

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

ORDER NO.) **IN THE MATTER OF INITIATING AN**
) **UPDATED COUNTYWIDE COORDINATED**
) **POPULATION FORECAST EFFORT FOR**
) **CONSIDERATION AS AN AMENDMENT**
) **TO THE LANE COUNTY RURAL**
) **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County, on February 29, 1984, through enactment of Ordinance No. PA 883, adopted the General Plan Policies as an element of the Lane County Rural Comprehensive Plan based on numerous Working Papers recognized as supportive technical information used in the preparation of the General Plan Policies, including the 1981 Population Working Paper prepared for Lane County, which provided population forecasts for the year 2000 for all of Lane County, the Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area, the urbanizable areas of the ten small cities, and the several rural census areas of Lane County; and

WHEREAS, on numerous occasions since then the Lane Council of Governments has provided coordinated population forecasts for the urban areas of the cities and for rural Lane County and those population figures have been adopted by Lane County into several comprehensive land use plans; and

WHEREAS, Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 660-024-0030, effective April 5, 2007, specifies counties must adopt and maintain a coordinated 20-year population forecast for the county and for each of the urban areas within the county and cities must adopt a 20-year population forecast for the urban area consistent with the coordinated county population forecast; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2008, the Board adopted Order No. 08-2-13-2 entitled In the Matter of Rescinding Delegation to Lane Council of Governments Regarding Population Forecasting; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2008, the Board approved Resolution No. 08-4-30-12 entitled In the Matter of Adopting a New Population Forecast for Lane County; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2008, the Board directed staff to withdraw for reconsideration Resolution No. 08-4-30-12 from LUBA and provide a process by which the Board may initiate a Lane County coordinated population forecast to be undertaken utilizing the Lane County Planning Commission and following the process contained in LC 16.400; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2008, the Board repealed Resolution No. 08-4-30-12; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has now reviewed and considered various alternative processes for initiating an updated countywide coordinated population forecast for all of Lane County, including both rural and urban areas, and is now ready to take action.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners directs staff to commence a countywide coordinated population forecast effort for ultimate consideration as a post-acknowledgment plan amendment to the Lane County Comprehensive Plan pursuant to applicable provisions of LC 16.400 and state law using a "Top Down" (maximum citizen involvement process) method. This would include contracting with the Portland State University Population Research Center ("PRC") to provide updated rural and urban area coordinated population forecast numbers and justification for those numbers. The process shall be substantially similar to the description provided in the July 24, 2008, research proposal attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated here by this reference.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that additional workshops (including PRC staff and other technically qualified experts, as necessary) be included as early in the process as possible and incorporated into Exhibit "A" for the purpose of providing the Board of County Commissioners, the Lane County Planning Commission, staff, citizens and interested stakeholders an opportunity to understand and ask questions regarding the basis of the methodologies and assumptions to be utilized in this study.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that staff shall expedite the process whenever possible, allow public involvement at all opportunities and provide the Board of County Commissioners with bi-weekly reports indicating progress or obstacles encountered.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a contract be awarded in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 and the County Administrator is delegated authority to execute a contract substantially in conformance with this order to utilize the services of Portland State University PRC in preparation of updated rural and urban area coordinated population forecasts for Lane County.

ADOPTED this _____ day of August, 2008

Chair, Lane County Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date August 20, 2008 Lane County


OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL