

PASSED

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR LANE COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Allocating Federal)
Funds From P.L. 106-393)
To Titles II and III for FY-02/03,)
Preparing a Report to Congress, and)
Developing a Contingency Fund.)

Order NO. 02-4-30-5

WHEREAS, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, P.L. 106-393, requires counties to allocate funds between Titles II and III each year by September 30th; and

WHEREAS, the funds provided by the Act in Title III County Projects are currently being considered for expenditure by the Lane County Budget Committee for FY-02/03; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee can not complete its consideration of the FY-02/03 budget until the amount of Title III funds available has been determined by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, to sustain the on-going Title III County Projects including the 95 bed Camp approved in FY-01/02 for the remaining five years of the Act will require the Board to allocate 51 percent of available funds to Title III each year; and

WHEREAS, for FY-02/03 a 51 percent allocation should provide approximately \$4.6 million for Title III; and

WHEREAS, a subsequent Board Order will be required to make all the elections required of the Board of County Commissioners by P.L. 106-393 and to produce the Title III allocation approved here in; and

WHEREAS, it would be advantageous for Lane County to provide a complete and substantial report that describes the uses and public benefits made of funds from the Act when Congress begins consideration of renewal as early as 2004; and

WHEREAS, the county would be forced to cut a large number of positions from both the General Fund and County Projects if Congress significantly reduced funding provided to Lane County following the 2006 expiration of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of a large number of staff positions in 2007 and 2008 should Congress substantially reduce funding would substantially increase the cost of unemployment benefit costs for Lane County's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, prudent financial planning could partially mitigate the impact of such a reduction through the use of such methods as the creation of a contingency fund, allocating additional funds to Title III in FY-07, presenting voters with a tax levy measure in 2006 and/or 2008, and careful management of existing vacancies; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee has considered these issues addressed in this order, including continued operation of the Forest Work Camp at 95 beds for FY-02/03;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered:

1. Lane County intends to make the necessary elections to divide funds received as a result of Sections 102 and 103 of P.L. 106-393 such that at least \$4.6 million Title III funds will be available for FY-02/03.
2. The County Administrator and County Departments shall coordinate and assist in the production of a report to Congress by fall 2003 about the uses and benefits of the funds Lane County has received from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.
3. Lane County staff shall prepare a proposal to create a prudent reserve to be available in FY-06/07 and FY-07/08 to pay the costs reasonably expected to be produced by staff layoffs arising from a possible substantial reduction in Federal revenue provided by P.L. 106-393.

ADOPTED this 30th day of April, 2002.

LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Chair