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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET EARLY OREGON PIONEERS JASON LEE AND JEDIDIAH SMITH

On Tuesday, June 30, 2009 the Board of County Commissioner's celebrated Oregon's 150th Anniversary of Statehood by meeting with Aaron Auer, portraying Jason Lee and John Sutton, portraying Jedidiah Smith, two early Oregon pioneers. Auer and Sutton are traveling to all of the Oregon's 36 counties commemorating the labors and achievements of Oregon's heroic circuit rider preachers.

The two read a proclamation and presented County Commissioners with a picture of a painting of the dedication ceremony of the Circuit Rider Statue that was held on the State Capital grounds in Salem on April 19, 1924, and honors the pioneer preachers that helped Oregon become the 33rd State in the Union.

For Further information and to follow the progress of Auer and Sutton's travels throughout Oregon, please visit their website at www.roaroregon.org.

