

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 12-03-14- 1

IN THE MATTER OF ELIMINATING THE  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE POSITION FOR  
CENTRAL AND EASTERN LANE JUSTICE  
COURT AND CONSOLIDATING CENTRAL  
AND EASTERN LANE JUSTICE DISTRICT  
WITH THE FLORENCE JUSTICE DISTRICT  
TO FORM A SINGLE JUSTICE COURT  
DISTRICT FOR LANE COUNTY.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners have explored many options regarding 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 eighteen months, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is aware that the Central and Eastern 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 Central and Eastern Justice District with the Florence Justice District to form a single Justice District in Lane County.

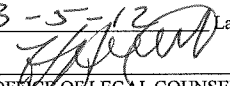
**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Central and Eastern Lane Justice Court is closed and that the Justice of the Peace position for the Central and Eastern Lane Justice District be eliminated, both effective as of the close of business on April 23, 2012, and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, effective as of the close of business on April 23, 2012, the Central and Eastern Justice District be consolidated with the Florence Justice District, and that the single district be named the Lane County Justice District.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all criminal and civil matters over which the Lane County Justice Court has jurisdiction will be normally heard in the justice court located in the City of Florence, but that alternative venues within Lane County may be selected by the Justice of the Peace consistent with judicial fairness and subject to the rights of all parties before the Court.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the County Administrator is authorized to take all reasonable steps to implement this order.

**ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date 3-5-12 Lane County  
  
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

  
Sid Leiken, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners