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IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. 07-2-21-10

- ) IN THE MATTER OF REFERRING THE
- ) LANE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY
- ) INCOME TAX TO ELECTION, AND
- ) DIRECTING THAT IT BE PLACED IN
- ) THE VOTERS' PAMPHLET

WHEREAS, Lane County has faced budget deficits in 12 out of the last 15 years, which has necessitated a consistent reduction in services to its citizens, and

WHEREAS, Congress has not renewed or replaced the funding to counties through the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2000, which means that Lane County must cut roughly \$20 million of services that have been provided by its discretionary funds and \$20 million of services that have been provided through the dedicated Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, the public safety services, which comprise roughly 60% of the budget funded by discretionary (non-dedicated) funds, has endured and is facing a significant component of the budget cuts, resulting in increased risks and reduced safety throughout Lane County, and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that these budget reductions would result in an unacceptable level of unaddressed criminal activity, increased risks and reduced safety in this County, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it is in the public interest to present the voters with the choice of providing continued funding for the public safety system to avoid the otherwise increased risks and reduced safety that the budget reductions would mean, and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is in the public interest to provide the wide dissemination and discussion of issues regarding the this measure through inclusion in the voters' pamphlet, now, therefore it is hereby

ORDERED that a proposal be submitted to the voters at the election to be held on May 15, 2007, to enact the Lane County Public Safety Income Tax as set forth in Ordinance 2-07, incorporated by this reference, and it is further

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

ORDERED that a copy of this order be presented to the Director of Management Services, as County Clerk of Lane County (hereinafter, "County Clerk"), and shall constitute our certification that this measure is to be placed on the May 15, 2007 ballot, and it is further

Use following paragraph only if selected Ordinance 2-07 Option 5 or 5a, otherwise:

date:

ORDERED that the Board declares if the voters approved the measure and the income tax ordinance goes into effect, its intent is to use the increase in revenues received (after provision for the property tax relief) to fund the programs and activities as recommended by the Public Safety Task Force and added to by the Board, as described and shown in the attached Exhibit B, consistent with the ordinance limitations, and it is further

ORDERED that the Lane County Public Safety Income Tax measure be placed in the County Voters' Pamphlet, with fees to be paid from County General Expense, and it is further

ORDERED that the County Clerk provide notice for and conduct the election in the manner provided by law, including ORS Ch. 250.

DATED this 21st day of February, 2007.

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Chair, Lane County Board of  
Commissioners

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ lane county

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OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

## DRAFT - Option 5

**Caption:** Income Tax for Lane County Public Safety (*7 of allowed 10*)

**Question:** Shall there be an income tax in Lane County dedicated for public safety purposes? (*14 of allowed 20 words*)

**Summary:** This measure:

- Enacts Lane County Ordinance 2-07.
- Imposes tax on personal, non-resident and business income at 1.6% rate.
- Dedicates income taxes (after collection) to public safety only. Public safety defined as programs to protect people from criminal activity. Includes adult and youth corrections, crime prevention, detention, supervision, and patrol. Includes mental health and crime victim services, alcohol and drug treatment. Includes Sheriff, Youth Services and District Attorney departments, *animal regulation*, related support.
- Focuses increased funds on reducing illegal drug activity and family violence, enhancing treatment and prevention programs.
- Requires dedicated fund and a reserve of 10% annual income tax revenue.
- Commits County use 60% of operating property tax for public safety. *Also commits 2.2% for extension services and 0.7% for veterans services.*
- Includes rate reduction if federal government continues federal timber fund replacement by June 1, 2007.
- Applies to tax years starting January 1, \_\_\_\_\_. *For calendar year taxpayers, the rate would be 0.8% for 2007; for others, similar reduction to address mid-year effective date.*

*(173 of allowed 175 words.)*

## DRAFT - Option 6

**Caption:** Lane County Public Safety Income Tax (6 of allowed 10)

**Question:** Shall Lane County public safety be supported by an income tax? (11 of allowed 20 words)

**Summary:** This measure:

- Enacts Lane County Ordinance 2-07.
- Imposes tax on personal, non-resident and business income at 1.1% rate.
- Dedicates income taxes (after collection) to public safety only. Public safety defined as programs to protect people from criminal activity. Includes adult and youth corrections, crime prevention, detention, supervision, and patrol. Includes mental health and crime victim services, alcohol and drug treatment. Includes Sheriff, Youth Services and District Attorney departments, related support.
- Maintains current service levels.
- Requires dedicated fund and a reserve of 10% annual income tax revenue.
- Dedicates 60% of county property operating taxes for public safety. Also dedicates 2.2% for extension services and 0.7% for veterans services.
- Includes rate reduction if federal government continues federal timber fund replacement by June 1, 2007.
- Applies to tax years starting January 1, \_\_\_\_\_. For calendar year taxpayers, the rate would be 0.55 % for 2007; for others, similar reduction to address mid-year effective date.

(159 of allowed 175 words.)

## DRAFT - Option 7

**Caption:** Lane County Public Safety Income Tax (6 of allowed 10)

**Question:** Shall Lane County public safety be supported by an income tax? (11 of allowed 20 words)

**Summary:** This measure:

- Enacts Lane County Ordinance 2-07.
- Imposes tax on personal, non-resident and business income at 1.0% rate.
- Dedicates income taxes (after collection) to public safety only. Public safety defined as programs to protect people from criminal activity. Includes adult and youth corrections, crime prevention, detention, supervision, and patrol. Includes mental health and crime victim services, alcohol and drug treatment. Includes Sheriff, Youth Services and District Attorney departments, related support.
- Reduces current service levels-only replaces lost federal funds.
- Requires dedicated fund and a reserve of 10% annual income tax revenue.
- Dedicates 60% of county property operating taxes for public safety. Also dedicates 2.2% for extension services and 0.7% for veterans services.
- If federal government continues federal timber fund replacement by June 1, 2007, tax not imposed during period federal funds received.
- Applies to tax years starting January 1, \_\_\_\_\_. For calendar year taxpayers, the rate would be 0.5% for 2007; for others, similar reduction to address mid-year effective date.

(167 of allowed 175 words.)

# Lane County, Oregon

## Public Safety, Treatment, and Prevention Program Restorations

### Focused Program Budget to Achieve Goals Through 2012

Goal > Target: Illegal Drug Producers, Dealers, Users and Target Property Criminals - \$12.1 million	FY 06/07 Budget	FY 07/08 Projected
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Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team (INET) *	1,220,000	1,262,537
Resident Deputies	1,070,000	1,107,307
Detectives for Property and Violent Crimes	540,000	558,828
Prosecute Drug Producers, Dealers, Users & Property Criminals	1,100,000	1,138,353
Maximize Use of Existing Adult Jail Capacity	4,500,000	4,656,900
Intensive Juvenile Offender Supervision	600,000	620,920
Adult Drug Offender Supervision	880,000	910,683
Sherman Center/DOMC Enhancement	270,000	279,414
Purchase additional jail beds	1,500,000	1,552,300
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>11,680,000</b>	<b>12,087,243</b>

Goal > Reduce Family Violence - \$3.1 million
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Family Violence Detectives	650,000	672,663
Domestic Violence Prosecution Team	890,000	921,031
Home-based Behavioral Sys Family Therapy-Juveniles	170,000	175,927
Supervise Domestic Violence Offenders and Sex Offenders	540,000	558,828
Child Advocacy Center Staffing	320,000	331,157
Court Appointed Special Advocates Program	134,000	138,672
Relief Nursery (Eugene)	168,000	173,858
Relief Nursery (Cottage Grove)	105,000	108,661
Domestic Violence Coordination	42,500	43,982
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,019,500</b>	<b>3,124,780</b>

Goal > Enhance Treatment Programs - \$7.0 million
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Secure Treatment Beds for Juvenile Offenders	3,600,000	3,725,520
Intensive Supervision of Juveniles with A&D Problems	170,000	175,927
Intensive A&D Treatment Beds for Juveniles	520,000	538,131
Detox and Sobering Station	140,000	144,881
Intensive A&D Treatment - Adults	640,000	662,315
Mental Health Crisis Response - Adults	260,000	269,065
Sex Offender Treatment - Adults	120,000	124,184
Drug Court Treatment	110,000	113,835
Skill Building for Jail Inmates and P&P Offenders	180,000	186,276
Peer Courts in Six Communities	50,000	51,743
Secure Residential Drug Treatment for Juvenile Girl Offenders (7 beds) +	400,000	413,947
Detox Sobering Beds (1000 bed days or 2.25 slots) +	100,000	103,487
Mental Health Specialist at the Jail +	100,000	103,487
Residential A&D Treatment for Adults (3 beds) +	87,000	90,033
Outpatient A&D Treatment for Adults (66 slots, approx. 200 adults/yr) +	287,000	297,007
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6,764,000</b>	<b>6,999,838</b>

Exhibit B

Updated 2/3/07 by D. Garnick

# Lane County, Oregon

## Public Safety, Treatment, and Prevention Program Restorations

### Focused Program Budget to Achieve Goals Through 2012

#### Goal > Provide Prevention Programs \$1.6 million

Healthy Start	370,000	382,901
Mentoring for Children for Incarcerated Parents	110,000	113,835
Family Support and Connections (Safety Net)	150,000	155,230
After-School Programs In Family Resource Centers	337,500	349,268
Supervised Visitations/Safe Exchange	130,000	134,533
Reconnecting Youth Drop-out Prevention	298,000	308,390
Community Mobilization	85,000	87,964
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,480,500</b>	<b>1,532,120</b>

#### > Other System Requirements \$1.2 million

Court Facility Improvements	1,000,000	1,000,000
Admin Staff to Support Public Safety Enhancements	160,000	165,579
County Office Space Considerations **	Lapse	Lapse
Construct New Child Advocacy Center **	Lapse	Lapse
Property and Evidence Storage/Management **	Lapse	Lapse
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,160,000</b>	<b>1,165,579</b>

**Grand Total** **24,104,000** **24,909,559**

Program Category Summary	FY 07-08 Projected	Percent of Services
<b>Prosecution, Incarceration, and Supervision</b>	<b><u>12,087,243</u></b>	<b>50.9%</b>
<b>Prevention and Treatment</b>		
Reduce Family Violence	3,124,780	
Enhance Treatment Programs	6,999,838	
Provide Prevention Programs	1,532,120	
<b>Prevention and Treatment Subtotal</b>	<b><u>11,656,738</u></b>	<b>49.1%</b>
<b>Direct Service Program Total</b>	<b><u>23,743,981</u></b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Other System Requirements</b>	<b><u>1,165,579</u></b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b><u>24,909,559</u></b>	

LCARA Option **1,000,000**

\* In three agencies

\*\*Lapse means that the County will use salary savings derived from the delays in hiring all of the employees immediately in order to finance these capital projects.

+ Additional treatment program enhancements totaling \$974,000 in FY06-07 dollars.