federal forest payments (SRS), and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciates the State of Oregon's assistance through providing additional funds for mental health services, additional road funds, and increased flexibility in the use of transportation dollars; and

WHEREAS, as of mid-March, 2008, it appears unlikely that the Secure Rural Schools Act will be renewed and it is unlikely that the state legislature will provide sufficient revenue to compensate for the loss of federal revenues by our budget adoption deadline; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners in a goal setting session March 18th, evaluated the likelihood of no future federal funding with the needs of the community, the County's ability to deliver public services with reduced funding, and the County's Service Priority Guidelines that were adopted on January 2nd, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes that regardless of the potential of a one-year renewal, it is crucial to begin to position the organization for the long-term delivery of services and invest in methods and ability to do so;

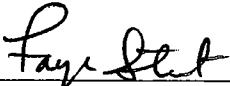
NOW IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the County Administrator be directed to propose a budget assuming Secure Rural Schools is not renewed; and

FURTHERMORE there was consensus at the March 18th meeting that if additional federal funding becomes available, it is currently contemplated that such funds be applied to the County's long-term financial stability through one-time expenditures or other measures which assist in permanently reducing operating costs and provide for the transition of the community and organization to the stable, but lower service level; and it is further

ORDERED that the Board delegates authority to the County Administrator to begin implementing a reduction plan to meet the proposed budget as soon as practical, including commencing the layoff process and other cost saving measures; it is further

ORDERED that staff is directed to present to the budget committee a discussion of the risks and benefits that are components of the service priorities and are included in the proposed budget, ultimately to be captured by the Board as part of the adopted budget order.

DATED this 19th day of March, 2008.



Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners