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IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. 04--) IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING THE
) CHARGE AND APPOINTING THE SERVICE
) STABILIZATION TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, The Lane County General Fund has a structural deficit as expenses rise on average 6% per year and revenue rises only 3% per year, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has made a long-term policy choice to remain a general purpose government, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that a citizen-led Service Stabilization Task Force should be appointed to recommend strategies on how the County might address the structural deficit,

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED a Service Stabilization Task Force shall be established, and it is further

ORDERED the Service Stabilization Task Force shall consist of 9 members, one appointed by each commissioner and 4 at-large, with the at-large appointments occurring after a 30 day recruitment period and upon due consideration by the Board of an appropriate balance of various elements of diversity, including but not limited to geographic area and political party affiliation, and it is further

ORDERED that the charge to the task force is as follows:

In view of the circumstances and policy choice described above, the Task Force shall recommend to the Board of Commissioners whether and how to pursue one or more of the following strategies to address the structural deficit, including short and long-term implications of each option:

1. Live within its means on an annual basis
2. Reduce the cost factors which drive the deficit
3. Right size the organization so that the service delivery system is stable for a number of years. Include as part of the recommendation how many years the County should engage in this strategy.
4. Pursue revenue.
5. If pursuit of revenue is selected, the Task Force shall also evaluate the wisdom of advancing a law enforcement district proposal to the citizens in November, 2006, in addition to any other recommendation it has regarding revenue pursuit.
6. Any other strategies available to address the structural deficit, and it is further

ORDERED that the Service Stabilization Task Force report shall be completed by October 31, 2004 so that the recommendations, if adopted, can be incorporated into the FY 05-06 budget and it is further

ORDERED that, consistent with LM 3.507, the County Administrator will designate one of the members appointed by the Board to call the first meeting. Thereafter, the Task Force shall elect a chair and proceed with its charge. The Task Force shall advise the County Administrator by not later than mid-September as to its progress and the status of its deliberations, which information the County Administrator shall duly convey to the Board, and it is further

ORDERED that the County Administrator shall provide staff support to the Task Force to enable it to receive sufficient information about the County's circumstances, as well as appropriate support to comply with the Public Meetings laws.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2004.

Bobby Green, Sr., Chair,
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 6/24/04 the County
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