

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY

In the Matter of a Planning Process to) RESOLUTION
Develop a Corrections Levy for March) 92-164

WHEREAS, the current operation of the Inverness Jail is almost entirely supported by a three year serial levy which expires on June 30, 1993. However, because of Measure 5 the county did not receive sufficient funds to fully operate the facility or to open the 120 planned alcohol and drug residential beds with levy receipts. Consequently, the County subsidizes the Jail with \$1,800,000 in general fund revenues and has opened only 80 of the 120 alcohol and drug beds, and

WHEREAS, the Inverness Jail holds 514 inmates. Renewal of the Inverness levy at available funding levels under the Measure 5 limitation allow operation of only approximately half of the existing facility, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's office had anticipated leasing 172 jail beds in 1991-2 to the Federal Marshal for the detention of prisoners awaiting trial. Because of a change in plans by the Marshal, the Sheriff now estimates the Marshal will only use 125, resulting in a \$1,600,000 shortfall in 1992-3, and

WHEREAS, the enactment of a utility tax to fund library services will allow Multnomah County to submit a five year corrections levy to the voters in an amount up to \$23,800,000 without impacting funding and services to the City, Schools, and other local governmental units, and

WHEREAS, projected state budget reductions and county shortfalls have resulted in the Department of Community Corrections having a deficit of approximately \$800,000, and

WHEREAS, the severity of the proposed state reductions in corrections demand that counties plan for fewer state prison beds and reduced funding for community corrections, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's office and Department of Community Corrections have been engaged in cooperative planning for the establishment of Day Reporting Centers within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners asks the Sheriff's office and Department of Community Corrections to develop jointly a corrections levy for possible submission to County voters in March, 1993. A draft plan should be available to the Board by November 10, 1992.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of the levy should not exceed \$23,800,000 and that consideration be given to:

- the continuation of funding the Inverness Jail
- expansion of secure alcohol and drug beds to 120
- establishment of Day Reporting Centers
- local sanctions for Hispanic offenders
- other effective local sanctions



ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1992

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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