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IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. 09-12-2-

IN THE MATTER OF REFERRING TO ELECTION A 4-H EXTENSION SERVICE FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX AND DIRECTING THAT IT BE PLACED IN THE VOTERS PAMPHLET

WHEREAS, volunteers and employees of OSU Extension – Lane County have approached the Board of Commissioners and have asked the Board for help in placing a money measure on the May 2010 ballot to support extension in Lane County, and

WHEREAS, OSU Extension will not be able to continue to operate in Lane County without additional revenue to support operations and educational programs, and

WHEREAS, OSU Extension volunteers have collected signatures of over 2,000 Lane County citizens supporting the placement of an option tax measure on the May 2010 ballot, and

WHEREAS, OSU Extension volunteers have expressed that they have the energy and manpower to educate Lane County voters on the ballot measure, and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing regarding the placement of a measure on the May 2010 ballot which would approve a 5 year option tax, bringing in approximately \$1,178, 784 each year, dedicated to Extension service educational programs, office operations and support staff, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have considered the statements made at public comment and at the public hearing regarding the importance of Extension services in Lane County, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the public interest and benefit to offer the voters the option to approve an option tax dedicated to the support of Extension services in Lane County, and

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

ORDERED that a measure be submitted to the voters on the May 18, 2010, ballot regarding a 5 year option tax levy, as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of this Board Order be presented to the County Clerk of Lane County and shall constitute our certification that this measure be placed on the May 18, 2010, ballot, and it is further

ORDERED that the 4-H and Extension Service Five-Year Local Option Tax measure be placed in the County's voter's pamphlet or the State's voter's pamphlet if available, availability to be determined by the County Clerk, and it is further

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

Adopted this 2nd day of December 2009.

Peter Sorenson
Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 12/25/09 Lane County



OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Ballot Title

Caption: 4-H AND EXTENSION SERVICE FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX

QUESTION: Shall Lane County impose \$.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value each year for five years for Extension operations beginning 2010-11? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: Revenue from this measure would provide funding dedicated to Extension Service educational programs, office operations and support staff. Extension's programs currently include 4-H Youth Development, Master Gardeners, Master Food Preservers, Climate Masters, and Extension Study Groups. Tax revenue expenditures would be tied to measurable outcomes and subject to annual audits. The County proposes to enact a local option tax of \$.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value each year for five years starting in 2010-2011. The total to be raised by this local option tax is estimated at \$1,178,784 in 2010-2011, \$1,214,147.52 in 2011-2012, \$1,250,571.95 in 2012-2013, \$1,288,089.10 in 2013-2014, and \$1,326,731.78 in 2014-2015. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.