

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY,
OREGON

ORDER NO. 13-03-11-08

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING A LEASE
AGREEMENT AND OPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE
SALE OF LANE COUNTY PROPERTY TO FRIENDS
OF BUFORD PARK & MOUNT PISGAH

WHEREAS, Lane County owns a 63-acre parcel near the confluence of the Middle and Coast Forks of the Willamette River known as the Turtle Flats property; and

WHEREAS, the property has considerable potential for environmental restoration and meets several of the selection criteria for conservation acquisition through the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program; and

WHEREAS, through the Rivers-to-Ridges partnership, Lane County plans for floodplain restoration on this parcel consistent with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Draft Willamette Valley Floodplain Restoration Study, and

WHEREAS Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah has demonstrated capacity for implementing complex floodplain restoration projects, and;

WHEREAS Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah applied for grant funding to the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Mitigation Program to purchase the property from Lane County and implement floodplain restoration, and;

WHEREAS the Board of Lane County Commissioners authorized a letter of support for the Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah grant application, and;

WHEREAS the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and Bonneville Power Administration have selected the Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah application for funding, and;

WHEREAS a Lease Agreement and an Option Agreement and Agreement of Purchase and Sale would facilitate the transfer of ownership of the property to Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah, and secure funding and protect the property in perpetuity by granting a conservation easement to Bonneville Power Administration for future floodplain restoration on the property and reimbursement to Lane County for project expenses; and

WHEREAS ORS 271.310 provides that the County may sell, exchange, convey or lease all or any part of its interest in the property to a governmental body, private corporation or individual whenever the public interest may be furthered.

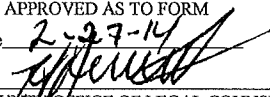
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. That the transfer of the Turtle Flats property to the Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah by a Lease Agreement, and an Option Agreement and Agreement of Purchase and Sale is approved for use as a river system conservation area with future limited, compatible public recreation.
2. That a Lease Agreement, and an Option Agreement and Agreement of Purchase and Sale, substantially similar to the attached drafts, are approved and the Interim County Administrator is authorized to execute the Lease Agreement, the Option Agreement and Agreement of Purchase and Sale, and other associated documents on behalf of the Board.

ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2014.



Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 2-27-14


LANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL