

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)	ORDER NO. 96-37
the question of contracting general obligation)	
bonded indebtedness to finance certain)	
Library facilities, land and equipment)	

WHEREAS, several Multnomah County branch Library facilities need major improvements, additions or replacement; and

WHEREAS, as several other branch library facilities need major improvements and modifications; and

WHEREAS, computer equipment, library resources, technology and computer infrastructure are needed to augment and replace the outdated systems currently being used; and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 \$29,000,000. The proceeds of the general obligation bonds will finance the following:

1. Providing for computer equipment, library resources, and technology infrastructure for the Library system .
2. Acquiring land and modifying , reconstructing, constructing or making improvements to several branch library facilities.
3. Bond proceeds would also be used for bond issuance costs and underwriter fees related to the issuance of the 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 \$29,000,000. The general obligation bond proceeds will be used to finance the following:

- a) Providing for computer equipment, library resources and technology infrastructure for the Library system.
 - b) Acquiring land and modifying , reconstructing, constructing or making improvements to several branch library facilities.
 - c) Bond proceeds would also be used for bond issuance costs and underwriter fees related to the issuance of the 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

REVIEWED:
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for MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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EXHIBIT A

Library Bond

Caption

Bonds to repair library branches; improve access to computers, technology.

Question

Shall Multnomah County repair, improve deteriorated branch libraries; increase access to computer technology; issue \$29 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

Improve county library branches:

- Repair deteriorated branches including roofs, electrical and heating systems in libraries throughout the county;
- Renovate busiest branch libraries: Hillsdale, St. Johns, Belmont, Hollywood
- Upgrade library computer systems, provide public Internet access, improve student access to library resources during school hours.

Measure authorizes up to \$29 million Multnomah County General Obligation Bonds to enhance library facilities, acquire land. Bonds mature in 30 years or less. Cost estimate approximately 7 cents per \$1,000 assessed value annually. Typical home pays about \$10 per year.

EXHIBIT B

LIBRARY BOND EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Multnomah County Library system includes downtown's historic Central Library, the Gresham Library, the Midland Library and 12 more branch libraries located throughout Multnomah County. It is our community's most significant information and education resource, open to all.

The system is excellent, but aging. Many facilities are reaching the end of their useful lives, and new information technology has outstripped the Library's ability to keep up. Two problems have already been solved: renovation of the historic Central library will be completed in early 1997; and the new Midland Branch opens in June, 1996. Now we need to repair and enhance our other 12 libraries to complete the upkeep and improvement of our library system.

PROTECTING OUR VALUABLE INVESTMENT

Over the years, citizens have made a significant investment in our libraries. This bond would protect that investment by making needed repairs to a number of library buildings. Deteriorated roofs must be replaced. Heating, cooling and electrical systems for many branches are obsolete, and will be replaced as well. These and other repairs will not only fix the immediate, urgent problems, but will also provide ongoing operational cost savings due to more energy efficient systems.

IMPROVING PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The best library in the world is of little use if the public cannot get to what's inside. A vast amount of information is available today, including access to the information highway beyond the walls of the library, if you have the technology to gain access to it. This bond would increase access to library materials for those who come in to one of our buildings or those who dial-in, through:

- **Purchase computers and upgrade technology** infrastructure systems and equipment to allow public access to information electronically. This means many more people will have access to much more information in much less time -- getting better use of library resources.
- **Internet access** will allow citizens free admission to the information highway. The public will have worldwide information at their fingertips in every branch and by dialing in to the library's computer system from home, school and work.

HOOKING UP WITH THE SCHOOLS

Our community faces great challenges in giving our young people a quality education. This bond will help. This measure will provide direct connections between the library and Multnomah County schools, making our community's best information resources more available to the students who need it, and helping the schools do their job.

HELPING OUR MOST CROWDED BRANCHES

This bond measure will help all branches in the system. However, four in particular have been stressed to the breaking point. The Hollywood, Hillsdale, Belmont and St. Johns branches have serious deficiencies, and are far busier than their structures can handle. The library bond will allow major renovation and/or construction at these locations so they can better meet the needs of the community.

The Library Bond would cost about 7 cents per \$1000 of assessed value. That is about \$10 per year for the owner of a typical home.