

BENTON COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET



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Dear Benton County Voter:

On May 16, 2000, a Primary Election will be held in Benton County. This will be a Vote-By-Mail Election. As a voter, you will have an opportunity to exercise your right to nominate and elect candidates for the General Election and enact new laws.

For this election the Board of Commissioners will publish a **Benton County Voters' Pamphlet** in order to provide valuable information concerning local candidates and local measures. You will also receive a **State Voters' Pamphlet**, which will cover statewide candidates and issues.

Please remember that all ballots, whether mailed or delivered, must be received **no later than 8:00 PM, May 16, 2000**. Ballots may be mailed or delivered to:

- The Benton County Elections Office, located in the historic Courthouse on 4th Street,

OR

- One of the official ballot drop sites found throughout the county. A list of those ballot drop sites is included in the Benton County Voters' Pamphlet.

In addition to candidate and measure information, you will find the text of local measures, with explanatory statements and any paid arguments in favor or against those measures. You will also find information on voting, how to register to vote or update your voter registration, and how to apply for absentee ballots.

It is our hope that the information provided in the Benton County Voters' Pamphlet will assist you in becoming better informed about the issues involving your community as you prepare to make decisions on these important issues.

Sincerely,

Bob Speaker
Benton County Commissioner

Orville R. (Bob) Adams
Benton County Commissioner

Linda Modrell
Benton County Commissioner

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BENTON COUNTY

Measure No. 02-88

BALLOT TITLE

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND TO CONSTRUCT PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES (JAIL/WORK RELEASE)

QUESTION: Shall up to \$18,900,000 of general obligation bonds be issued for construction of a jail and work release facility?

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 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout.

This measure authorizes the issuance of \$18,900,000 of bonds to finance public safety facilities. Bond proceeds will be used to acquire property, construct and install infrastructure, construct, equip and furnish a jail and work release facility; and finance all necessary related costs and improvements.

Bond proceeds will also provide space for rehabilitation programs, inmate work crews, and building infrastructure that allows for cost-effective future expansion.

The bonds would be general obligations and would mature over a period of 15 years.

The estimated maximum annual tax cost of this levy is \$0.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value. A property with an assessed value of \$150,000 will pay approximately \$72 annually, \$6.00 per month. The tax rate should decline over the 15-year bond payment period as assessed value grows.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Purpose

The community must have a criminal justice system that works. A jail is crucial to making the justice system work. Today our courts, District Attorney, and parole and probation officers cannot depend on the jail as the ultimate sanction because it is too small.

This Measure authorizes issuance of \$18,900,000 of bonds to acquire property, construct, equip and furnish a jail and work release facility, and finance all necessary related costs and improvements.

Current Capacity Issues

There is not enough space in our 40 bed jail to house all persons sentenced. We are renting space in other county jails. Money for renting beds is very limited at this time. This situation forces release of prisoners before their full sentence has been served.

For example, in February 2000;

- ◆ 32 prisoners were released early due to overcrowding.
- ◆ On average those prisoners served only one-half of their sentence.
- ◆ Some sentenced criminals waited up to 30 days to begin serving their time.

Alternative Sanctions

The larger jail will strengthen alternative sanctions by adding work release and improving inmate work crew programs. It will also provide space for additional rehabilitation programs.

Benton County will continue its strong commitment to alternative sanctions including;

- ◆ a day reporting center
- ◆ community service work crews
- ◆ electronic home detention.

Location and Size

In 1996, and again in 1999 studies were done to determine jail capacity needs. In 1999 the consultant (Farbstein and Associates) projected the need for approximately 79 to 125 beds by 2015 depending on the projection methodology. This includes maintaining a broad array of alternatives programs.

The proposed jail will contain approximately 80 cells and 24 dormitory beds for minimum sentence and work release. Capacity at start up will be about 104 beds. The facility will be built so that capacity can be expanded up to approximately 172 beds through double bunking. This expansion can be done with very little capital cost or new staff.

The current jail is attached to the courthouse. It is not suitable for expansion and does not meet current or future needs.

The county has taken an option to purchase property at a site in South Corvallis. It is directly west of the Kiger Island Road/Highway 99W intersection, on the west-side of the railroad tracks. The property is large enough to meet all projected future needs.

Operations

The proposed new jail is larger and will cost more to operate. Money to pay for expanded jail operations will have to be approved by the voters. To pay the cost of additional staff and operating expenses this levy appears as a separate measure on this ballot.

Tax Impact

The bonds will be paid off over a period of 15 years. The estimated maximum annual tax cost is \$0.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value. A property with an assessed value of \$150,000 will pay approximately \$72 annually, \$6.00 per month.

(Submitted by the Benton County Board of Commissioners.)

BENTON COUNTY

Measure No. 02-88

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

WHY WE NEED A NEW JAIL

The current jail is too small to accommodate the public safety needs of Benton County. Sentenced offenders must make appointments to serve their time. They often report to jail at the appointed time only to be excused from ever serving that sentence because space is unavailable. Inmates are frequently released early because of overcrowding.

Benton County operates its criminal justice and corrections system with an emphasis on rehabilitation and treatment of offenders and with heavy reliance on alternatives to incarceration. Alternatives become ineffective when offenders know jail space is not available for those violating the conditions of their probation, court ordered treatment, community service, day reporting, work crew, or electronic home detention.

Since the current jail was built as a 27 bed pre-trial holding facility in 1976,

expected regional jails were not built.

Oregon law changed requiring offenders to serve sentences of less than one year in county jail rather than state prison.

Benton County population increased by 23%.

jail capacity increased to 40 in 1993 by "double bunking" 13 cells.

Benton County has .5 jail bed per 1000 population. Nationally and statewide the average is over two.

over 500 people are in community alternatives to incarceration.

Experts estimate Benton County needs 79 to 125 beds to serve our needs for fifteen years (excluding work release).

70% of Benton County voters supported the November 1999 advisory ballot measure calling for a new jail.

The new jail will house 104 inmates, 80 in cells and 12 each in minimum security and work release dormitories. The number of beds per 1000 population will be half the national average. Benton County will maintain its commitment to alternatives to incarceration.

VOTE YES ON 02-88 TO BUILD THE JAIL

VOTE YES ON 02-89 TO OPERATE THE JAIL

VOTE YES FOR A SAFER BENTON COUNTY

*(This information furnished by Citizens For a Safe Benton County,
John Barlow, Treasurer)*

The printing of this argument does not constitute an endorsement by Benton County, nor does the County warrant the accuracy or truth of any statement made in the argument.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A Statement from the Benton County Circuit Judges

Please give the construction and operating measures for the new Benton County Jail your serious consideration.

Our current jail is woefully inadequate. Its limited size creates a significant public safety risk. The jail is almost always at full capacity. Every day we have to release inmates who should not be released.

1. Defendants released from jail with future court dates often do not appear, only to be re-arrested and immediately released because the jail is full.

2. Defendants arrested and taken to jail are often immediately released due to overcrowding. This includes defendants who have been arrested for felony crimes like assaults.

3. Defendants sentenced to serve jail time usually do not serve the full length of their jail sentence.

4. Whenever the jail gets overcrowded inmates are released. An inmate who was in our jail awaiting sentencing on an aggravated felony assault carrying a minimum 18 month prison sentence was recently released when the jail became overcrowded.

5. Many high-risk offenders are on supervised probation. If they violate their probation, often they cannot be jailed due to overcrowding. This significantly undermines the effectiveness of probation supervision.

Due to jail overcrowding, we usually do not impose jail sentences for defendants who have committed minor crimes, including property and drug offenses. We impose alternate sanctions, such as Home Detention, Work Crew, and Community Service

We are not experts in jail construction and operation. We do know that planning for the new jail has gone on for several years through the work of committees and task forces with significant input from public members. The Benton County Commissioners concluded that the current proposal will best serve the long term interests of the citizens of Benton County.

We ask you to give these measures your serious consideration.

*(This information furnished by Robert Gardner, Janet Holcomb,
Henry Dickerson, Benton County Circuit Judges)*

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BENTON COUNTY

Measure No. 02-89

BALLOT TITLE

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES (JAIL/WORK RELEASE) LOCAL OPTION OPERATING LEVY

QUESTION: Shall Benton County impose \$0.45 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2001 for jail and work release operations?

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

SUMMARY: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout.

A larger jail will require additional staff, and costs for care of inmates and utilities. At initial capacity the jail will have approximately 80 cells and 24 dormitory beds for minimum-security and work release needs.

The need for jail beds is critical. This levy will be used to rent approximately 20 to 30 out of county beds during 2001 and 2002 before the new facility is open in late 2002.

This operating levy will be imposed beginning in the tax year 2001.

The maximum tax rate of this levy is \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years. A property with an assessed value of \$150,000 will pay approximately \$67 annually, \$5.60 per month.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$2,144,457 in Fiscal Year (FY)01-02, \$2,230,236 in FY02-03, \$2,319,445 in FY03-04, \$2,412,223 in FY04-05, and \$2,508,712 in FY05-06.

How Funds will be used

This levy is for five years, after which it expires unless it is renewed by the voters. This levy will be put on the tax roll in 2001 (fiscal year (FY) 01-02). To deal with the current shortage of jail space the county will use a portion of the levy in FY 00-01 and FY 01-02 to rent up to 30 beds in other counties. This will be done in FY 00-01 by borrowing against the future levy. In FY 01-02, in addition to renting jail beds, new staff will be hired and trained in anticipation of the facility opening in late 2002.

Tax Impact

The maximum tax rate of this levy is \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value annually for five years. A property with an assessed value of \$150,000 will pay approximately \$67 annually, \$5.60 per month. The rate is a maximum amount. Annually the Board of Commissioners and the Budget Committee will review the facility budget and can levy a lesser amount if warranted.

The maximum levy amount was determined by estimating the annual cost of operating the new work release facility and jail. The annual cost of operating the current jail was subtracted. The difference is represented in this levy.

(Submitted by the Benton County Board of Commissioners)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Purpose

This measure will provide additional funds to operate a larger county jail and new work release facility. A bond issue for construction of the jail is on the same ballot as this measure. The county does not have the financial resources to pay for expanded jail/work release operations. This measure provides additional funds above those already allocated to current jail operations. If this levy is not approved, the new facility may not be constructed, or its operation will be severely restricted.

Strengthen Alternative Sanctions

The community must have a criminal justice system that works. A jail is crucial to making the justice system work. Today our courts, District Attorney, and parole and probation officers cannot depend on the jail as the ultimate sanction because it is too small.

The larger jail will strengthen alternative sanctions by adding work release and improving inmate work crew programs. It will also provide space for additional rehabilitation programs.

Benton County will continue its strong commitment to alternative sanctions such as:

- ◆ a day reporting center
- ◆ community service work crews
- ◆ electronic home detention.

The effectiveness of these and other sanctions will be strengthened with increased jail capacity because of the certainty of immediate incarceration for failure to comply.

CITY OF ALBANY

Measure No. 22-82

BALLOT TITLE

A MEASURE PROPOSING ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY AT 1710 QUEEN AVENUE SW.

QUESTION: Shall the 0.35-acre property adjoining Queen Avenue be annexed?

SUMMARY: Approval of this measure would annex approximately 0.35-acres to the City of Albany.

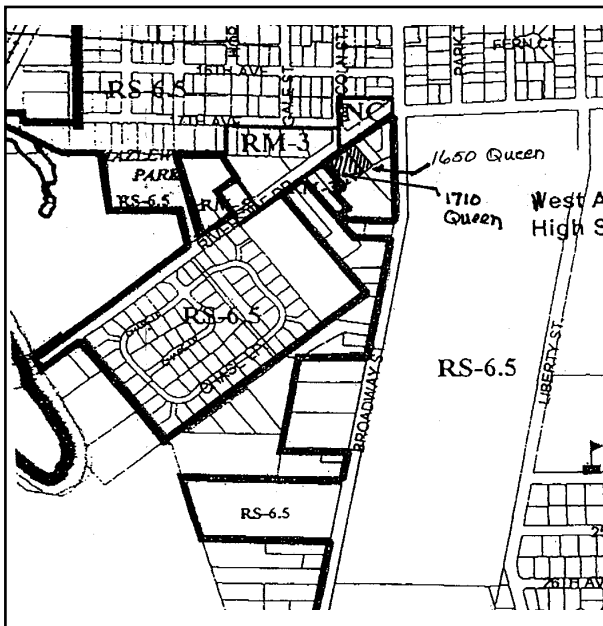
The property to be annexed is 1710 Queen Avenue SW, 11S-04W-13BA, tax lot 3500, as described in Linn County, Oregon microfilm deed records, volume 758, page 551.

Upon annexation the property would be zoned RS-6.5 (single family residential).

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Albany City Council has referred to the Albany voters the question of annexation for the property located at 1710 Queen Avenue SW, a 0.35-acre parcel currently developed as a residential use.

The property owner has requested annexation in order to be eligible to connect to the City's sanitary sewer system to alleviate problems, with the existing private septic system on the site. Abutting Properties on the east and west of this parcel have experienced similar septic problems, and have either annexed, or applied to annex, for the purpose of connecting to the public sanitary sewer system and avert an existing or potential health hazard. If annexed, funding for the required public sewer system extension needed to serve this parcel will be the sole responsibility of the property owner.



(Submitted by the City of Albany)

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

CITY OF CORVALLIS

Measure No. 02-84

BALLOT TITLE

A MEASURE PROPOSING ANNEXATION OF THE COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTIES

QUESTION: Shall the 115.63 - acre Country Club properties, generally surrounded by Country Club, SW 45th, Whiteside/DeArmond, and Agate Avenue, be annexed?

SUMMARY: Approval of this measure would annex approximately 115.63 acres (99.53 acres of the golf course, 14.05 acres of residential land with 2.05 acres of County-owned right-of-way on SW 45th and on Golf View) to the City of Corvallis. The Country Club property to be annexed is primarily south of Country Club Drive, east of SW 45th Street, west of Whiteside Drive and DeArmond Drive and north of the proposed Agate Avenue extension, and lies entirely within Benton County. Upon annexation, the property would be zoned 99.53 acres as AG-OS (Agricultural - Open Space), 15.10 acres as RS-6 (Low Density Residential) and 1.00 acre as RS-5 (Low Density Residential).

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The 115.63-acre property proposed for annexation is located within the Corvallis Urban Growth Boundary, generally surrounded by Country Club Drive, SW 45th Street, Whiteside/DeArmond and Agate Avenue. Development for this area is required to be consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan which identifies the area as a combination of Open Space - Conservation and Low Density Residential (2-6 dwelling units per acre). The site would be zoned for 99.53 acres as AG-OS (Agricultural - Open Space), 15.1 acres as RS-6 (Low Density Residential) and 1.0 acre as RS-5 (Low Density Residential) if annexed.

The City's Comprehensive Plan permits an open space use such as the existing golf course and a range of 32 to 96 residential dwelling units for this site. Currently there are ten residential units on the site. With the locations and parcelization pattern of the existing homesites, it is estimated that an additional 20 to 71 units could be developed on the properties. The County Sanitarian has identified a portion of this area as a "high priority" area for possible health hazard annexation due to the failure of private septic systems and wells in the area. No specific development plans or subdivision plats have been filed with the annexation request. The annexation request included only conceptual drawings to illustrate how the sites could potentially be developed.

The eventual need to annex and develop this land was identified in 1980 when the City's Comprehensive Plan and Urban Growth Boundary were established. Consistent with City policies, on-site street and utility improvements will be the responsibility of the developer and/or property owners. City ordinance also specifies that the developer will be responsible for off-site costs associated with street and utility improvements needed for this project. Costs for extra-capacity street and utility systems may be eligible to be funded by System Development Charge revenues. Also, if adjacent properties are annexed, the respective property owners may be required to provide reimbursement for their fair share of these improvements upon development and/or intensification of their properties.

The most significant impacts of eventual development include increased population and increased traffic. Street and intersection improvements will be required with future development proposals to accommodate increased traffic impacts. The Corvallis School

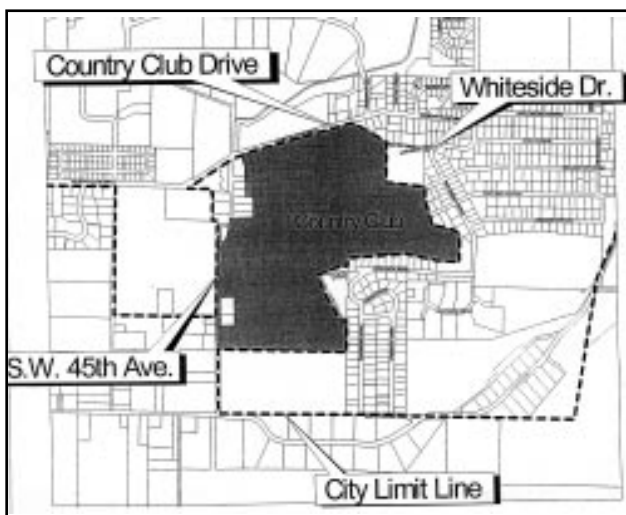
CITY OF CORVALLIS

Measure No. 02-84

District has indicated that if the property is developed for residential development, the increase in students could be accommodated within the existing schools in the area. Funds for future school development will be provided from property taxes collected throughout the 509J School District.

The City Council has found the annexation request to be consistent with the policies of the Comprehensive Plan and other City and State policies and standards.

Citizens are encouraged to become informed about the annexation request. Full copies of the project's staff reports and Planning Commission and City Council hearing minutes are available at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library (645 NW Monroe Avenue) and at the Community Development Department at City Hall (501 SW Madison Avenue, 766-6908).



(Information submitted by the City of Corvallis)

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

Measure No. 02-90

BALLOT TITLE

PROPOSAL TO ANNEX WEST SIDE OF THE HEWLETT PACKARD CAMPUS

QUESTION: Shall 34.69 acres of already developed Hewlett Packard property, which consists of the western portion of their campus, be annexed?

SUMMARY: Approval of this measure would annex approximately 34.69 acres to the City of Corvallis. This land is already developed as a parking area and a contractor staging area, both of which serve the central part of the Hewlett Packard Campus. The property to be annexed is south of Circle Boulevard, east of the railroad tracks, and abuts the portion of the Hewlett Packard Campus already within the City. Upon annexation, the property would be zoned PD (GI) (General Industrial with a Planned Development Overlay).

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The 34.69 acre property proposed for annexation is located within the Corvallis Urban Growth Boundary, generally surrounded by railroad tracks on the west, Hewlett Packard lands and Circle Boulevard to the north, and the main buildings of the Hewlett Packard campus to the east. The use of this property is required to be consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan which identifies the area as General Industrial. If annexed, the 34.69 acre site would be zoned for General Industrial uses with a Planned Development overlay.

Currently the east portion of the annexation site is developed as a paved parking lot. This parking area abuts other paved parking areas on the campus that are already located within the City Limits. The site partially wraps around a wetland that is not on the Hewlett Packard campus and is not proposed for annexation. The portion of land to be annexed that is north and west of the wetland is used for contractor staging activities which facilitate development and redevelopment of the main campus. Hewlett Packard does not plan any new uses and/or development on the lands proposed for annexation.

The eventual need to annex and develop this land was identified in 1980 when the City's Comprehensive Plan and Urban Growth Boundary were established. In addition, in 1993, following public hearings, Hewlett Packard obtained a development approval to increase the allowable building area for office and manufacturing use on the campus. As part of this approval, Hewlett Packard needed to provide adequate public facilities for full build-out of their site. Given this requirement and related development, appropriate water, sanitary sewer, and storm drainage systems currently exist to serve the site. Also, Hewlett Packard's approved plan does not add any new access points to public streets and this annexation will not result in increased traffic impacts over what has already been approved. In addition, Hewlett Packard has voluntarily committed to financially participate in the proposed Walnut Boulevard extension. This improvement will better balance existing east-west traffic demands which will ease congestion at the intersection of Circle Boulevard and Hwy 99W.

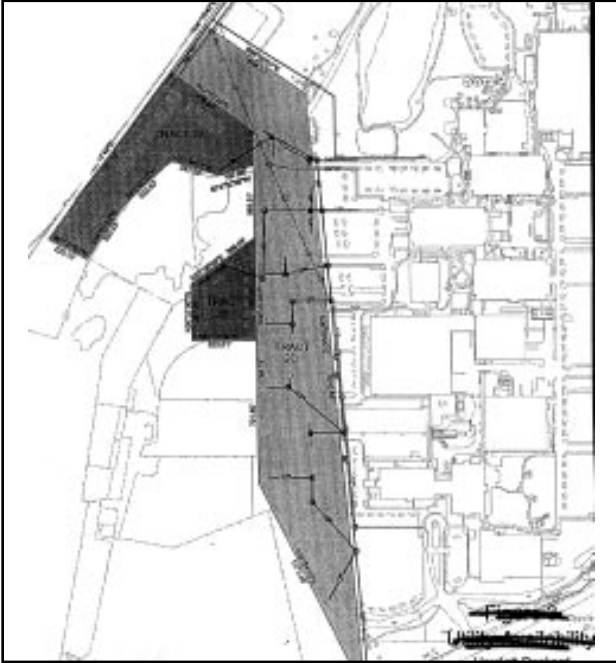
Annexation of this developed property is not anticipated to affect the need for schools, City park facilities, private franchise utilities such as solid waste, power, gas, and communications nor will it impact significant natural resources.

The City Council has found the annexation request to be consistent with the policies of the Comprehensive Plan and other City and State policies and standards.

CITY OF CORVALLIS

Measure No. 02-90

Citizens are encouraged to become informed about the annexation request. Full copies of the project's staff reports and Planning Commission and City Council hearing minutes are available at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library (645 NW Monroe Avenue) and at the Community Development Department at City Hall (501 SW Madison Avenue, 766-6908).



(Information submitted by the City of Corvallis.)

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

CITY OF PHILOMATH

Measure No. 02-85

BALLOT TITLE

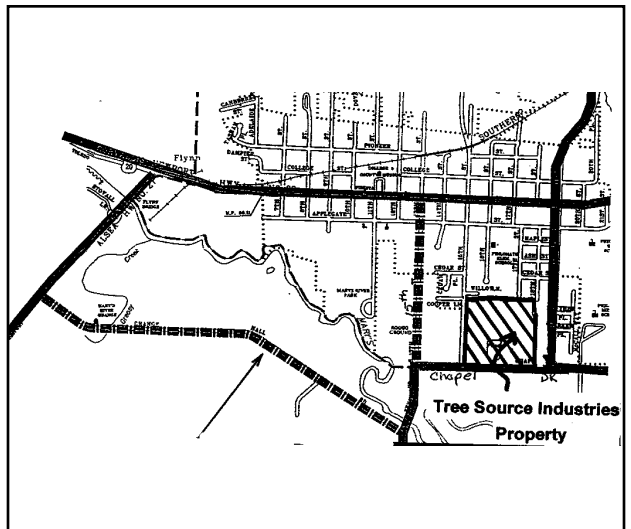
A MEASURE PROPOSING ANNEXATION OF TREE SOURCE INDUSTRIES PROPERTY.

QUESTION: Shall the Tree Source Industries property, 30.32 acres located at 1701 Chapel Drive, be annexed?

SUMMARY: Approval of this measure would annex approximately 30.32 acres of land zoned Heavy Industrial to the City of Philomath. The property to be annexed is located at 1701 Chapel Drive. The parcel lies entirely within Benton County. The City currently supplies water and sewer services to the property under a delayed annexation agreement.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This 30.34-acre parcel at 1701 Chapel Drive was the site of an operating sawmill until its closure in 1998 by Tree Source Industries, Inc. The site is presently zoned Heavy Industrial and governed by the development criteria of Benton County. The applicant has not provided a specific development plan with their request. The applicants' stated intent is to down zone the site to a Light Industrial or Industrial Park zone to eliminate the possibility of future heavy industrial uses at this location. Ten to fifteen acres of the property will be marketed for redevelopment. The balance of the property may be donated to the City for park or open space purposes.



(Submitted by the City of Philomath)

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

CITY OF PHILOMATH

Measure No. 02-86

BALLOT TITLE

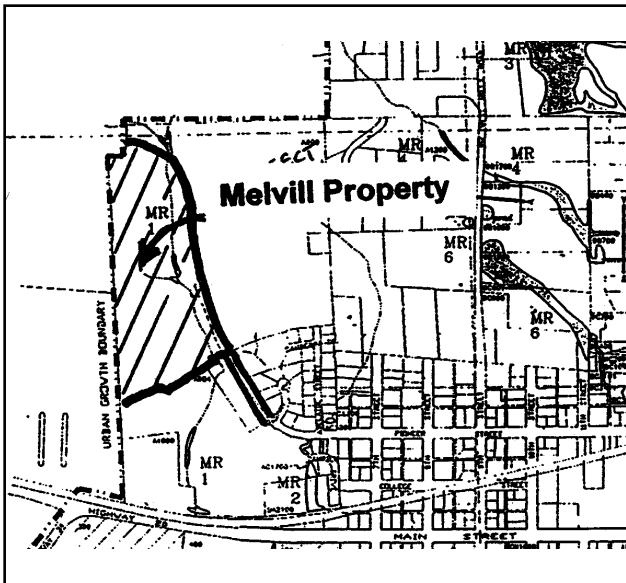
A MEASURE PROPOSING ANNEXATION OF THE MELVILL PROPERTY.

QUESTION: Shall the Melvill property, 23.50 acres north of the northerly terminus of Pioneer Street, be annexed?

SUMMARY: Approval of this measure would annex approximately 23.50 acres of land zoned low-density residential (R-1) to the City of Philomath. The property to be annexed is generally north of the northerly terminus of Pioneer Street. The parcel lies within the Philomath Urban Growth Boundary and is contiguous to the City. The City currently supplies no services to the property.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This 23.5-acre R-1 zoned parcel is proposed to be developed as a 29 or 30 lot single family subdivision. The property is located generally in the far western portion of the City Urban Growth area and will be accessed by the extension of Pioneer Street. Should the property be annexed, the developer would be required to submit detailed development plans addressing both on-site and off-site utility, transportation, drainage and park issues to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will consider the request during a public hearing at which time any interested citizen may comment. The Planning Commission may approve, approve with conditions, or deny the request.



(Submitted by the City of Philomath)

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

CITY OF PHILOMATH

Measure No. 02-87

BALLOT TITLE

A MEASURE PROPOSING EXTENSION OF UTILITIES OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.

QUESTION: Shall the 707 N 12th Street property, approximately 0.29 acres, be extended sewer and water utilities?

SUMMARY: Approval of this measure would extend additional water and sewer services for further property development to approximately 0.29 acres of land zoned R-3 outside the City limits. The property to be serviced is located at 707 N 12th Street. The parcel lies entirely within the Philomath Urban Growth Boundary and is not contiguous to the City. The City currently supplies services to the property under a delayed annexation agreement.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This 0.29-acre R-3 zoned parcel is located at 707 N 12th Street. The property's R-3 zoning does allow for both single and multi-family development. This property is not contiguous to the City and will not be annexed at this time. The applicant has requested this extension of City water and sewer to serve a proposed single family dwelling. City water and sewer services are already present in the area.

(Submitted by the City of Philomath)

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

BENTON COUNTY

Commissioner, Position 2



DON
GIST

REPUBLICAN

OCCUPATION: Business Owner, Self Employed.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 35 years sales and management.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: The Dalles High School Graduate: 1959.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: City Council-Philomath; Planning Commission-Philomath.

Personal:

Don is a 5th generation Oregonian, married to his high school sweetheart, De, for 37 years. His children and grandchildren live in Benton County. Don moved to Corvallis in 1968 and has been active in the community since transferring here as a Corvallis Jaycee. In 1970 he was the president of the Corvallis Jaycees, and a partner in a local business. He has been involved in scouting, boy's club, YMCA, and served 10 years on the board of the Corvallis HBA. Don and his wife enjoyed bowling for many years in several leagues, and are proud to be long time members of the Elks, and the Moose Lodge. After moving to rural Benton County, Don and De opened donde's floorcovering in Philomath in 1985. Moving into the City of Philomath at that time, Don served 5 years as a City Councillor, followed by nearly 10 years on the planning commission. Don was the Charter President of the Philomath 2000 project, and has been an active member through the change of focus to the new Philomath Community Foundation. Don has served on numerous Philomath committees, including budget, safety, library, and parks.

Vision:

Having been a manager of a small business for more than 30 years, I have gained first hand experience of customer service, budgeting, and personnel management. Employees of all businesses are always more productive and give better service to their customers when they enjoy their work and feel good about their jobs. One of my goals will be to listen carefully to the suggestions of the employees of the county, and to be active in trying to share their concerns about what they do, and how their jobs can provide the best service to the citizens of Benton County.

Like all governments Benton County faces smaller budgets and the challenge of achieving efficient service and value for the citizens. Accessible e-Government will provide easier and expanded access to the citizens. While this goal only serves a percentage of the citizens today, in the future it will be a service used by a majority.

I ask for your vote, and pledge to always be open, honest, and available when my services are needed. This position is a non-partisan office and I consider it to be a privilege to be a commissioner for all the citizens of Benton County.

(This information furnished by Don Gist for Commissioner)

Commissioner, Position 3



JOHN
DILWORTH

REPUBLICAN

OCCUPATION: Owner, Green Peak Tree Farm.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1968-78 Faculty Member, Oregon State University; 1978-Present, Owner Oregon Crop Improvement Service and Green Peak Tree Farm. Benton County Commissioner 1989-1997

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BS Oregon State University, 1968; Graduate Corvallis High School, 1962; Graduate work at OSU, 1968-78 .

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Benton County Commissioner, Association of Oregon Counties Board and Legislative Committee, District Chair of District 5 Linn, Benton and Lane Counties. Chair Cascades West Council of Governments. Chair of the twenty seven county Oregon Consortium providing job training for low income and dislocated workers. Member of National Steering Committee on Prisons and Public Safety. Senior Services Advisory Council. Chair of Managed Care Taskforce for Seniors. Vice Chair of Local Officials Advisory Council for the Oregon Department of Human Services. Linn Benton Housing Authority Board.

ORGANIZATIONS: Chairman, Mid Valley Red Cross. Chairman, Benton County Foundation Committee for Corvallis Rotary Club. Past Chairman of Dial-a-bus. Past Vice President, Oregon Trail Council, Boy Scouts. Past Chairman Retired Senior Volunteer Program (four times). Past President and Lt. Governor, Kiwanis. Past member Community Outreach Board.

JOHN DILWORTH

AN ACTIVE LEADER IN BENTON COUNTY

John's goal is to conduct county business in an open and professional manner. Creating partnerships is the only way local government can meet the reality of greater public demand and restricted funding. John has worked diligently to cooperate with other government agencies to create efficiencies for the future. Rural communities look to John for assistance with local problems.

ALL GOVERNMENT IS LOCAL

John Dilworth believes that to be a good county commissioner and represent the community properly he must demonstrate his interest through involvement in local issues. With his hard work and extensive community volunteerism, John has helped make Benton County a better place to live.

ELECT JOHN DILWORTH BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

web page johndilworth.com
e-mail at johndilworth.com

(This information furnished by the Friends of John Dilworth Committee)

BENTON COUNTY

Commissioner, Position 3



CAROLYN
OAKLEY

REPUBLICAN

OCCUPATION: Small business owner, farmer.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Teacher, legislator, farm implement dealer.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Oregon State University, BS; graduate work in Education OSU.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: State Representative (1989-1999) Chair, North Albany Service District; Governor's Immigration Task Force

CAROLYN OAKLEY.....A COMMUNITY LEADER

Carolyn Oakley improved our community: LBCC Foundation Board, Boys and Girls Club Board, Linn-Benton Women for Agriculture, Historic Tour Committee, Hospital Auxiliary, Linn-Benton Salvation Army Board, STRIDE Leadership Round Table, Chamber of Commerce Board, Criminal Justice Council, Linn-Benton Business Education Compact.

CAROLYN OAKLEY.....WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

The next four years bring critical challenges in law enforcement, land use, and human services. We need to improve our planning efforts to meet the needs of our expanding county. Meeting these challenges will take experience and dedication. I will work with you to find lasting solutions.

CAROLYN OAKLEY.....A COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY

Carolyn has proven she listens. She works to solve problems. With her legislative leadership, funding was secured for OSU's School of Veterinary Medicine. Health care was improved through the passage of the "Patient Protection Act." Our universities receive \$25 million dollars each biennium for salary increases, and program enhancements with the "Higher Education Efficiency Act."

CAROLYN OAKLEY.....CREATING A VISION

I'm dedicated to making Benton County a better place to live. We need to strive for effective partnerships with our schools, cities, and state. Our new jail must serve the needs of the community in a cost efficient manner. County business must be conducted openly and commissioners must be accountable to you the citizens of Benton County.

CAROLYN OAKLEY.....LET'S WORK TOGETHER

I am dedicated to making Benton County government more efficient and responsive. I will listen to the people who use county services and to the employees that deliver those services. I will work to simplify county government and make it more user friendly. It is your government!

ELECT CAROLYN OAKLEY

EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP THAT SOLVES PROBLEMS

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Carolyn Oakley)

Commissioner, Position 2



JAY
DIXON

DEMOCRAT

OCCUPATION: 1992-Present: Owner, Corvallis Hardware.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Senior V.P., First Nationwide Bank; Senior Officer at West America, Hibernia and Crocker Banks; Chief Operating Officer, Lawrence Security, Inc.; Director, Washington Criminal Justice Education & Training Center; law enforcement consultant for the Planning and Community Affairs Office of the Governor in Olympia, Washington; Lieutenant, Seattle Police Dept.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BS, University of San Francisco.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Chair, City of Corvallis Budget Commission; Director, Corvallis School Board 509J; Benton County Citizen Representative to, and past chair of, Willamette Criminal Justice Council; Chair, Corvallis Community Policing Forum; Oregon Region 4 Workforce Development Board; Chair, Benton County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council Corrections Task Force; Vice-Chair Benton County Corrections Steering Committee; City of Corvallis Transportation Alternatives Advisory Committee.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: President, Corvallis Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Board of Directors, Plain Talk; Board of Directors, Rotary of Greater Corvallis; Chair, Corvallis Kids Count!; Campaign Cabinet, United Way of Benton County; Board of Directors, Heartland Humane Society; Board of Directors, daVinci Days; Board of Directors, Cascades West Financial Services; Member, Oregon State University Business Alliance; Oregon State University Austin Family Business Program Advisory Committee; Professional Management Institute Advisory Committee; Member, West Central SMART Program Advisory Committee.

As Commissioner, Jay Dixon will work to:

- Maximize county resources through collaborative efforts with other government and private entities.
- Pursue innovative concepts in affordable housing while preserving farm and forest lands, and open spaces.
- Support activities and programs that keep our communities safe.
- Support funding for education and youth activities.
- Ensure that Benton County government is focused on providing superior customer service to all residents.

(This information furnished by Jay Dixon for Commissioner)

BENTON COUNTY

Commissioner, Position 3

Assessor



**ANNABELLE
JARAMILLO**

DEMOCRAT



**PAM
GRANT**

NONPARTISAN

OCCUPATION: Citizens' Representative for Governor Kitzhaber.
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Research Botanist; Development Director; Civil Rights Advocate; Teacher; diversity, motivation, employment and computer trainer.
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: B.S., M.S. - Biology, Portland State University.
PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Corvallis/Benton County Library Funding Task Force; Philomath Community Response Team; Benton County Environmental Issues Advisory Committee; National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee-EPA; US Forest Service; Oregon Long Term Care Insurance Project; Governor Atiyeh's Education Mission; Public Safety Work Group; Treasurer Hill's Women's Economic Security Conference.

Annabelle Jaramillo is the kind of leader who can unify our county by encouraging citizen involvement and respecting county workers.

Annabelle Jaramillo knows Benton County residents value their neighbors, good jobs and a clean, healthy environment.

Annabelle Jaramillo will use our resources wisely.

Annabelle Jaramillo is thoughtful, knowledgeable and a good listener.

Annabelle Jaramillo knows Benton County can do more to help our communities:

- Balance population growth with environmental stewardship
- Care for our most vulnerable citizens
- Provide for safe neighborhoods
- Take a stronger role in education
- Work with local governments to improve transportation
- Involve communities more in county decisions

"I have contributed to my community by planning for its future, working to end violence, helping others gain access to government and protecting everyone's basic rights. I offer my vision and experience to help you make Benton County an even better place to live and work."

Annabelle Jaramillo

"**Annabelle Jaramillo** brings people together to get things done."
Congressman Peter DeFazio

"**Annabelle Jaramillo** has the vision, skills and attitude to get the job done."
Congresswoman Darlene Hooley

Elect Annabelle Jaramillo - Democrat for County Commissioner!

(This information furnished by Jaramillo for Commissioner Committee)

OCCUPATION: Benton County Assessor 1993 to present.
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Benton County 1993 to present; Benton County Deputy Assessor 1991-1993; Certified (Registered) Property Appraiser; Corvallis business owner; Real Estate sales and property management; Court Operations, Judicial Department, State of Oregon.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Oregon State Property Appraiser Certificate (Registered) 1988; Real Estate license 1976-1983; Department of Revenue certificate of completion for Commercial Appraisal, Rural Tract Appraisal, Advanced Mass Appraisal, Tax Rate Computations, and other various course work necessary to meet continuing technical and management training and education as required by Oregon Statutes; Certified by Oregon Department of Revenue to meet requirements to be a candidate for Benton County Assessor under Oregon law (ORS 204.0160); Corvallis High School Graduate 1967.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Benton County Assessor 1993 to present; Benton County Strategic Plan Committee; State of Oregon Department of Revenue and Oregon Assessors Joint Tax Advisory Group; Oregon State Association of County Assessors Appraisal Standards Committee; Oregon State Association of County Assessors district 2 chair; Benton County Geographical Information Systems steering committee..

**PAM GRANT IS COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE
IN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT**

PAM GRANT: COMMITTED TO EXCELLENT PUBLIC SERVICE

The property tax system continues to be complex and often confusing; taxpayers deserve to have their questions and concerns addressed in a helpful manner. The Assessor should be accessible and open to the needs and concerns of the community.

PAM GRANT: COMMITTED TO EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

Cut waste, use available resources and eliminate duplication of services through better organization, leadership and partnership. Use technology to provide improved resources and information for the public, other public agencies, and businesses. In the future we will be challenged to accomplish continuing change and growth with fewer resources.

PAM GRANT: COMMITTED TO ACCOUNTABILITY

The Assessor must be accountable for accuracy in all the assessment program areas and insist on quality. The Assessor must relate community interests and concerns through legislative committee input.

**PAM GRANT HAS PROVEN LEADERSHIP ABILITIES, IS
KNOWLEDGEABLE, QUALIFIED, DETERMINED, AND
COMMITTED TO BENTON COUNTY.**

(This information furnished by Pam Grant)

VOTING IN OREGON

WHO MAY REGISTER TO VOTE?

Anyone who is:

- ◆ A resident of Oregon;
- ◆ A United States citizen; and
- ◆ 18 years of age or older.

You may register to vote before your 18th birthday or before you are sworn in as a US citizen. In order to register under these conditions, you must turn 18 or be sworn in as a US citizen during the 20-day period immediately before the election. Please call your county elections officer for details if you believe you qualify for this registration process.

DO I HAVE TO REGISTER BY PARTY?

No. If you do not want to be affiliated with a political party, you may check the box that states *Not a member of a party*. You may not designate or change a party affiliation after the 21st day before the primary election.

I WILL BE OUT OF TOWN WHEN BALLOTS ARE MAILED. HOW DO I GET A BALLOT?

Absentee ballots are available 45 days before the election. You may request an early absentee ballot from your county election official either in person, by mail, or by fax. You will need to include your name, signature, residence, address and, if different, your mailing address.

WHAT IF MY BALLOT DOESN'T COME?

If you have not received your ballot within a week after they are mailed, call your county election office. They will check that your voter registration is current. If it is, they will mail you a replacement ballot.

WHAT IF I HAVE MOVED AND HAVE NOT UPDATED MY REGISTRATION?

If you are registered to vote by the 21st day before the election but now have a different address and:

- ◆ You have moved within the same county, contact the county election office. They will instruct you on the process to follow to qualify for a replacement ballot.

OR

- ◆ You have moved to a different county, go to the election office in your new county.

WHAT IS A PRIMARY ELECTION?

- ◆ Major political parties (Democratic & Republican) nominate their candidates at a primary election, which is held on the third Tuesday in May of each even-numbered year. Only a voter who is registered as a member of either political party may vote for that party's candidates at the primary election unless the party opens its primary to voters registered as *Not a member of a party*. If this is the case, voters who are *Not a member of a party* must request major party ballots from their county election office.
- ◆ All nonpartisan offices (i.e. judges and district attorneys) are also on the primary election ballot. Any registered voter may vote for those candidates, regardless of the voter's political party affiliation.

BENTON COUNTY ELECTIONS COUNTY ELECTIONS BALLOT DROP SITES

**24 hour ballot drop box
has been installed across from the
Benton County Courthouse at:
180 NW 5th Ave, Corvallis, OR**

ADAIR CITY HALL

745-5507

Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM*

CORVALLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

757-6926

Mon. thru Fri. 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Sat. 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sun. 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM

MONROE CITY HALL

847-5175

Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM*

O.S.U. MEMORIAL STUDENT UNION

737-2416

WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

Mon. thru Thur. 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM

Fri. 7:00 AM to 12:00 MIDNIGHT

Sat. 7:30 AM to 12:00 MIDNIGHT

Sun. 10:30 AM to 11:00 PM

NORTH ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL

967-4541

Mon. thru Fri. 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM*

PHILOMATH PUBLIC LIBRARY

929-3016

Mon., Thur., Fri., Sat. 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Tues., Wed. 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

766-6959

Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

BENTON COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION

120 NW 4th St, Corvallis, OR 97330

Basement, County Courthouse

Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM*

**ELECTION QUESTIONS? (541) 766-6756
(TTY/TDD 766-6080)**

www.co.benton.or.us/elections

*** PLEASE NOTE
ON ELECTION DAY ALL DROP SITES
WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 8:00 PM**

Benton County
VOTERS' PAMPHLET
Primary Election
May 16, 2000

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