

Group seeks a 5-member commission

by SCOTT MAGUIRE

A citizens group in Clackamas County has filed an initiative petition to enlarge the Board of County Commissioners from three to five.

Chief petitioners of the effort are Bev Henderson of Lake Oswego, Larry Sowa and Dave Spear, both of Oregon City. However, the Citizens for Responsible Government in Clackamas County, the political action group backing the petition, sports between 25 and 40 active members, said Cathy Johnson, the group's executive director.

Henderson, who ran unsuccessfully for the County Board in 1980 and 1982, said the current commission does not represent the diverse areas in the county.

"In all my travels when I was campaigning, people would say that there wasn't equal representation and that there should be five commissioners," she Henderson, who has served two terms on the Lake Oswego City Council.

The petition would designate specific districts for the five commissioners.

"The people in the mountain areas said the commissioners turned a deaf ear to them," Henderson said. The



BEV HENDERSON

same occurs in Tualatin and other remote areas. The county has 20 incorporated cities in its 1,800 square miles.

"All three of the present commissioners are close friends and live within a stone's throw of each other," Henderson said.

Johnson said two live in Gladstone and the third in Milwaukie, all within one square mile. The three commissioners, Dale Harlan, Bob Schumacher and Ed Lindquist are all elected at large.

Districts would be set up as follows:

- District 1 — Lake Oswego, West Linn, Tualatin, River Grove and parts between.
- District 2 — Oregon City, Canby, Barlow, Molalla, Wilsonville and parts between.
- District 3 — Gladstone, Johnson City, Redland, Beavercreek, Mulino and parts between.

- District 4 — Milwaukie, Overland Park and the surrounding area.
- District 5 — Clackamas, Damascus, Happy Valley, Boring, Sandy, Government Camp, Estacada and nearby areas.

Johnson believes that having districts would make commissioners more responsible to the citizens and make it easier for people to become a commissioner.

"In the last election it took 52,000 votes to get elected," she said. "With the districts, it would take some 11,000. They will have one-fifth the area to cover in a campaign. That should bring campaign expenses down."

Other provisions of the petition call for no increase in the county's budget for commissioners' salaries and benefits. The five commissioners would divide up what is presently being paid to three commissioners.

"The county commissioners here are the highest paid in the state," Johnson said. "In Multnomah County the five commissioners each make \$33,000. In Clackamas County they receive \$52,000 plus an outrageous benefits package. We feel we can cut that five ways."

Another provision would forbid commissioners from voting themselves a salary increase. Any change in the commissioners' salaries and benefits would have to be by county voters.

"When you stop and realize the state of Clackamas County and Oregon, economically, you wonder how they ended up with the highest pay," Johnson said. "They raised their own salaries. This would change that."

Spending for administration would also be limited to the same budget the commissioners have in May 1986, adjusted yearly according to the federal consumer price index.

The petition was filed with County Clerk Juanita Orr on Nov. 20. A 10-word ballot title was written by the District Attorney's office and returned to the citizens group on Friday, Johnson said. There is a 20-day appeal period for challenges to the ballot.

Johnson said her group intends to appeal the wording of the ballot title to Circuit Court because it doesn't explain the spending limits. However, she still expects to circulate petitions in popular shopping spots by Dec. 15.

The group has until mid-January to collect 6,162 valid signatures from registered voters in Clackamas County.

"The same plan without the salary limits was before the voters in 1978 and received 48.2 percent of the vote," Johnson said. "So I think we are within striking distance."

"But it's a crap shoot no matter what you do in the political arena," she added.

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Tri-Met board members are retained

The terms for all seven Tri-Met board members have been extended indefinitely after Gov. Vic Atiyeh failed to reappoint or replace the positions, which expired on Tuesday.

"No decision has been made and no deadline set," said Denny Miles, Atiyeh's press spokesman. "He'd like to do it as soon as possible but he wants to make sure he appoints the

best person."

Miles said it could be the end of December before a decision is reached. It is not known how many board members Atiyeh might replace. State law mandates that the governor appoint the Tri-Met board.

Gresham Mayor Margaret Weil, the East County representative on the board, said Tuesday she still believes the entire board should be replaced — including herself.

"It needs wholesale changes," said Weil, who announced in October that she won't seek reappointment. "There's too much to accomplish in 1986 and they're going to need credibility."

Weil said the board doesn't have support from the Legislature, the business community or transit rider groups. Weil was appointed to the board in 1984 to replace Bob Murray,

who died of a heart attack. She is the only board member who has said she won't seek another term.

Roy Porter, president of the Transit Riders Association, also said the board needs to be changed. "That'd be one positive step. We need a major shake-up on the board."

Porter, a Gresham resident, said he agrees with those who want Weil's replacement to be someone with a business background to relate Tri-Met's interests to the business community.

But Weil said it could be hard to find a representative. She said she spent nearly four weeks and talked to about 15 people to see if anyone was interested in the position. "They all said they weren't interested."

It didn't really surprise Weil that she couldn't find anyone for the board.

'Gift of Giving' theme of Joy Fellowship buffet

"The Gift of Giving" is the theme for the "Holiday Salad Buffet" at the Dec. 9 meeting of the Joy Fellowship.

Joy Fellowship is an extension of Women's Ministries at Sandy Assembly of God and is planned especially for the fellowship and enjoyment of women.

The buffet will begin at 6:45 p.m. instead of the usual 7 p.m. Speaker Joanne Smith will be sharing ideas on "Hospitality" for the holiday season. Mary Morey will be

demonstrating how to assemble live holiday arrangements and special music will be furnished by Geraldine Detherage. Her daughters, Linda Smith and Nancy Ridgeway, will be joining her for a trio as well.

Free baby-sitting will be provided and there is no charge for the buffet. Margaret Lamm, Joy Fellowship coordinator, extends an invitation to women in the community to attend. For more information call the church office at 668-5589.

Mt. Hood Literacy Council plans breakfast meeting

"Testing themselves on how they learn" is the subject members of the Mt. Hood Literacy Council will consider Saturday, Dec. 7 as they gather for a no-host breakfast.

Tutor-trainer Jeanne Gordon of Boring announced the program and says the group will meet at Heidi's Restaurant in Gresham at 9:15.

Trainer Gordon and apprenticeship trainer Dena Craig of Gresham attended the sessions in November at Portland State University on "How Adults Learn and How Teachers

Teach." Parts of the sessions will be used with council tutors at the Saturday breakfast.

Tutors and their students are reminded that the council's learning center in Gresham is open Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7 for use of any who need it. Free one-to-one tutoring for adults is provided, whether students are English speaking or non-English speaking. The center is located at the Salvation Army building, SE Fourth and Roberts streets.

Air Force reserve completes training course

Air Force Reserve Airman Jeanine A. Warren, daughter of John A. and Donna Warren of Eagle Creek, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force personnel specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Graduates of the course learned how to prepare personnel reports and records, and earned credits toward

an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Warren is scheduled to serve with the 939th Combat Support Squadron at Portland International Airport.

She is a 1985 graduate of Mount Hood Christian High School, Gresham.

Honor roll announced

The first-term honor roll was recently announced at Welches School.

Sixth graders on the honor roll were: Rebecca Bleisner, Derek Spires, Ariel Traasdaahl, Brad Piscadolo, Elizabeth Morrison, Shane Rountree and Jon Tuell.

Seventh graders: David Closner, Deana Hanke, Jennifer Deneen, Amy Lake, Jason Deneen and Danny Hawkins.

Eighth graders: Fernanco

Hodgson and Danielle Estes.

Sixth graders receiving honorable mention were: Rich Mayo, Heather Giuntini, Stacy Cabral, Troy Burks, Jason Martin, Jason Lewis and Anna Hutchison.

Seventh graders: Zac Traasdaahl, Kerry Gifford, Twana Reed, Michial Thornell, Jeremy Miller and Kristina Kraft.

Eighth graders: Jenny Smith, Travis Purkerson, Chris Fennell and Charley Wall.

Madagascar

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It's interesting that he isn't shy with the Malagasy kids, but with the Norwegian kids he is. I asked him why and he said, "because I can speak Malagasy but not Norwegian."

He's got a point there!

He also says he is getting as tan as his Malagasy friends because he was born here (the McKenzies also served as volunteers in Madagascar for six months in 1980).

The weather has finally warmed up and so we are going over to a local hotel for swimming in a really nice pool and we are all working on getting a tan so we won't die when we hit Ft. Dauphin in the South during the month of January. After only three letters from Brian we have given up waiting for mail and now await his arrival Nov. 29. We plan on visiting the dental school in Mahajanga at the same time as spending Thanksgiving

with the Jensen family, who are the first ALC missionaries in the north.

Hugs and kisses to all of you Wally, Kathy, Brian, Brad and Ethan

People who would like to write the McKenzies should address their letters to: B.P. 49, Antsirabe 110, Madagascar.

Two people left off list

Two people were inadvertently left off a list of names that appeared in an advertisement in last week's Sandy Post urging voters to support the Sandy Elementary School District's levy request. They were Gene Warren and Edsel Scheel.

Public notice

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