

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 14-02-11-10

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING A  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE  
MATTER OF GUARD PUBLISHING V. LANE  
COUNTY, CASE NO 16-13-20227

**WHEREAS**, Guard Publishing Co. filed a lawsuit in Lane County Circuit Court challenging the County's withholding of certain public records under various exemptions under the Oregon Public Records law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners having consider the advice of counsel and the interests of the county as a whole; and

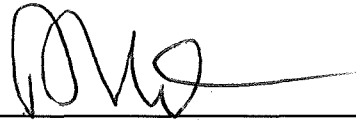
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners considering it to be in the best interests of the county to resolve the lawsuit through a negotiated settlement agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and Guard Publishing have arrived at a potential settlement whereby a revised version of an investigation report will be released to the public that excludes any information that could lead to identification of certain county employees the County has identified as whistleblowers under state law.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. The settlement agreement, which calls for both parties to adhere to the terms of the agreement and for the payment of attorney fees to Guard Publishing CO. of \$10,000, is approved.
2. The Lane County office of Legal Counsel is authorized to take all reasonable actions and execute court documents to implement the settlement agreement.

**ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.



Pat Farr, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date



LANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL