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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY, OREGON

In the Matter of an Order Directing that an Election be Conducted on May 21, 2013, Relating to a Five Year Local Option Tax for Law Enforcement Purposes

ORDER NO. 13839

WHEREAS, the Board of Curry County Commissioners (Board) has determined that a five year levy should be submitted to the qualified voters of the County as established by Section 11, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution in order to permit the operation of the Curry County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, and Juvenile Department (law enforcement services); and

WHEREAS, the Board considers additional funding to maintain law enforcement services as necessary and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, without additional funding, the County's proposed discretionary resources budget of \$2.1 million will not be able to sustain law enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that a split levy with \$1.84 per \$1,000 of assessed value levied within the incorporated cities of Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford (urban), and \$1.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the remaining unincorporated (rural) areas of Curry County, Oregon, is necessary to maintain law enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to submit the question authorizing a five year split rate levy to the registered voters of Curry County, Oregon.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

 An election shall be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, to establish a five year local option tax in the amount of \$1.84 per \$1,000 of assessed value levied within the incorporated cities of Brookings, Gold Beach, and Port Orford (urban), and \$1.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the remaining unincorporated (rural) areas of Curry County, Oregon. This is estimated to raise \$4,524,962 in 2013-2014, \$4,660,711 in 2014-2015, \$4,800,532 in 2015-2016, \$4,944,548 in 2016-2017, and \$5,092,885 in 2017-2018. The funding would be used to provide for law enforcement services to include the Curry County Sheriff's Office, the Curry County District Attorney's Office and the Curry County Juvenile Department.

- 2) A proposed county measure for an election on May 21, 2013, in compliance with ORS 280.070 and ORS 280.075 is attached to, and made part of this order.
- 3) The Chair of the Board of Curry County Commissioners is authorized to sign such forms and documents as are necessary to place this measure on the May 21, 2013, election ballot.
- 4) This order delegates to the County Clerk the authority to publish Notice of Receipt of Ballot Title. After the review period is complete, the Chair of the Board of Commissioners will file a SEL 801 with the County Clerk, and a County Measure Number will be assigned.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

David Brock Smith, Chair

Opposed

Susan Brown, Vice Chair

David G. Itzen(Commissioner

Approved as to Form:

M. Gerard Herbage Curry County Legal Counsel

County Law Enforcement Five Year Split Rate Operating Levy

Question: Shall Curry County Levy \$1.84 City and \$1.97 Rural per \$1,000 assessed value for law-enforcement for five years beginning 2013-2014?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: Curry County's proposed discretionary resource budget of \$2.1 million will not sustain County Law Enforcement Services.

This proposed 5 year local option tax provides funding for:

Dispatch, 911, Jail Operations, Criminal Investigations, Crime Prevention, Search & Rescue, Marine Patrol, Civil Process, Juvenile Detention Services, Drug Enforcement, Prevention and Education, Traffic Safety, School Resource Programs, Sheriff Patrols, Adult Parole and Probation, Wild Land Fire and Tsunami Evacuations, Emergency Services, Juvenile Probation, Adult and Juvenile Prosecution, Child Advocacy, Victims Assistance.

This measure proposes split rates. While the above law enforcement services benefit all residents, the taxpayers in Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford will pay a lower rate because cities fund police departments.

This proposed local option tax, dedicated to Curry County Law Enforcement Services, is estimated to raise \$4,524,962 in 2013-2014, \$4,660,711 in 2014-2015, \$4,800,532 in 2015-2016, \$4,944,548 in 2016-2017, and \$5,092,885 in 2017-2018.

The Board of Commissioners will reduce this tax in any year in which Federal Safety Net Related Payments are received.