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TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEAK

Two meetings of utmost significance to Valley citizens will take place within the next two weeks. The first is the meeting of the Legislative Highway Interim committee in the Circuit Courtroom of the Court House in Grants Pass on April 14, at 10:00 a.m. Second is the county school budget meeting at the Illinois Valley High school on April 18, at 8:00 p.m.

The highways in the Illinois Valley are in very bad shape. They handle a large volume of traffic, and as summer advances traffic will get heavier. This will probably not improve the condition of the highways.

We live by our roads and highways in this country; other communities may argue the respective merits of rail-versus-truck shipments, but we have no such option —it's trucks or nothing.

Trucks are hard on highways. There are two solutions to the problem; do away with trucks, or beef up the highways to the point where they can accommodate truck traffic and keep them well-maintained thereafter .

The first alternative, of course, is ridiculous and untenable; people don't drive trucks for pleasure— those trucks, whatever they haul, are the back-bone of our economy and without them this rich Valley could not support 500 people.

The second proposal costs money — probably more money than most people realize. The government has money, but it hasn't enough. It has never had enough and it never will have enough. So instead of building gold-plated six-lane highways to everywhere, which it would probably like to do, the State Highway Commission tries to build and maintain highways where they are actually most needed—at least that's the theory of it. Our thesis, though perhaps we're prejudiced, is that nowhere in the state is highway work more urgently needed than in Josephine county and especially that portion of same known as the Illinois Valley.

U.S. 199 and the Caves highway need repairs for past and current damage, and a reasonable amount of work to forestall future damage. The treacherous, tortuous goat-trail up Hayes Hill should be eliminated, as should the Applegate bridge—both have served their original purpose and should have been replaced long years ago. Both are costing lives — lives which cannot be replaced by the entire state treasury.

As we mentioned before, trucks are hard on highways—but a lot of people overlook the fact that trucks pay to use the highways, and without trucks this country couldn't support the highway system it has today. A good many Valley citizens and firms operate trucks, and they know what we're talking about. The tax money paid in by truck operators is supposed to be used to repair the damage done by their trucks, with a little left over for new construction. We see a lot of trucks around here, and if they don't keep their licenses up they're soon telling the judge why. But we don't see any major repair work, outside the local section crew trying to keep up with the pot-holes. And new construction—are you kidding?

Well, the Valley doesn't need to be told that the highways are in bad shape. What we are telling you is that here is an opportunity to do something about it, or at least get some answers to your questions from the Highway Interim committee. They've got the facts and figures we don't have, and perhaps there is a good reason for this step-child treatment, though we may be permitted a doubt pending proof. A strong delegation should attend this meeting and present the Valley's case. It comes at a bad time of day for working people, but that can't be helped—this may be your last chance to get some action for the next two years. 10 a.m. Friday, April 14, at the Court House.

The second meeting is right here at home, in the high school auditorium. On Tuesday, April 18, at 8 p.m., a public meeting will be held by the budget committee to discuss and explain the county school budget for the year 1950-51.

This budget calls for an expenditure of more than $800,000, including interest and principal payments on bonded indebtedness, and this is the citizen's opportunity to have his questions answered before voting on the budget on April 29. As the figure shows, school business has become big business, and this is your chance to look at the books. Schools do not run themselves; they require the interest and support of the community's citizens, and it is every citizen's duty to attend this meeting and see how his money has been allotted for the various school functions.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of Josephine County School District of Josephine County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of the said district will be held at Fruitdale School on the 24th day of April, 1950, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal school year, beginning July 1, 1950, and ending June 30, 1951, hereinafter set forth, and to vote on the proposition of levying a district tax.

Notice of School Election Upon Question of Increasing Tax Levy Over Amount Limited by Section 11, Article XI, State Constitution

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the School District of Josephine County of Josephine County, State of Oregon, at the following school houses: Central, Dimmick, Fort Vannoy, Fruitdale, Galice, Hugo, Illinois Valley High School, Jerome Prairie, Kerby, Merlin, Murphy, New Hope, Oak Grove, O'Brien, Selma, Sunny Valley, Wilderville, Williams, and Wolf Creek; on April 29, 1950 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. P.S.T., in aforesaid school district, for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said district the question of increasing the tax levy for the year 1950-51 over the amount limited by section 11, Article XI, of the Constitution of Oregon.

The reasons for increasing such levy are: Increased number of pupils, increased costs of operating schools, additional tuition and to construct classrooms.

The amount of tax in excess of the 6% limitation, proposed to be levied for said year is $407,368.34.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1950.

MARGUERITE S. STANTON, District Clerk.

CHLORIS T. AXTELL, Chairman Board of Directors

BUDGET

SCHEDULE I — ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE CASH BALANCES

ITEM	Total All Funds	General Fund	Bond Interest and Sinking Fund
Estimated Receipts from			
1. Delinquent Taxes	$ 25,000.00	$ 25,000.00	$
2. County School Fund	39,200.00	39,200.00	
3. Basic School Support Fund	280,195.00	280,195.00	
4. State Irreducible School Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00	
5. Land Sales, Forest Rentals	1,000.00	1,000.00	
6. Rentals	720.00	720.00	
7. Other Sources	1,200.00	1,200.00	
8. Estimated Total Receipts	$	$349,815.00	$
9. Estimated Available Cash Balance or Deficit (Add Cash Balance—Deduct Deficit)			3,275.51
10. Estimated Total Receipts and Available Cash Balance or Deficit	$353,309.51	$349,815.00	$ 3,275.51

SCHEDULE II—GENERAL FUND — ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

ITEM	Elementary Schools	High Schools	Estimated Expenditures for the Ensuing School Year in Detail	Budget Allowance in Detail for the Current School Year, 1949-50	Expenditures for Two Fiscal Years Next Preceding the Current School Year: Detailed Expenditures for the Last Year of the Two-year Period 1948-49	First Year Give Yearly Totals 1947-48
I. General Control						
1. Personal service:						
(1) Superintendent	$ 4,000.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 6,500.00	$ 6,500.00	$ 6,000.00	$
(2) Clerk	2,635.00	1,315.00	3,950.00	3,950.00	3,750.00	
(3) Stenographers and other office assistants	3,600.00	1,320.00	4,920.00	4,800.00	2,337.50	
(4) Compulsory education and census	1,550.00	750.00	2,300.00	1,750.00	668.75	
2. Supplies	1,100.00	100.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	982.77	
3. Elections and publicity	760.00	200.00	960.00	1,500.00	1,136.42	
4. Legal service (clerk's bond, audit, etc.)	650.00	250.00	900.00	750.00	1,464.73	
5. Other expense of general control	1,600.00	600.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,418.99	
6. Total Expense of General Control	$ 15,895.00	$ 7,035.00	$ 22,930.00	$ 22,450.00	$ 18,759.16	$ 14,274.82
II. Instruction—Supervision						
1. Personal service:						
(1) Principals	$ 53,360.00	$ 5,181.00	$ 58,541.00	$ 60,454.00	$ 43,854.98	$
(4) Stenographers and other office assistants	4,140.00	1,260.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	2,522.50	
2. Supplies, principals and supervisors	225.00	75.00	300.00	300.00	174.18	
4. Other expense of supervision	1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00	900.00	815.87	
5. Total Expense of Supervision	$ 58,725.00	$ 6,716.00	$ 65,441.00	$ 67,054.00	$ 47,367.53	$ 5,867.54
III. Instruction—Teaching						
1. Personal service:						
(1) Teachers	$210.604.00	$ 34,945.00	$245,549.00	$232,881.00	$192,551.68	$
(2) Substitutes	3,000.00	500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,190.00	
2. Library supplies, repairs	100.00	50.00	150.00	100.00		
3. Supplies (chalk, paper, etc.)	8,000.00	1,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	5,792.90	
4. Textbooks	2,300.00	200.00	2,500.00	9,000.00	7,140.83	
5. Tuition to other districts	4,000.00	196,000.00	200,000.00	131,500.00	80,412.50	
6. Other expense of teaching	1,100.00	300.00	1,400.00	750.00	565.85	
7. Total Expense of Teaching	$229,104.00	$232,995.00	$462,099.00	$386,731.00	$289,653.76	$251,746.72
IV. Operation of Plant						
1. Personal service:						
(1) Janitors and other employees	$ 22,600.00	$ 2,400.00	$ 25,000.00	$ 28,945.00	$ 20,220.76	$
2. Janitors' supplies	4,250.00	750.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,471.88	
3. Fuel	15,000.00	3,000.00	18,000.00	17,000.00	13,118.01	
4. Light and power	6,500.00	1,500.00	8,000.00	5,000.00	5,624.54	
6. Telephone and Tel.	1,350.00	150.00	1,500.00	1,200.00	1,171.46	
7. Other expense of operation	525.00	75.00	600.00	600.00	176.87	
8. Total Expense of Operation	$ 50,225.00	$ 7,875.00	$ 58,100.00	$ 57,745.00	$ 45,783.52	$ 34,837.46
V. Maintenance and Repair						
1. Repair and maintenance of furniture and equipment	$ 3,500.00	$ 500.00	$ 4,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,187.73	$
2. Repair and maintenance of:						
(1) Buildings	15,000.00	1,000.00	16,000.00	6,000.00	4,308.15	
(2) Grounds and Irrigation	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	1,000.00	2,757.75	
3. Personal service	6,000.00	400.00	6,400.00	5,700.00	5,100.00	
4. Total Expense of Maintenance and Repairs	$ 27,000.00	$ 4,400.00	$ 31,400.00	$ 15,700.00	$ 15,353.63	$ 15,933.35
VI. Auxiliary Agencies						
1. Health service:						
(2) Supplies and other expenses	$ 900.00	$ 100.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 500.00	$ 420.32	$
2. Transportation of pupils:						
(1) Personal service	20,000.00	25,000.00	45,000.00	35,800.00	24,074.78	
(2) Supplies and other expenses	9,000.00	6,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00		
(3) Repair and replacement of busses	14,000.00	6,000.00	20,000.00	32,000.00	51,793.35	
3. Other auxiliary agencies:						
(1) Personal service—cooks	4,200.00	525.00	4,725.00	4,815.00		
(2) Supplies and other expenses	2,750.00	250.00	3,000.00	1,750.00	6,037.40	
4. Total Expense of Auxiliary Agencies	$ 50,850.00	$ 37,875.00	$ 88,725.00	$ 84,865.00	$ 82,325.85	$ 54,084.80
VII. Fixed Charges						
1. Insurance	$ 11,250.00	$ 3,750.00	$ 15,000.00	$ 12,140.00	$ 13,599.57	$
3. Other fixed charges:						
(2) Retirement	17,300.00	2,100.00	19,400.00	17,385.00	13,787.42	
4. Total Fixed Charges	$ 28,550.00	$ 5,850.00	$ 34,400.00	$ 29,525.00	$ 27,386.99	$ 15,954.65
VIII. Capital Outlays						
1. New sites	$ 1,000.00	$	$ 1,000.00	$ 5,000.00	$	$
2. New buildings	36,000.00		36,000.00	15,000.00		
4. New furniture, equipment and replacements	2,750.00	250.00	3,000.00	200.00		
5. Assessments for betterments					43,364.35	
6. Other capital outlays:						
(1) Library books	1,500.00	500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		
(2) Playground equipment	4,500.00	500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		
(3) Wells and pumphouses	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
7. Total Capital Outlays	$ 46,750.00	$ 1,250.00	$ 48,000.00	$ 28,200.00	$ 43,364.35	$135,061.56