

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

An Order of the Board of County)	
Commissioners of Multnomah County,)	
Oregon calling a Measure Election to submit)	
to the electors of the County the question of)	
contracting general obligation bonded)	ORDER NO. 96 - 38
indebtedness to finance certain Public Safety)	
facilities and equipment, to obtain permanent)	
financing on other such facilities, and to)	
provide for the acquisition of land for such)	
facilities in an amount not to exceed \$79,700,000)	

WHEREAS, Multnomah County engaged a broad range of public stakeholders and community members in a year long public safety planning process to address the public safety needs in Multnomah County; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 95-239 states the Board will forward for public review a plan to issue General Obligation Bonds to finance various public safety facilities and refinance other such facilities; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 95-190 adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on August 31, 1995, authorized the County to obtain a line of credit to fund a 64 bed expansion of the Juvenile Justice Complex on an interim basis, the Resolution listed as an option that the County would pay off the line of credit with general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, based on the above considerations, the Board of County Commissioners is considering submitting the question of issuing general obligation bonds to a vote of the electors of the County on May 21, 1996, in an amount not to exceed \$79,700,000 to finance the following:

1. Constructing and equipping a new 210 bed jail facility and acquiring land.
2. Expanding the Inverness Jail by 120 beds and equipping the expansion.
3. Constructing or acquiring and equipping two 75 bed (150 beds total) alcohol and drug treatment center(s) and acquiring land.
4. Modifying the Courthouse Jail, Multnomah County Detention Center and Inverness Jail Release Center.

5. Providing for computer equipment and technology infrastructure for criminal records processing and tracking.
6. Providing permanent financing for the 64 bed expansion of the existing Juvenile Justice Complex.
7. Constructing or acquiring and equipping facilities to assist abused children.
8. Providing for bond issuance costs and underwriter fees related to the issuance of general obligation bonds.

WHEREAS, State Law requires the calling and holding of a public hearing concerning the proposal to submit the measure to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners convened a public hearing on March 12, 1996 and publication of such notice was published in the Oregonian by the County on February 25, 1996 and March 3, 1996.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The measure election is hereby called for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the County the question of contracting a general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$79,700,000. The general obligation bond proceeds will be used to finance the following:
 - a) Constructing and equipping a new 210 bed jail facility and acquiring land.
 - b) Expanding the Inverness Jail by 120 beds and equipping the expansion.
 - c) Constructing or acquiring and equipping two 75 bed (150 beds total) alcohol and drug treatment center(s) and acquiring land.
 - d) Modifying the Courthouse Jail, Multnomah County Detention Center and Inverness Jail Release Center.
 - e) Providing for computer equipment and technology infrastructure for criminal records processing and tracking.
 - f) Providing permanent financing for the 64 bed expansion of the existing Juvenile Justice Complex.
 - g) Constructing or acquiring and equipping facilities to assist abused children.

- h) Providing for bond issuance costs and underwriter fees related to the issuance of general obligation bonds.
2. That the measure election hereby called shall be held by the County on May 21, 1996.
 3. That the Ballot Title attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is adopted and incorporated herein.
 4. The Voters Pamphlet Statement attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is adopted and incorporated herein.
 5. The County Clerk of Multnomah County, Oregon shall conduct the election and shall cause the Notice of Measure Election to be published in accordance with the laws of the state of Oregon.

APPROVED this 12th day of March, 1996.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By

Beverly Stein
Beverly Stein, Chair

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EXHIBIT A

Public Safety Bond

Caption

Bonds to expand adult, juvenile corrections facilities; improve criminal tracking.

Question

Shall Multnomah County build jails, booking and corrections facilities; strengthen criminal tracking, by issuing \$79.7 million in General Obligation Bonds?

If bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property not subject to the limits of section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution .

Summary

Bonds used for:

- Ending early unsupervised release of prisoners by constructing, expanding jails, acquiring land;
- Allowing police to quickly book suspects, return to patrol;
- Secure beds for mandatory substance abuse treatment for offenders;
- Restructuring computer systems of police, corrections, prosecutors, courts for tighter criminal tracking.
- Financing additional juvenile beds
- Facilities to assist abused children.

Measure authorizes up to \$79.7 million Multnomah County General Obligation bonds maturing in 30 years or less. Cost estimate: 18 cents per \$1,000 assessed value, about \$28 annually on typical home.

EXHIBIT B

Public Safety Bond Explanatory Statement

The Multnomah County Public Safety Bond authorizes the sale of up to \$79.7 million general obligation bonds to pay for facilities that will improve public safety.

What Measure 26-45 Will Do

Measure 26-45 will fund a balanced approach to making our community safer. The increase in jail space would allow the Sheriff to end unsupervised releases due to lack of space, meaning that criminals will actually serve time. It would restructure booking and tracking facilities to make the system more effective and accountable. The bond would fund added capacity to the juvenile system to respond to dangerous juvenile offenders. It also pursues crime prevention by effective intervention in substance abuse and child abuse and neglect.

Increased Jail Beds to End Unsupervised Early Release of Prisoners

The bonds will build a new 210 bed jail and a 120 bed expansion at Inverness Jail. This responds to a 47% increase in criminal bookings in Multnomah County over the past five years (28,702 in 1991 to 42,288 in 1995.) During the same period of time, the number of jail beds has increased by only 10% (1,331 in 1991 to 1,461 in 1995).

As a result, last year the Sheriff was forced to release about 3,700 prisoners with no supervision simply because there was no room in the jails. Based on current trends, the bonds to build new jail beds will end the unsupervised release of prisoners due to lack of space.

Secure Treatment Facilities for Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Treatment of Offenders

The bonds will pay for two, 75 bed secure facilities which respond to a lack of resources for treatment of offenders whose substance abuse is a factor in their repeated criminal activity.

Computer Systems and High-Tech Equipment for Tighter Tracking of Criminals

The bonds will pay for restructured and upgraded computer and technology systems that will link police, corrections, prosecutors and courts to more tightly track criminals throughout the criminal justice system.

Restructured Booking Facilities To Eliminate Long Delays For Police

The bonds will pay for completely restructured booking and transport facilities, which respond to bottlenecks in the current system which often lead to hours-long lines of police waiting to book suspects, keeping them off the streets and away from their other law-enforcement duties.

Expansion of the Juvenile Justice Complex

The bonds will fund the 64 bed expansion of the Juvenile Justice Complex, which responds to the increase in dangerous crime by juveniles.

Child Abuse Center

The bonds will pay for a Child Abuse Center that responds to increased victimization of children, and the excess amount of time many children spend in police custody waiting for placement and evaluation. The facility will co-locate several important services to abused and neglected children to cut long waits and insure children's safety and care.