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IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

COUNTY CLERK

BY Ram DeWille

ORDER NO. 96-3-21-1

) IN THE MATTER OF AN ELECTION
) AUTHORIZING A LANE COUNTY TWO
) YEAR OPERATING LEVY A AND A
) LANE COUNTY TWO YEAR OPERAT-
) ING LEVY A PLUS

WHEREAS, Lane County is responsible for providing law enforcement in unincorporated Lane County, and

WHEREAS, from 1983 through September, 1987, the level of those services was inadequate in that 24 hour-per-day emergency response was not always available, routine police patrol was nonexistent, and the availability of deputy sheriffs for investigative follow-up of crimes was extremely limited, and

WHEREAS, in March, 1986, the United States District Court for the District of Oregon issued a court order placing limits on the number of inmates in the Lane County Adult Corrections Facility during a given time period, forcing Lane County to release a significant number of inmates early, and

WHEREAS, in 1987, 1990, and 1993, the voters approved three year county-wide serial levies for law enforcement and corrections programs to provide some enhancement to those services over what could be available from the County general fund, and

WHEREAS, during the past five years the Board has made major reductions in the level of services paid for with County general funds due to reduced revenues, including major reductions in the public safety services provided through the Sheriff's office, the District Attorney and the Youth Services department, as these public safety services comprise the majority of services funded by the discretionary monies in the General Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that those reductions are far beyond what is an appropriate or adequate level of service that the citizens of Lane County desire, and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the reductions in the State Department of Corrections and the Oregon State Police seriously impact the County's correctional programs, and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that continuation of the County's programs are essential to prevent further degradation of the local criminal justice system at a time when additional pressure will occur due to the shrinking state resources, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the public interest and benefit to offer the voters a two-year serial levy (Levy A) which will provide for the continuation of the programs funded by the previous levy with some minor additions, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the public interest and benefit to include the projected General Fund deficit in the proposed Levy A, as the majority of the discretionary General Funds are utilized for law enforcement purposes in the District Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Office and in the Youth Services Department and related expenses, and these are the programs which would necessarily receive the vast majority of the cuts should the deficit not be covered, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the public interest and benefit to offer the voters a two-year serial levy (Levy A Plus) which will include everything that is in Levy A with some modest additions to improve rural patrol, increase jail beds, reopen the forest work camp, increase prosecution, improve pre-trial supervision, provide for the County's share of criminal justice coordination, open the juvenile justice center shelter, add juvenile girls drug and alcohol treatment and add a high risk infant program, and

WHEREAS, the Board believes Levy A Plus offers the voters a small improvement in public safety for the community and that by placing both Levy A and Levy A Plus on the ballot, voters will have an opportunity to choose whether they wish to maintain the status quo or to make such an improvement, and

WHEREAS, the Board has fulfilled all applicable requirements of ORS 310.182-310.188, now therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED that a Levy A proposal be submitted to the voters at the election to be held on May 21, 1996, to levy an amount outside the tax base limitation of Article XI, Section 11 of the Oregon Constitution, in the form of a serial levy in the amount of \$9,482,810 per year for each of two years, starting in fiscal year 1996-97, for a total of \$18,965,620 over the two years, and it is further

ORDERED that the Levy A proposal be stated on the ballot as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by this reference, and it is further

ORDERED that the purpose for which the funds provided by the tax Levy A are to be expended is as described in the attached Exhibit A, and it is further

ORDERED that a Levy A Plus proposal be submitted to the voters at the election to be held on May 21, 1996, to levy an amount outside the tax base limitation of Article XI, Section 11 of the Oregon Constitution, in the form of a serial levy in the amount of \$13,464,364 per year for each of two years, starting in fiscal year 1996-97, for a total of \$26,928,728 over the two years, and it is further

ORDERED that the Levy A Plus proposal be stated on the ballot as shown in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated by this reference, and it is further

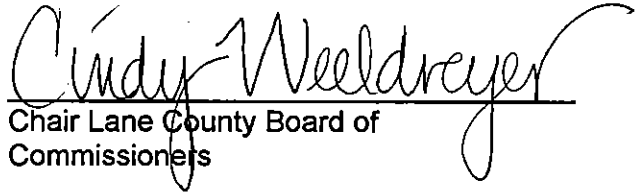
ORDERED that the purpose for which the funds provided by the tax Levy A Plus are to be expended is as described in the attached Exhibit B, and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of this order shall be presented to the Director of Human Resources and Management Services, as the County Clerk of Lane County (hereinafter, "County Clerk"), and shall constitute our certification that the above increase is in our judgment necessary for the purpose of providing operational funds as described in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of this order shall constitute our certification that the applicable requirements of ORS 310.182-310.188 have been met, and it is further

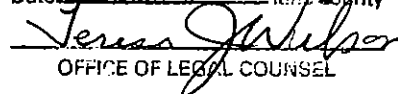
ORDERED that the Director of Human Resources and Management Services provide notice for and conduct the election in the manner provided by the applicable provisions of ORS Ch. 280 and 310.

DATED this 21st day of March, 1996.


Chair Lane County Board of
Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 3/21/96 Lane County


OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Caption: Lane County Two Year Operating Levy A

Question: Shall County levy \$9,482,810/year for 2 years outside the tax base for law enforcement and other programs starting 1996-97?

Summary: This is the Lane County Levy A. The main purpose of this measure is to maintain current law enforcement, jail, and corrections programs without additions. The funds would pay to continue rural patrol deputies, the work release center, and jail operations. The funds would maintain mental health, juvenile and adult drug and alcohol treatment programs, and the psychiatric hospital. This levy continues, without addition, the programs currently funded by the levy which ends June 30, 1996. The funds would pay for the related expenses of these programs.

Another purpose of this measure is to cover deficits in the County general fund. The majority of available County general funds are used for the Sheriff, District Attorney and juvenile law enforcement programs and related expenses. General fund programs have been cut each year of the last 5 years.

The total to be raised by this property tax levy is \$18,965,620. The County proposes to levy \$9,482,810 outside its tax base each year for 2 years starting in 1996-97. This levy is subject to the other governmental purposes limits of Article XI, Section 11b of the Oregon Constitution.

Exhibit A

Caption: Lane County Two Year Operating Levy A Plus

Question: Shall County levy \$13,464,364/year for two years outside the tax base for public safety and other programs starting 1996-97?

Summary: This is Lane County Levy A Plus. If voters approve both Levy A and Levy A Plus, only the taxes authorized by Levy A Plus would be collected.

The main purpose of this measure is to fund law enforcement, jail, and corrections programs. This measure would:

- Fund everything described in Lane County Levy A.
 - Add 6 rural patrol deputies.
 - Allow double bunking of 48 jail beds.
 - Reopen 60 forest work camp beds
 - Increase pre-trial supervision.
 - Prosecute more criminals and pay for a share of criminal justice coordination.
 - Open 10 beds in the juvenile justice center detention shelter.
 - Add drug and alcohol treatment for juvenile girls.
 - Add a program for high risk infants.
 - Fund a domestic violence coordinator.
- The funds would pay for related expenses of these programs.

The total to be raised by this property tax levy is \$26,928,728. The County proposes to levy \$13,464,364 outside its tax base each year for 2 years starting in 1996-97. This levy is subject to the other governmental purposes limits of Article XI, Section 11b of the Oregon Constitution.

Exhibit B