

Commissioners allot some \$1 million to jail

By TOM JACKSON
Of the Emerald

The Lane County Jail, which has been the subject of heated debate and criticism in the past few years for sub-standard conditions, may receive a shot in the arm as a result of action by the Lane County Board of Commissioners Wednesday.

The board recently learned that due to a federal change in fiscal policy, the county has some \$4 million in so-called Oregon and California (O and C) timber receipts available.

Don Hulbert, community relations officer, explained the O and C funds are a major source of revenue for the county. The money comes from timber receipts from land sold to the Oregon and California railroad and later returned.

But this year, explained commissioner Robert Wood, the federal government changed the fiscal year. The previous year began and ended in July but now begins and ends in October. This, said Wood, has resulted in a "one-time only" lag of three months between fiscal years, which he calls a "fifth quarter" of the year.

Wood explained that nearly \$4 million in timber receipts will be available to the county for this period. Of that sum, he said, about \$1 million has been designated by the commissioners for use on the county jail project.

The exact figures of the timber revenue are not certain, said Wood, because receipts for Au-

gust are not yet complete. He said the funds for the jail will be "in excess of \$1 million."

Funding for the jail was first put before the voters in the May 25 primary election in the form of an \$11.8 million bond levy, which was defeated by the voters by a margin of about 8-7.

Following the defeat, the county revised the jail program and arrived at a plan for a \$8.9 million renovation project. The county is going back to the voters in the November election with another bond levy of \$8.9 million.

But the November levy was formed before the county knew of the timber funds. Wood explains the bond levy cannot be changed now that it is on the ballot, and if the levy passes, the timber money will be used in lieu of about \$1 million worth of the \$8.9 million bond.

If the ballot measure does not meet voter approval, Wood said the timber money will still be used toward jail improvements. He said he suspects that if the levy fails, court action may be brought against the county, forcing the improvement of the jail, possibly at the expense of other programs. He believes another possibility is the levy may be resubmitted to the voters in the event of failure in November.

The jail, originally constructed near the beginning of this century as a garage, did not actually become a jail until 1951. At that time, it was under the jurisdiction of the city, and did not become a county jail until 1973.

Wood believes the county has

moved quickly since that time to get the county jail in shape.

The jail was designed for a capacity of 80 persons, but the number of beds in the jail has since been increased to 126. If more than 126 persons are in the jail, some of them have to sleep on

the floor on mats. As of Wednesday, there were 153 persons in the jail — 30 persons short of the all-time high of 183. An average of 162 persons per day were in the jail during September.

Another possible source of funds for the project is federal

general revenue sharing funds. The county will be applying for some \$5 million for the jail. However, at the county commission's Oct. 6 meeting, Wood said after discussing the plan with federal officials, he is not optimistic about receiving the funds.

Five Solid Reasons You Should Buy This Receiver

Besides it's low sale price
and high quality

At Toad Hall Hi-Fi, we not only offer you high quality and low price, but we also extend your warranty protection. Our five year limited warranty will cover all parts and labor should your unit require repair during your first five years of ownership. There are some limitations on the warranty (it doesn't cover repairs when you throw the unit off Mt. Hood) so if you have any questions drop by Toad Hall for a copy of our warranty.



KR-5600 Stereo Receiver

40 Watts Per Channel, Min. RMS at 8 ohms,
20-20k Hz, no more than 0.5% total harmonic distortion

KENWOOD gives it to you straight, a no nonsense receiver with power, performance, and professional features. It's at the top of the list in stereo value!

NOW

COMPARE PRICE
COMPARE SELECTION
COMPARE SERVICE

\$299⁹⁵

ALSO ON SALE

KENWOOD
KD-1033 Belt-Drive turntable

A joy to operate, a joy to listen to, and last but not least, a very enjoyable price tag!



COMPARE PRICE
COMPARE SELECTION
COMPARE SERVICE

\$79⁹⁵

LESS CARTRIDGE

PRICES EFFECTIVE THROUGH OCTOBER 23, 1976
OPEN MON-THUR 10-6 FRIDAY 10-9 SATURDAY 9-5:30



HI-FI
DIVISION OF DAY'S TV, INC.

EUGENE 150 W BROADWAY 485-1262
CORVALLIS 922 NW KINGS BLVD 752-5601

GANTSY'S ICE CREAM

"over 50
homemade
flavors"

2 sundaes for the
price of one with
this coupon

1605 E. 19th



11:30
a.m.-11:00
p.m. 7 days a
week

484-2279

offer good through Oct. 20, 1976

Skeie's

Shimmer!

Add a little shimmer to your life with a 14k gold chain from Skeie's. In a variety of fashion-right styles and lengths. From \$20.00.

Skeie's Jewelers
1027 Willamette,
345-0354
Valley River Center,
342-4496

