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Let all areas of this county pull together to show we need this service by sending in our dollars soon. A copy of this let-

ter is being sent to all other county newspapers, but not everyone subscribes, so please ask your neighbors to help pass the word and ask for help from any organization that you attend. Residents of incorporated cities, are you too complacent over your city government being able to send your donation for you? Some won't be able, so maybe you could spare ColCo a dollar. Let us surprise them with support. Send your donations to the following address listed below.

ColCo Transportation, Columbia County Council of Seniors, P O Box 141, 277 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051.

**Blanche Bangsund  
Deer Island**

**County fair and parks not well managed**

the Editor:

In November, 2000, our Board of County Commissioners (BOC) submitted three

levies for voter approval that were not well thought out, especially the Fair Levy.

1. By state law (ORS 565.330), the fair may include a levy sum not to exceed 1-160th of 1% of Real Market Value (RMV) for fair purposes. The recent (failed) levy requested a total of \$1,526,109 over 5 years. The first year's tax would have been \$289,641; that's \$71,762 over the state mandated amount. You do the math for the remaining 4 years! They're not following State ORS law.

2. The historic society's levy looked as though they were requesting \$750,000 over 5 years; not \$150,000.

3. The depletion fee levy mentioned "minor housekeeping" amendments without even outlining what those changes might be and losing more money in the coffers, to boot.

Commissioner comments were that the voters did not understand the measures. Given the inaccurate language on the

levies, the Commissioners were incompetent and responsible for their failure!

The BOC keep saying they have no control or power over the Fair Board. This simply is not true! Under ORS 565.230, "the Fair Board has the exclusive management of the ground...and entrusted with the entire business management and financial and other affairs of such fair." However, the BOC appoints the Fair Board and approves the Fair Budget and their business expenses. Question: do we need a secretary who makes \$40,000 per year (plus benefits), who recommends a \$40,000 feasibility study that the Fair Board should be making themselves?

In 1988, the property known as Asbury Acres was donated to the County (not the Fair). In 1997, it was designated a County Park by the County - and the City of St. Helens agreed with the designation. In 1998, a proposal to establish a

systems development charge was submitted to provide funding to create and maintain a park at Asbury Acres. Once again, the BOC has drug their feet. Now they're proposing a zone change from FA-19 to CSR and CSI, which, if approved, would allow the Fair to use Asbury Acres as a parking lot! FA-19 allows for parks. When the budget is so short, why is the County so anxious to spend \$1,500 for an application for a zone change?

Let's follow the wishes of the donating family and make it a park where children can play.

Finally, why aren't the BOC spending as much time and effort trying to come up with a solution to the County Parks' budget constraints? Are you aware that in three years there will be no money to fund our County Parks? In other words, there will be no County Parks. People of Columbia County - do you want this to happen?

**Thelma Bonar  
Warren**

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**FORM ED-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

A meeting of the School Board of Directors will be held on June 28, 2001 at 7:30 a.m. at 475 Bridge Street, Vernonia OR. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001 as approved by the Vernonia School District 47J Budget Committee.

A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at School District Office 475 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is  consistent;  not consistent with the basis of accounting used during the preceding year. Major changes, if any, and their effect on the budget, are explained below.

County Columbia City Vernonia Chairperson of Governing Body Jeff Blum Telephone Number (503) 429-5891

FINANCIAL SUMMARY		
	Adopted Budget This Year - 2000-2001	Approved Budget Next Year - 2001-2002
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		
1. Total Instruction	3,187,911	3,452,900
2. Total Support Services	2,222,164	2,589,563
3. Total Enterprise and Community Services	159,727	150,200
4. Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction	93,500	181,000
5. Total Other Uses (includes Debt Service and Transfers)	245,775	187,000
6. Total Contingencies	62,000	73,070
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	-0-	-0-
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	70,000	77,000
9. Total Requirements - add lines 1 through 8	6,041,077	6,710,733
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	4,824,327	5,403,433
11. Total Property Taxes to be Received	1,216,750	1,307,300
12. Total Resources - add lines 10 and 11	6,041,077	6,710,733
13. Total Property Taxes to be Received (line 11)	1,216,750	1,307,300
14. Plus: Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received		
A. Loss Due to Constitutional Limits	30,000	40,000
B. Discounts Allowed, Other Uncollected Amounts	120,000	189,496
15. Total Tax Levy - add lines 13 and 14	1,366,750	1,536,796
	Rate or Amount	Rate or Amount
16. Permanent Rate Limit Levy (rate limit)	5.0121	5.0121
17. Local Option Taxes	-0-	-0-
18. Levy for Payment of Bonded Debt	-0-	-0-

**STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS**  
 None  As Summarized Below  None  As Summarized Below

PUBLISH BELOW ONLY IF COMPLETED	
Estimated Debt Outstanding at the Beginning of the Budget Year	Estimated Debt Authorized, Not Incurred at the Beginning of the Budget Year
July 1, 2001-2002 Approved Budget Year	July 1, 2001-2002 Approved Budget Year
Long-Term Debt	
Bonds	
Interest Bearing Warrants	
Other	
Total Indebtedness	

Short-Term Debt			
This budget includes the intention to borrow in anticipation of revenue ("Short-Term Borrowing") as summarized below:			
FUND LIABLE	Estimated Amount to be Borrowed	Estimated Interest Rate	Estimated Interest Cost
	435,000	3.35	14,573

**FORM ED-2 FUNDS NOT REQUIRING A PROPERTY TAX TO BE LEVIED**

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Name of Fund	Actual Data Last Year 1999-00	Adopted Budget This Year 2000-01	Approved Budget Next Year 2001-02
<b>200-FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
1. Total Instruction	184,339	184,056	257,885
2. Total Support Services	10,452	10,452	10,417
3. Total Enterprise and Community Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
4. Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-0-	-0-	-0-
5. Total Other Uses	-0-	-0-	-0-
6. Total Contingencies	-0-	-0-	-0-
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	-0-	-0-	-0-
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	-0-	-0-	-0-
9. Total Requirements	194,791	194,508	268,302
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	194,791	194,508	268,302
<b>215-OYCC GRANT FUND</b>			
1. Total Instruction	99,354	48,700	33,000
2. Total Support Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
3. Total Enterprise and Community Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
4. Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-0-	-0-	-0-
5. Total Other Uses	-0-	-0-	-0-
6. Total Contingencies	-0-	-0-	-0-
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	-0-	-0-	-0-
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	-0-	-0-	-0-
9. Total Requirements	99,354	48,700	33,000
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	122,656	48,700	33,000

Name of Fund	Actual Data Last Year 1999-00	Adopted Budget This Year 2000-01	Approved Budget Next Year 2001-02
<b>220-OTHER STATE GRANTS</b>			
1. Total Instruction	30,891	28,204	27,802
2. Total Support Services	6,516	8,255	15,998
3. Total Enterprise and Community Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
4. Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-0-	-0-	-0-
5. Total Other Uses	-0-	-0-	-0-
6. Total Contingencies	-0-	-0-	-0-
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	-0-	-0-	-0-
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	-0-	-0-	-0-
9. Total Requirements	37,407	36,459	43,800
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	39,146	36,459	43,800

Name of Fund	Actual Data Last Year 1999-00	Adopted Budget This Year 2000-01	Approved Budget Next Year 2001-02
<b>410-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>			
1. Total Instruction	-0-	-0-	-0-
2. Total Support Services	33,883	23,300	35,000
3. Total Enterprise and Community Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
4. Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-0-	-0-	-0-
5. Total Other Uses	-0-	-0-	-0-
6. Total Contingencies	-0-	-0-	-0-
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	-0-	-0-	-0-
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	-0-	-0-	-0-
9. Total Requirements	33,883	23,300	35,000
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	33,883	23,300	35,000

Name of Fund	Actual Data Last Year 1999-00	Adopted Budget This Year 2000-01	Approved Budget Next Year 2001-02
<b>420-CAPITAL RESERVE FUND</b>			
1. Total Instruction	-0-	-0-	-0-
2. Total Support Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
3. Total Enterprise and Community Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
4. Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction	132,497	93,500	181,000
5. Total Other Uses	-0-	-0-	-0-
6. Total Contingencies	-0-	-0-	-0-
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	-0-	-0-	-0-
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	-0-	-0-	-0-
9. Total Requirements	132,497	93,500	181,000
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	137,223	93,500	181,000

Name of Fund	Actual Data Last Year 1999-00	Adopted Budget This Year 2000-01	Approved Budget Next Year 2001-02
<b>501-FOOD SERVICE FUND</b>			
1. Total Instruction	-0-	-0-	-0-
2. Total Support Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
3. Total Enterprise and Community Services	154,155	159,727	150,200
4. Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-0-	-0-	-0-
5. Total Other Uses	-0-	-0-	-0-
6. Total Contingencies	-0-	-0-	-0-
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	-0-	-0-	-0-
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	-0-	-0-	-0-
9. Total Requirements	154,155	159,727	150,200
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	154,155	159,727	150,200

Name of Fund	Actual Data Last Year 1999-00	Adopted Budget This Year 2000-01	Approved Budget Next Year 2001-02
<b>700-STUDENT BODY FUNDS</b>			
1. Total Instruction	134,827	150,000	150,000
2. Total Support Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
3. Total Enterprise and Community Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
4. Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-0-	-0-	-0-
5. Total Other Uses	-0-	-0-	-0-
6. Total Contingencies	-0-	-0-	-0-
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	-0-	-0-	-0-
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	-0-	-0-	-0-
9. Total Requirements	134,827	150,000	150,000
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	172,230	150,000	150,000

**FORM ED-3 FUNDS REQUIRING A PROPERTY TAX TO BE LEVIED**

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Name of Fund	Actual Data Last Year 1999-00	Adopted Budget This Year 2000-01	Approved Budget Next Year 2001-02
<b>100-GENERAL FUND</b>			
1. Total Instruction	2,671,261	2,776,951	2,984,213
2. Total Support Services	2,074,089	2,180,157	2,528,148
3. Total Enterprise and Community Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
4. Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-0-	-0-	-0-
5. Total Other Uses	171,479	245,775	187,000
6. Total Contingencies	-0-	62,000	73,070
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	-0-	-0-	-0-
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	-0-	70,000	77,000
9. Total Requirements	4,916,829	5,334,883	5,849,431
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	3,881,534	4,118,133	4,542,131
11. Property Taxes to be Received	1,094,964	1,216,750	1,307,300
12. Total Resources (add lines 10 and 11)	4,976,498	5,334,883	5,849,431
13. Property Taxes to be Received (from line 11)			
14. Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received			
A. Loss Due to Constitutional Limit		30,000	40,000
B. Discounts Allowed, Other Uncollected Amounts		120,000	189,496
15. Total Tax Levy (add lines 13 and 14)		1,366,750	1,536,796
		Rate or Amount	Rate or Amount
16. Permanent Rate Limit Levy (rate limit)		5.0121	5.0121
17. Local Option Tax		-0-	-0-
18. Levy for Payment of Bonded Debt		-0-	-0-