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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER) **IN THE MATTER OF ALLOCATING**
) **\$37,704 FROM THE LANE COUNTY**
) **RESOURCE EXTRACTION & ENERGY**
) **PRODUCTION RESERVE TO BE USED**
) **FOR O&C DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP**
) **YEAR 2009**
)

WHEREAS, Lane County shares a commonality with 17 other Oregon Counties by having a significant federal ownership presence resulting from revested railroad lands dating back to 1866, and;

WHEREAS, legislative history is rich with state and federal actions to secure management of these lands such that they may contribute to the economic stability of Oregon counties, and;

WHEREAS, the latest iteration of this legislative history is an attempt to replace the reductions in revenues resulting from significant reductions in timber harvests which occurred between 1986 and 2004, and;

WHEREAS, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 extended the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination and Act until 2012, and;

WHEREAS, that Act will provide for almost \$142 million in quality of life benefits to Lane County residents over the four years it is in effect, and;

WHEREAS, Oregon counties have limited ability to secure alternative revenue through taxing authority, timber production, or revenue from ecosystem services, and;

WHEREAS, Lane County must develop a highly effective strategy it will utilize in securing an authorization of federal funds to permanently decouple the relationship between timberlands and community economic stability, and;

WHEREAS, the Association of O&C Counties is unique in its ability to voice a unanimous statement of need and to develop and manage a political campaign of such magnitude; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners previously established a Lane County Resource Extraction & Energy Production Reserve within the General Fund of General Expense of \$226,065 in Board Order # _____;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that \$37,704 of the Lane County Resource Extraction & Energy Production Reserve, located in the General Fund of General Expense, is allocated to pay for Association of O&C Counties membership dues for the membership year 2009. Staff is directed to include this appropriation in the next available supplemental budget that comes before the Board of Commissioners.

In taking such action, the Board of County Commissioners has the following expectations for the Association during the membership year:

- 1.) Meetings of the Association will continue to be noticed and open to the public.
- 2.) The Association will strive to amend its by-laws at their annual meeting to increase the number of Directors from nine to eleven.
- 3.) The Association will continue, as its highest priority, to work on the issue of reauthorizing the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2008 (or equivalent) to permanency.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2009

Pete Sorenson, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
DATE 9/21/09 BY ZIL
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL