

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO.

11-2-23-16

IN THE MATTER OF PROVIDING INPUT TO THE  
OREGON LEGISLATURE FOR BUDGETARY  
PRIORITIES DURING THE 2011-13 BIENNIUM

**WHEREAS**, the state of Oregon has operated a state psychiatric hospital since 1862, and;

**WHEREAS**, the hospital provides secure services to the mentally ill and those found to be guilty but insane by Oregon courts, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon State Hospital Framework Master Plan Phase I Report released in 2005 identified specific problems within the mental health care system in Oregon, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Phase II Report released in 2006 recommended changes including the development of new state hospital facilities and significantly enhancing community-based mental health resources, and;

**WHEREAS**, the 2007 Oregon Legislative Assembly passed a funding measure to replace the Salem Hospital with a new facility with up to 620 beds to be completed in 2011, and;

**WHEREAS**, that measure included funds for a new 360 bed facility to be constructed in Junction City, and;

**WHEREAS**, Oregon and Junction City developed agreements to facilitate the development and construction of infrastructure appropriate for a large institution, and;

**WHEREAS**, an update to the Phase II Report was released on January 18, 2011 which calls for a slight reduction in the inventory of statewide beds necessary to meet the needs of those Oregonians living with mental illness, including a reduction from 360 to 174 beds for the Junction City Hospital and a delay until 2014 the opening of the facility, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Oregon Counties developed an Oregon State Hospital Task Force in October, 2010 whose sole purpose was to make recommendations to the Oregon Legislature regarding the second state hospital at Junction City; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force met four times and finalized its recommendations to the Legislative Committee of the Association of Oregon Counties with a report dated February 14, 2011; and,

**WHEREAS**, their report confirmed that a smaller, 174 bed hospital, should be constructed in Junction City.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lane County Board of Commissioners recommends the 76<sup>th</sup> Oregon Legislature continue to direct and implement construction of the new facility in Junction City per the 2010 Revised Forecast to the 2005 Framework Master Plan Phase II Report.

DATED this 23rd day of February, 2011

  
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Faye Stewart, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners