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 Memorandum Date: December 5, 2008

TO: LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 DEPARTMENT: LANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
 PRESENTED BY: Liane Richardson, County Counsel
 AGENDA ITEM TITLE: IN THE MATTER OF SELECTING A NEWSPAPER TO PUBLISH MONTHLY NOTICE OF EXPENDITURES, PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX WARRANTS, AND NOTICES OF REAL PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURE

I. MOTION

I MOVE THAT THE REGISTER GUARD BE SELECTED TO PUBLISH THE MONTHLY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES, PROPERTY TAX WARRANTS, AND NOTICES OF REAL PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURE.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Board is being asked to approve the selection of a newspaper of general circulation in the County for publication of various legal notices.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History The County must select a newspaper of general circulation to publish the monthly statement of expenditures, ORS 294.250; the personal property tax warrants, ORS 311.615, and the notice of real property tax foreclosures, ORS 312.040. Senate Bill 74 repealed ORS 254.205 which defined the criteria for the annual selection of a newspaper of general circulation; therefore, the presented Order selecting a newspaper of general circulation will apply until changed.

B. Policy Issues The policy objective here is to ensure that the required notice is given as broad a distribution to County residents as is reasonable.

C. Board Goals The Board's second Strategic Objective is to engage and inform citizens about Lane County's services. Complying with these publication requirements is in furtherance of that objective.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations There are no immediate financial considerations to the proposed decision. The costs of publication only occur at the time and by the activity identified.

E. Analysis

<u>PUBLICATION</u>	<u>TIMES PUBLISHED</u>	<u>TOTAL CIRCULATION</u>	<u>GENERAL AREA OF COVERAGE</u>
<u>Register Guard</u>	7 times per week	67,361/day Mon-Fri 72,855/Saturday 76,031/Sunday	Eugene/Springfield/Florence/ Lane County/elsewhere in the State
<u>Cottage Grove Sentinel</u>	1 time per week	4,200/day	Cottage Grove, Creswell, Drain, Lorane and

<u>Siuslaw News</u>	2 times per week (Wednesday/Saturday)	7,000/day	surrounding area Florence, Walton, Yachats, Reedsport and surrounding areas
<u>Oregon Daily Emerald</u>	5 times per week during academic year (Sep - May) 3 times per week during summer months	8,500/day 8,500/day	Eugene, Portland, U of O Campus and general Eugene community

The selection of the appropriate newspaper is whether the newspaper is one of "general circulation in the County." Clearly the Register Guard is the largest paper of general circulation to meet the purpose of providing the information to the largest number of residents as reasonable.

F. Alternatives/Options There are no other realistic alternatives than the Register Guard for the monthly statement of expenditures or property tax matters.

IV. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

If enacted, this designation would apply until changed.

V. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend the Board designate the Register Guard to publish the monthly statement of expenditures, personal property tax warrants, and real property tax foreclosure notice.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

The recommendation and the ultimate Board decision will be communicated to the affected departments.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Order

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