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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 11-2-2-2

IN THE MATTER OF ELIMINATING THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE POSITION FOR CENTRAL LANE JUSTICE COURT AND CONSOLIDATING CENTRAL LANE JUSTICE DISTRICT WITH UPPER WILLAMETTE JUSTICE DISTRICT AND CLARIFYING THE USAGE OF THE FLORENCE JUSTICE COURT.

WHEREAS, the Central Lane Justice of the Peace position has been vacant since the retirement of Justice Sinclair in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have explored many options in regards to the makeup of the Justice Courts in Lane County in order to continue to provide service to Lane County residents while also ensuring that the courts are fiscally sound; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have heard several recommendations and have been provided with public and staff input over the last six months, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County is aware that the Upper Willamette Justice District court and the Florence Justice District court are both underutilized such that the benefits of the courts to Lane County citizens are outweighed by the administrative costs of operation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is mindful of the importance of reducing County administrative costs wherever possible, and has determined that it is in the best interest of a majority of the citizens of Lane County to consolidate the Upper Willamette Justice District court with the Central Lane Justice District court and to handle all criminal matters regularly cited into the three justice courts in Central Lane Justice District court in order to streamline the processes.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Justice of the Peace position for the Central Lane Justice District be eliminated, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Upper Willamette Justice District be consolidated with the Central Lane Justice District, and that the new combined District be named the Central and Eastern Lane County Justice District.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the operations at the Upper Willamette Justice Court located in Oakridge, Oregon be closed and all court operations cease, effective as of the close of business on June 30, 2011.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Florence Justice Court District court will remain open in order to handle civil matters arising in the Florence area.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County Administrator is authorized to take all reasonable steps to implement this order including modifying or terminating the term of the lease of the Willamette Activity Center in Oakridge, Oregon.

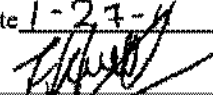
ADOPTED this 2nd day of February, 2011.



Faye Stewart, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 1-27-11 Lane County



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