

Columbia County
Voters' Pamphlet

Primary Election
May 20, 2014

Drop Sites Included

Dear Fellow Columbia County Voters:

I am pleased to present the Columbia County Voters' Pamphlet combined with the State of Oregon Voters' Pamphlet.

This pamphlet allows us the opportunity to provide voter instructions on how to cast a vote on the ballot. **Remember to vote both sides of your ballot, when necessary. The secrecy envelope should be enclosed in the signature envelope and your vote will be counted. However, if the secrecy envelope is returned alone and without the signature envelope, the ballot will not be counted.**

All ballots remain secret and private.

CHECK YOUR BALLOT CAREFULLY!! You can request a **replacement ballot** if: you make a mistake, your ballot is damaged or spoiled, your ballot is lost, or for any other reason. Contact Columbia County Elections office at (503) 397-7214 or (503) 397-3796 to request a replacement. Please refer to the end of the County section for voting instructions.

Also included in the County portion of the Voters' Pamphlet is the **Drop Site Listing** to drop-off your ballot instead of mailing it. By using these drop sites, you are saving yourself time and money. Please refer to the listing for the location nearest to you.

The Columbia County Voters' Pamphlet is published to provide a forum for local candidates and issues. Please remember that your ballot will contain **ONLY** those issues and races for which you are eligible to vote.

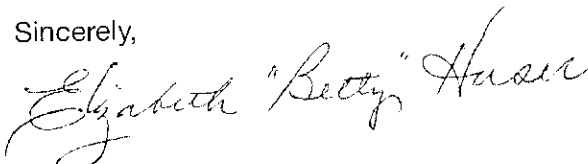
All candidates on the ballot have had the opportunity to submit paid Candidate Statements in which they can describe the reasons you should cast your vote for them. Any "Ballot Titles" and "Explanatory Statements" were written by the governing body submitting the question.

We will be open on Friday, May 16th from 8:30 am until 12:00 and Saturday, May 17th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to issue ballots, receive ballots and answer any questions a voter may have.

We hope that you will take the time to become informed on the candidates and issues and exercise your right to vote in this important election.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your County Clerk.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth "Betty" Huser
Columbia County Clerk

Columbia County

Commissioner, Position 2



**WAYNE
MAYO**

Non-Partisan

OCCUPATION: Contractor Business owner/employer 31 years
Commercial/Residential Property Manager 26 years

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Account Executive, Hasselblad Lumber.; Executive Director employment exchange 501c-3 corporation.; Executive Director education to employment 501c-3 corporation.; Successful grant writer.; Chief Petitioner 3 local measures.; Chairman of PUD Takeovers; Scappoose, St. Helens, Columbia City, and Rainier.; Pastor.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

St. Helens High Graduate; OIT: engineering; PCC: Economics; PSU: Economics; Licensed Contractor

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:

Scappoose Planning Commissioner 4½ yrs.
St. Helens Park and Recreation Commissioner 3½ yrs.

Priorities:

"Columbia County; great place to live, work, and raise a family. Unfortunately we have experienced the loss of jobs and opportunities. We need the wood product industries restarted for future generations. We need to prosper."

Wayne's Innovative Activism has made a tremendous difference for Columbia County.

1. He personally organized 4 PUD takeovers in 1999. He got measures on the ballot. Voters defeated Enron reversing prior elections though outspent 25-1 **saving 3 million- \$600/ household/year/approx.**
2. He advertised for successful boycott of pornography outlet near SHHS.
3. He prepared 2 measures; **1 requiring E verify**, 2008. 1 Passed 57-43% though out spent 162-1.

Budgeting

"The county budget must be watched. State/Fed. dollars are drying up. Spending must be reanalyzed in light of emerging economic realities."

Support Sheriff, Road Department

I will upgrade rural patrol promoting safety and reducing crime. I will advocate to maintain/restore road surfaces."

Job Creation

"Our county needs to be attractive to industry, tourism, science, universities and agriculture without damaging the environment. Permits can be expedited. Private industry creates sustainable jobs. We shouldn't squash opportunity like Portland has done."

Promote County

Wayne thinks we can attract new businesses and residents increasing property values. We have accountable schools, sports, churches, low crime, great fair, parks, fishing, water sports, horseback riding, bicycling, trails, and wildlife viewing. We have great resources like the airport, river access, lower taxes compared to neighboring counties.

(This information furnished by Wayne Mayo)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. (ORS 251.335 (3b))

Commissioner, Position 2



**HENRY B.
HEIMULLER**

Non-Partisan

OCCUPATION: County Commissioner, Columbia County, Oregon

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Transit Coordinator, Columbia County; Paramedic Supervisor – 22½ years; Oregon Certified Paramedic; Small Business Owner

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Scappoose School District Grades 1-12 graduated 1978.; Paramedic School (WFS-EMS, a PCC affiliate) graduated 1982.; Willamette University's Transit Management Program; OSU County College, Graduate Certificate, with Honors, 2011

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:

Director- Columbia 911 Communications District Board of Directors (6th term); Columbia County Fair Board (2 terms); Columbia County Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee; CEPA / LEPC member; Columbia County RSVP Advisory Committee; Northwest Ride Center Advisory Board; NOHA Commissioner; AOC Human Services Co-Chair; AOC Transportation Committee; Northwest Area Commission on Transportation, Vice-Chair; Public Transportation Advisory Committee of Oregon Commission on Transportation

Columbia County has been my family's home since the late 1880's, and I have had the privilege of serving as one of your County Commissioner's since 2011. My experience in government service as well as a career in private industry affords me the unique perspective of public-private partnerships, collaboration and teamwork. We all want livable communities where we can raise our families with good paying jobs, good schools and a public safety system that we can be proud of. We, for the most part, are citizens who share common concerns. Though there may be differing opinions on certain issues, ultimately we are all neighbors.

Currently over 70% of Columbia County's workforce commutes out of the area to work. Some people do not see this as a problem. I, on the other hand, do. Whenever people have to travel to work, their cost of living rises, and their availability for family and community events is reduced. I will continue to work hard every day to bring good family wage jobs back into our county.

Our county, like most, continues to face significant challenges, and I look forward to helping work through them. It would be my honor and privilege to continue to serve this great county and all who live here.

(This information furnished by Henry B. Heimuller)

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Columbia County

Justice of the Peace

Measure No. 5-238



**WALLACE E.
THOMPSON**

Non-Partisan

OCCUPATION: Justice of the Peace (JP), Columbia County 10/2007-present.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Columbia County JP Pro-Tem; Columbia City Municipal Judge 6/2005-5/2013; St. Helens Municipal Judge 12/1996-2/2005; St. Helens Municipal Judge Pro-Tem 2/1996-12/1996; Columbia County Commissioner (interim) 3/1986-1/1987; Bemis Inc. owner/operator 1/1980-7/2004, full service print shop, involved in printing since 11/1958-7/2004.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduated St. Helens High 1960; National Judicial College-Special Court Jurisdiction 1998; Member of National Judges Association (NJA) 1996-2004 and 2007-present, (2012 Chairperson for By-laws and Constitution Committee, Alternate State Representative 2011-Present); Member of the Oregon Municipal Judges Association (OMJA) 1996-2007; Member of the Oregon Justice of the Peace Association (OJPA) 2007-present, (current association President 2013-2014); Attended OMJA-OJPA conferences annually and NJA conference whenever possible, total of five NJA conferences; Also attended annual ODOT safety conferences every spring since 2008, total of six.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Besides info above I was elected to the Port of St. Helens board 7/1987-2/1990; Appointed to St. Helens Parks Commission 1983-1988, Chairperson 1986-1988.

Community Service: Kiwanis over ten years, President 1981-1982; St. Helens Athletic Advisory Board three years; St. Helens Boosters, President 1981; Holiday Hope, served 11 years; local Chamber of Commerce First Citizen of the Year 1991; Inducted into the Sports Booster Hall of Fame for continued support 2004; Recognized by C-COM for support.

Personal: My wife Linda and I have been married for 50 years and have two adult children and three grandchildren.

With more than 20 years of continued legal education and progressive management I have been able to spend over 17 years presiding over limited Jurisdiction "People's Courts" in Columbia County. We have been able to operate the courts responsibly, keeping them financially sound during extremely stressful times. There is still more to be done and I would be honored to have your vote to elect me once again.

Thank you,

Wallace (Wally) Thompson

(This information furnished by Wallace E. Thompson)

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BALLOT TITLE

THREE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR JAIL OPERATIONS

QUESTION: Shall Columbia County levy \$0.5797/\$1000.00 of assessed value for three years beginning in 2014-2015 for jail operations? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: In 1998, County voters approved construction of a new jail with a 255 bed capacity without corresponding operating funds. The County General Fund and bed rentals have supported Jail operations for 13 years.

The cost to supervise, feed, clothe and provide health care for a larger inmate population is now known to be substantially more than the costs to run the old Jail, has increased each year, and is a major expense in the jail budget.

The County General Fund has experienced a significant decrease in the last several years and can no longer sufficiently support jail operations. This decrease has led to reducing bed capacity to 25 local inmates, which is down from 65 last year. The continued operation of the Jail in any capacity is dependent upon Federal bed rentals.

The proposed levy would restore 75 beds, for a total of 100 local beds, fund six additional corrections deputies and one supervisory position, and provide constitutionally required food, clothing, management and health care to inmates.

The estimated money raised will be \$2,287,572 in FY 2015, \$2,356,199 in FY 2016 and \$2,426,885 in FY 2017, for an estimated total levy of \$7,070,656.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If passed, the jail operating levy will provide funding to continue operation of the County Jail. If the measure does not pass the County Jail will close by June 30, 2014. The proposed levy would be for a maximum of .5797 cents per thousand. A property owner with assessed value of \$100,000 would pay \$57.97 per year for three years.

The operating funds will be used to hire corrections deputies and one supervisory employee to manage jail operations in a manner that is safe and secure for employees and inmates. The operating funds will also be used to provide constitutionally required care of inmates including food, clothing and health care. The use of operating funds will be overseen by a citizen oversight committee established by the County.

The County's old Courthouse jail was built in 1969 and was designed to hold a maximum of 39 prisoners. Because of overcrowding, inmates were often released before arraignment and sentenced prisoners were released before sentences were served. Conditions in the jail were substandard and the County was at risk of being sued.

In 1998, County voters approved a bond levy to build the current Jail, designed to house up to 255 inmates. While the cost to run the new larger jail was assumed to be substantially more than the cost to run the old Courthouse Jail, the County did not immediately request an operating levy for the new Jail. Rather, the County raised revenue by renting unfilled jail beds and increasing County general fund support. Currently, bed rental revenue makes up more than half of the revenue needed to run the Jail. However, the bed rental revenue is not dependable because the federal government will not guarantee it will rent any beds.

Available general fund support for the Jail has decreased in the last several years due to a decline in the County's second largest source of unrestricted funding: the O&C Forest payments, which dropped by 70% from \$2,000,000 in 2008 to \$600,000 in 2014 with no funding budgeted for 2015. Budgeted unrestricted general fund resources have decreased by one-third since 2005 from \$13.2 million to \$8.7 in 2014. The Jail has also experienced increased operating costs in personnel categories given health insurance premium increases and pension costs.

In 2011, due to the decrease in general fund support and increased personnel and operations costs at the Jail, the County reduced the maximum number of inmates to be housed at the Jail from 255 to 150, including 65 local beds. In 2013, due to the additional decrease in available general fund support and increased personnel and operations costs at the Jail, the County further reduced the maximum number of inmates to be housed at the Jail from 150 to 110, including 25 local beds. The County has laid off nine jail staff members since 2011. If passed, the County projects it will be able to again house 100 local inmates and hire sufficient staff to safely manage inmates.

Submitted by:
Anthony Hyde, Chair, Board of Commissioners

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

Columbia County

Measure No. 5-236

BALLOT TITLE

REVISIONS TO CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY HOME RULE CHARTER

QUESTION: Shall the voters of the City of Columbia City adopt revisions to update the City home rule charter?

SUMMARY: This measure would update the city charter of 1972 to remove obsolete provisions, clarify provisions, and reflect standard municipal organization and practices. The proposed revisions were developed by a citizen charter review committee and are based upon the League of Oregon Cities' model charter.

The Oregon Constitution gives City voters the right to revise a charter. The charter grants legal authority to the City and establishes duties and responsibilities.

The proposed revisions establish the position of city administrator as the administrative head of the City; require the municipal judge and city attorney be members in good standing of the Oregon State Bar; require the council to meet at least once monthly; require the establishment of council rules; require approval of ordinances by a majority of the council; prohibit the mayor and council from being employed by the City; require the council adopt nomination procedures to run for public office; prohibit council members from attempting to coerce the city administrator in matters concerning contracts, property, or the appointment or removal of employees; and set debt limits.

A full copy of the charter revisions may be viewed at the Columbia City Hall, 1840 Second Street, Columbia City, Oregon 97018, weekdays from 8 am to noon and 1 pm to 5 pm, or may be found on the City's website at www.columbia-city.org.

Submitted by:
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Oregon Constitution gives City voters the right to adopt, amend and revise home rule charters. Columbia City voters adopted the current charter in 1972.

The Columbia City Council formed an impartial Charter Review Committee comprised of citizens of the City to evaluate the 1972 charter and to determine if the charter should be updated or changed. The Charter Review Committee determined that the charter should be updated to remove obsolete provisions, clarify provisions, and reflect standard municipal organization and practices. The Charter Review Committee utilized the League of Oregon Cities' model charter to develop the proposed revisions to the charter, and presented the proposed charter revisions to the City Council on April 4, 2013. The Council concurred with the recommendations of the Charter Committee, and referred this measure to the voters of the City of Columbia City for approval or rejection.

Of the proposed revisions to the Charter, the most significant will:

- Establish the position of city administrator as the administrative head of the government;
- Provide that the Council may remove the city administrator by majority vote with or without cause at any time;
- Provide a list of city administrator duties;
- Require that the municipal judge and city attorney be members in good standing of the Oregon State Bar;
- Require that the Council meet at least once monthly;
- Require the establishment of Council rules;
- Require approval of ordinances by a majority of the Council;
- Prohibit the Mayor and Council from being employed by the city;
- Require that the Council adopt nomination procedures to run for public office;
- Prohibit Council Members from attempting to coerce the city administrator in matters concerning city contracts, city property, or the appointment or removal of employees;
- Set debt limits.

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

Columbia County

Measure No. 5-237

BALLOT TITLE

COLUMBIA RIVER FIRE AND RESCUE BOND FOR EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS

QUESTION: Shall the District issue \$15,000,000 general obligation bonds to purchase equipment, finance station improvements and refinance an existing obligation? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11 b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: Passage of this measure provides funds to finance capital costs at District facilities. Specifically, this measure would:

- Acquire new and replacement fire apparatus, ambulances, rescue vehicles and other related equipment.
- Acquire safety equipment including self-contained breathing apparatus, protective clothing, radios and other safety equipment.
- Make station improvements, including seismic upgrades at the Rainier Station, expansion and seismic upgrades of the Fairgrounds station, had other station improvements.
- Refinance outstanding obligations of the District which financed the Lee Broadbent Training Center.
- Pay associated bond issuance costs.

Bonds would mature in twenty (20) years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

- Refinance the Full Faith & Credit Obligations (the "Obligations") utilized to build the Lee Broadbent Training Center in 2006. This is expected to provide a savings in interest payments to the District.

If approved, the District plans to issue bonds in no less than three issuances to coincide with the District's apparatus replacement schedule. Each issuance would be payable over 20 years with an estimated cost to the taxpayer of \$0.30/\$1000 assessed value or less per year. If your house is valued at \$100,000, the tax is expected to be \$30 per year.

Submitted by:
Marit Nelson, Finance Director

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

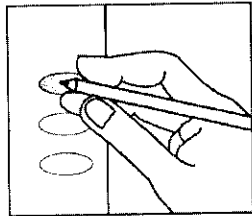
Columbia River Fire & Rescue (the "District") has proposed this measure for voters' approval. The Board of Directors has determined after Finance and Sustainability Committee recommendation and public meetings and surveys that it is in the best interest of the District to request long-term financing from the voters of the District. This measure would provide general obligation bond financing for the replacement of critical response equipment, station expansions and other safety-related capital expenditures.

The District is requesting general obligation bond authority up to \$15 million dollars to:

- Replace current apparatus as described in the District's apparatus replacement schedule at an estimated cost of \$7,000,000 over the next 15 years.
- Improvements to the Fairgrounds Fire Station including expansion for additional apparatus, personnel and community meeting space at an estimated cost of \$1,800,000. Planned 2021.
- Make seismic upgrades and other improvements to the Rainier Fire Station at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000. Planned 2021.
- Add a Fire Engine to the Deer Island Station to meet current Insurance Services Office (ISO) requirements at an estimated cost of \$450,000. Planned 2015.
- Replace communication hardware and other safety equipment as it reaches its end of life cycle, specifically:
 - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus System. \$500,000. Planned Replacement—2023
 - Portable Radio equipment at an estimated cost of \$350,000. Planned Replacement—2020-2025
 - Other safety equipment as identified. Planned Replacement—2025

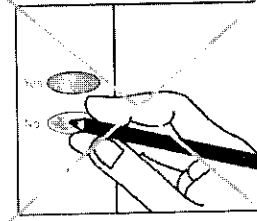
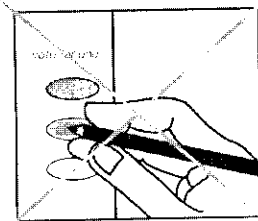
NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

Make sure you have completely filled in the oval next to your choices.



If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote **both** Yes **and** No on a measure, it is called an overvote.

Your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.



You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still be counted.

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or for any other reason.

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**COLUMBIA COUNTY
PRIMARY ELECTION
MAY 20, 2014
VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

To vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot, simply fill in the oval next to the name of the person with a pen or pencil.

☐ **JANE DOE**

☐ **JOHN DOE**

☐ **SALLY SMITH**

☐ _____ **(WRITE-IN)**

To vote for a candidate **WHOSE NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT**, simply write the person's name on the line provided under that office heading labeled "Write-in," then complete the oval next to the write-in line. **COMPLETING THE OVAL NEXT TO THE WRITE-IN LINE IS VERY IMPORTANT IF YOU WRITE-IN A CANDIDATE AS THE OVAL TELLS THE COMPUTER THAT A WRITE-IN VOTE HAS BEEN CAST AND NEEDS TO BE TALLIED MANUALLY!**

To vote on measures on the ballot, simply complete the oval next to the "YES" or "NO".

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REMEMBER TO VOTE BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT, IF APPLICABLE!

If you have any questions about voting, call the Columbia County Elections Office at (503) 397-7214 or (503) 397-3796 ext. 8445. Hearing impaired voters may use our TTY/TDD line at (503) 397-7246.

DROP SITES FOR PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 20, 2014

You may drop your voted ballots off at any drop site at times and dates as follows:

VERNONIA LIBRARY 701 Weed Ave.	APR 30 - MAY 19 MAY 20	DURING LIBRARY HOURS 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
RAINIER CITY HALL 106 B St. West	APR 30 - MAY 19 MAY 20	DURING OFFICE HOURS 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
CLATSKANIE LIBRARY 11 Lillich St.	APR 30 - MAY 19 MAY 20	DURING LIBRARY HOURS 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
SCAPPOOSE CITY HALL 33568 E. Columbia Ave.	APR 30 - MAY 19 MAY 20	DURING OFFICE HOURS 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
MIST BIRKENFELD RFPD 12525 Highway 202	APR 30 - MAY 19 MAY 20	DURING OFFICE HOURS 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
COUNTY COURTHOUSE ELECTIONS DEPT. 230 STRAND ST. ST. HELENS	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM MON - THURS FRIDAY, MAY 16TH 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM SATURDAY, MAY 17TH 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM ELECTION DAY - MAY 20TH 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM	

A DRIVE-BY DROP BOX IS LOCATED IN THE LOWER PARKING LOT.

Please **remember**, if you are **mailing ballots**, you must have them mailed so they will reach us no later than election day, **MAY 20, 2014**. **POSTMARKS DO NOT COUNT** on ballot returns. Any ballots delivered by the post office after election day **WILL NOT BE COUNTED**.

REMEMBER TO SIGN THE OUTER RETURN ENVELOPE.

If you have any questions you may reach us at 503-397-7214 or 503-397-3796.