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Voters OK city levy, fail school proposal

Clackamas County voters went to the polls Tuesday in a tight-fisted mood, approving only three levy requests countywide.

The city of Sandy was one of the lucky ones as voters narrowly approved its \$418,219 request.

Sandy Elementary District didn't fare as well with its budget request. Voters turned down the \$2.26 million levy by a 749-636 margin.

City officials were jubilant Monday as they counted themselves among the fortunate.

"I'm very happy that we had sufficient support to carry the election," Mayor Ruth Loundree said, "and that we will continue in the same vein as provided in the budget."

The failure of the countywide

senior serial levy changed the city's budgeting plans somewhat, but the result will not alter the way the city plans to operate.

There will be a meeting of the City Council and Budget Committee tonight at 7:30 p.m. to review the results of the election and finalize the 1982-83 budget.

"If the senior levy had carried, we would have revised our budget," Loundree said. "The only thing now, we just can't spread around the money which was budgeted for the senior center."

Had the senior serial levy been approved, the city would have had an additional \$28,582 to put into the city's operating expenses.

Loundree said the city will now place a tax base measure before the public at the November

general election.

"We have to do it whether we want to or not," she said. It has been mandated by the state that cities attempt to secure a tax base at regular intervals.

Had the senior serial levy passed, the city's senior center would have offered expanded services to parts of Boring, Damascus and Cottrell. Its operating budget would also have jumped some \$13,000.

At the elementary district, nothing had been decided Wednesday morning as to what the district will do now. Superintendent Clark Lund was not available for comment.

In the races for the district's board of education positions, incumbent Sharron Cox was re-

lected to fill out the remaining year on her appointed term. She outpolled Geraldine Richardson 566-503.

In the race for Position 5, a four-year term, retired Sandy teacher Dorothy Mills outdistanced two opponents. She polled 644 votes, Paul Hayball, 257, and William Lenon, 195.

CITY OF SANDY SPECIAL LEVY
Yes 232
No 222

SANDY ELEMENTARY DISTRICT LEVY
Yes 636
No 749

SANDY ELEMENTARY

DISTRICT BOARD POSITION NO. 4
Sharron M. Cox 566
Geraldine Richardson 503

SANDY ELEMENTARY DISTRICT BOARD POSITION NO. 5
Paul Hayball 257
William W. Lenon 195
Dorothy M. Mills 644

COTTRELL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POSITION NO. 4
Linda Loomis Unopposed

CLACKAMAS COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES LEVY
Yes 11,327
No 15,316

CLACKAMAS COUNTY ESD BOARD POSITION AT LARGE
Keith Lindahl 8,205
Steven Woodall 8,628

CLACKAMAS COUNTY ESD BOARD POSITION NO. 5
Clayton Wills Unopposed

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPECIAL LEVY
Yes 6,336
No 11,241

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT LARGE POSITION
Gladys Brooke Brooks 7,361
Glenn Otto 7,484

Students face suspension without shots

The number of students in the Sandy area who need immunizations is well below the state and county averages, according to a local school nurse.

A survey released last week indicated that 15 percent of Oregon student immunization records have been sent to the County Health Departments for secondary review. In Clackamas County, the number is 13 percent.

Meanwhile, only 8.3 percent of local students have had their immunization records sent to the County.

Sandy High School is running a little higher than that, said Joyce Kramer, school nurse for SUHS, Welches, Boring, Bull Run and Cottrell.

The elementary students are even further behind the statewide total, but that can be traced to recent emphasis on immunizations before entering school, she said.

The primary screening by schools was completed March 14. Records found to have incomplete immunizations or insufficient information and lists of students with no records were forwarded to the Clackamas County Health Department for the secondary review at that time, Kramer said.

On April 5, parents of all students determined to be in non-compliance with the new statewide Immunization Law will be mailed an Exclusion Order by the County Health Department.

This order officially notifies parents that unless necessary action is taken, his or her child will not be permitted to attend school on or after April 21.

Kramer said a County clinic that provides immunizations generally visits Sandy on the second Thursday of the month, April 8, which would give an opportunity to catch up on shots locally.

However, she said, the problem of getting everyone immunized is so new, "you're kind of making up the procedure as you go along."

There will be another immunization clinic at Sandy High School on April 14 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Parents are responsible to get their children immunized if they receive an Exclusion Order.

A student excluded for school on April 21 will be considered an unexcused absence. Nothing in law removes the responsibility of the school administrator to notify the district or county attendance supervisor of such unexcused absences.



Sandy police officer Ed King gathers information from a driver involved in this fender bender Tuesday afternoon at the intersection of Proctor

Boulevard and Meinig Avenue. There were no injuries. Names of the drivers were not available at press time.

Governor sets campaign stop at chamber

Gov. Vic Atiyeh, Sheriff Paul McAllister and Commissioner Stan Skoko will address the Sandy Chamber of Commerce this month.

Atiyeh's visit here will be noon, April 20, at Tollgate Inn for a reservations-only Chamber luncheon.

Luncheon tickets may be purchased at the door, but seating limitation of 80 persons necessitates reservations through the Chambers office, 668-4006.

Clackamas County Sheriff Paul McAllister will address the Chamber and visitors noon, April 13, at Tollgate Inn.

Clackamas County Commissioner Stan Skoko will visit Tollgate Inn noon, April 27.

Next Tuesday, Sandy Economic Development Commission Chairman George Morgan will address the Chamber on the Commission's three-year study.

The general public is welcome at these Chamber noon luncheon meetings, according to program chairman Darrell Dempster.

Water users fear \$1.75 million loan application

by MICHAEL P. JONES
Post Correspondent

A federal judge last week ordered the Farmers Home Administration to accept pre-application of a \$1.75 million loan by the Alder Creek Water Company's receiver.

FHA was ordered to accept the pre-application as if it came from the customers of the new five special water districts themselves.

The order, signed by U.S. District Judge Gus Solomon, modifies the original terms of the receivership of Gene Ginther who took over operations in September 1980.

The order instructs Ginther to "submit the pre-application to the Farmers Home Administration on behalf of the Alder Creek Water Companies and any district or districts which may be formed for the purpose of operating and controlling such drinking water systems."

The Alder Creek Water Users Association is calling the decision "Mt. Hood's own Aldergate."

"This is 'Aldergate' and there is no other way to describe it," said Jock Stewart, chairman of the association. "This is something that happens in Poland, not in the United States."

"Whoever heard of a federal judge initiating a process which could ram a loan down people's throats who don't want it in the first place?" he asked.

Stewart said the five special water districts will not be officially in operation until July. At that time the districts will prepare plans to correct problems or rebuild any of the systems, if need be.

No one has the right to go out and borrow money that somebody else will have to pay back, he said.

Stewart charged that Ginther is trying to recover money which he claims is owed from his acting as receiver. That figure is reportedly approximately \$200,000.

FHA EXPLAINS

Larry Spender, of FHA, said Marvin Price, Ginther's administrative assistant, filed part of the pre-application package March 9—two days before the Portland Metropolitan Boundary Commission approved the five water districts.

He said Price was informed at that time that Ginther is not eligible for an FHA loan because he doesn't qualify. The pre-application was submitted anyway.

To qualify, Spender said, the applicant "must be a legal entity," such as a water district, a cooperative, a non-profit corporation or any group that is non-profit.

Also, the applicant "must be currently serving a given rural water area whose facilities are located in that same rural area, with a population being served that is less than 10,000 persons."

"Mr. Ginther is not an eligible applicant and (he and the courts) are aware of it," Spender said. "(The pre-application form) is nothing but a piece of paper."

Although he has not seen the federal order, Spender said he would have concerns if such an order would require his agency to accept such an application.

My knowledge, nothing like this has ever happened, at least not in Oregon," he said.

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FHA Regional Attorney Arno Reifenberg, however, said his agency has no choice but to accept the federal order and the pre-application, however, that doesn't necessarily mean Ginther will get his \$1.75 million loan.

The water users, he said, "may be fearing too many devils" because

Ginther's move is only a pre-application, not the actual application.

According to Reifenberg, the FHA will talk to those who would pay back the loan and use the service.

He said the FHA "will not pay for a Cadillac system, when a Chevy will do the job."

Stewart disagrees. He contends that Reifenberg may be playing down the seriousness of the situation because "every story has a beginning."

Reifenberg said that in more than 30 years with the agency, he has seen nothing like this before.

"The question is," said Reifenberg, "can the federal court order Ginther to make an application and then order the FHA to accept the application, plus pay for not only Ginther's proposed water system, but all the money owed to him."

He doesn't believe FHA funds can be used to pay off a back debt.

Stewart, in the meantime, said the federal order unified the water customers and they are prepared to take the case all the way to the U.S. Court of Appeals, if need be.

He said the people are "raising money to battle 'Aldergate' right within the federal court system."

"This case deals with not only the violation of individual rights, but also states'. Here we have the federal government intervening in what is a state case since the new water districts are under state jurisdiction and the quality of the systems are under the state Health Department," Stewart said.

A hearing has been tentatively scheduled for U.S. District Court in 30 days to listen to the concerns of the water users.

Rhododendron woman in House race

Carolyn Smith, Democratic candidate for House District 23, got involved in Oregon politics "because our future generations are entitled to the same high-quality lifestyle that we have enjoyed."

Towards that goal, the Rhododendron resident said, "I would support legislation to encourage small businesses which are our economic backbone."

She said she would back all efforts to attract high-technology industry to the state which is compatible with Oregon's "high-quality way of life."

The state's greatest asset is the natural resources she said.

"I would encourage alternate forest products usage to diversify the industry and provide more jobs," Smith said.

She cited recovering and recycling

logging slash for both chips and fuel as an example of utilizing what is generally considered forest waste.

Quality education, Smith said, is essential to the state's economic growth. Diversified education, on both community and state levels, must be provided to secure people jobs, she said.

Smith said she supports services which allow the elderly, handicapped and disadvantaged "to help themselves."

She advocates the hospice program, in-home care, senior services and tax incentives for hiring the handicapped.

Smith wants a balanced budget, but would not support an "inequitable sales tax."

"I do not represent any special interest groups, but rather all the in-



Carolyn Smith

terests of the community," she said.

Smith is active in community activities. She is chairman of the Welches Community School Advisory Committee, a member of the Mountain Community Park Association.

She is also active in planning issues, serving on the steering committee for the Mt. Hood Natural Resources Coalition and serving as vice chairman for the Environmental Committee on Suitability.

A 1971 graduate of the University of California-Berkeley in political theory, Smith has been a resident of the new House District since 1974.

She operated a small business in Estacada for five years and said she learned first-hand the problems that small businessmen must deal with.

Smith has two sons, Nathan, 6, and Justin, 3.

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