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1 **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Paul A. Hanneman, Chairperson
2 Charles J. Hurliman, Vice Chairperson
3 Tim Josi, Commissioner
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5 **STAFF PRESENT:** Paul Levesque, Management Analyst
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7 **STAFF PRESENT FOR PORTIONS OF MEETING:** Laurie Ammerman, Public Health; Sheila
8 Lawson, Library Clerk; Sara Charlton, Library Director; Lon Meisenhelder & Sarah Beeler, Library;
9 Karen Dye, Treasurer; Craig Schwinck, Human Resources & Information Services Director; John
10 Robinson, Health Department Administrator; Ron Wallace, Assistant Health Department
11 Administrator; Tim Lutz, Assessor/Tax Collector; Del Schleichert, Parks Director; Tassi O'Neil,
12 County Clerk; Judge Neal Lemery
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14 **GUESTS:** Ken O'Toole, Headlight Herald; Tom O'Dea, AFSCME; Gus Meyer, John Gettman
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16 **CALL TO ORDER:** By Chair Hanneman at 9:03 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
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18 **ITEM NO. 1: WELCOME & REQUEST TO SIGN GUEST LIST:** The Chair welcomed
19 everyone to the meeting.
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21 **ITEM NO. 2: PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Update on Paroquat**
22 **Poisoning of Animals:** Ms. Ammerman updated the Board on the paroquat poisoning of dogs on
23 the Manzanita beach. There were now 14 suspected cases, with seven deaths. Commissioner
24 Hurliman asked that anyone with information contact the Manzanita Police Department. Ms.
25 Ammerman said it may be a malicious act as the paroquat was a commercial product requiring
26 licensing. She said that if anyone finds something suspicious, they should not touch it with their
27 hands.
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29 **ITEM NO. 3: EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR SEPTEMBER - SHEILA LAWSON.**
30 **LIBRARY:** Commissioner Josi read the press release. The Board presented Ms. Lawson with the
31 award plaque and the gift certificate.
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33 **ITEM NO. 4: CONSENT CALENDAR:**
34 **Board of Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for August 2, 9, 23, 25, 30 & September 1,**
35 **2004;**

36 **Commission Proceedings for August, 2004:** Commissioner Hurliman moved to approve
37 the items in the Consent Calendar, Commissioner Josi seconded, passed with three aye votes.
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39 [The items were signed later in the day.]
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41 **ITEM NO. 5: CONSIDERATION OF MODIFICATION #1 TO AGREEMENT WITH**
42 **TILLAMOOK COUNTY OSU EXTENSION SERVICE TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR**
43 **THE 2003-04 TITLE III 4-H FOREST EDUCATION PROJECT:** Commissioner Hurliman

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1 explained the need for the amendment so the 4-H project could purchase a computer.

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3 Commissioner Hurliman moved to sign the modification, Commissioner Josi seconded, passed with
4 three aye votes.

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6 The Commissioners signed Modification #1.

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8 **ITEM NO. 6: CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED TOTAL HIRING FREEZE UNTIL**
9 **AFTER THE NOVEMBER 2 GENERAL ELECTION AND VOTER DETERMINATION ON**
10 **BALLOT MEASURE 34 - THE "50-50" FOREST INITIATIVE:** Chair Hanneman said this item
11 originated from the Board's concerns. Commissioner Josi said Measure 34 would have dire
12 consequences for the County of approximately 25% of the General Fund budget.

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14 Mr. Schwinck said a blanket hiring freeze would not address the issue because of the nature of
15 needed services. There were presently seven openings. Two were for deputy positions, for which
16 overtime was being paid to cover the gaps. He noted that the Board was currently paying a
17 temporary person who was on a 150-days of work per year limitation. He added that operations had
18 become more and more frugal in recent years. A management roundtable would be held on October
19 15. The Treasurer would prepare an analysis for that meeting.

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21 Chair Hanneman said every employee needed to be an ambassador outside the County to encourage
22 people to vote against Measure 34. Commissioner Hurliman said employees needed to educate
23 themselves.

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25 Mr. O'Dea said people outside of the County saw this as a good measure. He also agreed with Mr.
26 Schwinck's comments.

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28 Mr. O'Dea said he had met with employees at the Health Department, and there was an unbearable
29 toll being taken on those employees. He encouraged the Commissioners to visit that Department.
30 Chair Hanneman said there would be another workshop on the Department's financial issues on
31 Monday, September 20. He invited Mr. O'Dea to attend.

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33 Chair Hanneman said it appeared from the comments by the other Commissioners that no action
34 would be taken today on the hiring freeze.

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36 Mr. Robinson said Measure 34 would be devastating. Other than a \$74,000 contribution from the
37 General Fund, the Health Department was State and Federal grant funded, so they would be without
38 much impact from the Measure. Four of their five open positions were revenue-generating, with the
39 fifth being a Chief Financial Officer. He outlined the budget forecast and the debt to the General
40 Fund. He was encouraged about the budget.

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42 Mr. Wallace said that for several months they had worked on a plan that increased revenues and
43 reduced expenses. A hiring freeze would devastate the plan. He discussed the importance of the two

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1 new proposed nurse practitioner positions. The cost of rental cost of doctors had contributed to the
2 financial problem.

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4 Commissioner Josi said he agreed with Mr. Robinson's comments, but if Measure 34 passed it
5 would have an impact by the loss of jobs in the woods and those people ending up at the Health
6 Department for their medical care.

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8 Chair Hanneman read the letter to the Headlight Herald Editor from Maryanne Gest, Chief Petitioner
9 for Measure 34, and commented that she did not understand how schools were financed.
10 Commissioner Josi felt she did understand, but was deliberately lying to the voters.

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12 Commissioner Josi discussed his presentation on Measure 34 the previous evening in Astoria.

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14 **ITEM NO. 7: BOARD CONCERNS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chair
15 Hanneman read the letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers supporting the Port of Tillamook
16 Bay's development project.

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18 Commissioner Josi moved to sign the letter, Commissioner Hurliman seconded, passed with three
19 aye votes.

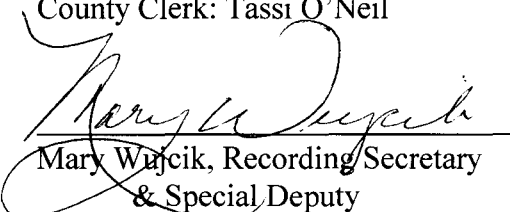
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21 The Commissioners signed the letter.

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23 **ITEM NO. 8: PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no comments.

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25 Chair Hanneman announced the Kilchis meeting on Friday, September 17. He adjourned the
26 meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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28 **RESPECTFULLY** submitted this 13 day of October 2004.

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30 County Clerk: Tassi O'Neil

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33 Mary Wujcik, Recording Secretary
34 & Special Deputy
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37 **APPROVED BY:**

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40 Paula Hanneman Paula Hanneman Maryanne Gest
41 Chairperson Vice Chairperson Commissioner
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AMENDED

CALL TO ORDER: Wednesday, September 15, 2004

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. 9:00 a.m. Welcome & Request to Sign Guest List
2. Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items
3. Employee Recognition for September – Sheila Lawson, Library

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Board of Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for August 2, 9, 23, 25, 30, & September 1, 2004
Commission Proceedings for August, 2004

LEGISLATIVE – ADMINISTRATIVE

5. Consideration of Modification #1 to Agreement with Tillamook County OSU Extension Service to Amend the Budget for the 2003-04 Title III 4-H Forest Education Project
6. Consideration of a Proposed Total Hiring Freeze until after the November 2 General Election and Voter Determination on Ballot Measure 34 – the “50-50” Forest Initiative
7. Board Concerns - Non-Agenda Items & Announcements
8. Public Comments

ADJOURNMENT

At **1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2004**, the Commissioners will be holding a workshop with the County Treasurer and the administrators of the Tillamook County Health Department to review the financial recovery plan. The workshop will be held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room A of the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook.

At **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2004**, the Commissioners will hold their weekly meeting at the Kiawanda Community Center, 34600 Cape Kiwanda Drive, Pacific City.

At **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2004** the Commissioners will hold their weekly meeting at the Pine Grove Community Center, Laneda Avenue in Manzanita. The Commissioners' meeting will follow an Oregon Department of Transportation Open House on the STIP Program, which begins at 4:30 p.m.

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Sheila Lawson		Library
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Sarah Beelen		Library
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Ron Wallace		Hiring Freeze
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John Robinson		#6 agenda
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30 to 40 years on these stream reaches. And the ODF plan has only been in place three years.

The current forest management plan is providing increased fish populations and favorable habitat without increasing local and state economic woes, through fishery reductions, educational, and service provider cuts.

Fishermen for Commonsense ask our fellow Oregonians to vote no on Measure 34 because it will damage Oregon, not improve it.

Vote no on Measure 34.

Gus Meyer

**Fishermen for Commonsense
Tillamook**

50-50 editorial wrong

This is in reference to the *Headlight-Herald* editorial, "50-50 a threat to schools, too."

Has anyone at the *Headlight-Herald* read the ballot measure? It is unfortunate that the newspaper has not taken the time to research Ballot Measure 34 and its effect on local schools. Visit www.tillamook5050.org to learn more.

Section 4 of the ballot measure says: "The local public schools shall not receive less funding than the revenue represented in their 2002-03 budget period from timber harvests in the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests." In addition, Measure 34 requires that 5 percent of all timber revenue collected from the Tillamook and Clatsop be dedicated to the Common School Fund.

Measure 34 guarantees local schools in the Tillamook and Clatsop, revenue amounts from timber at the 2002-03 level — \$18.5 million, thus, these schools will receive \$6.5 million more than they received this last year. In 2003-04, local schools only received \$11.8 million in timber revenue. This guaranteed level of funding provides additional stability and certainty for these rural schools.

Measure 34 restores balance to our state forests by protect-

ing Oregon's coastal rainforest and clean drinking water, while safeguarding school funding and jobs.

**Mari Anne Gest
chief petitioner and native
Oregonian
Portland**

Swiss pen pals sought

I am looking for pen pals in your area. I am 60 years old and wish to correspond with anyone of Swiss background, exchange ideas of interests.

I live in a small village, population 300. Corcelles le Jorat is an agriculture area, farming dairy cattle, wheat and corn plus other crops. I spent many years in Tillamook and Clatsop county, before my husband and I moved back to his native country.

Janey Porchet

**1082 Corcelles le Jorat
Vaud, Switzerland**

Support this bond

Read the notice (*Headlight-Herald*, Sept. 1) for a bond to support Netarts/Oceanside Sanitation requirements. A bond is the only fair decision and outsmarts EPA by stopping "fines" that only benefits EPA's pockets. This bond is deductible, so all property owners win. This will prevent unreasonable, high monthly sanitation rates and still give dignity to the words "neighbor helping neighbor."

I hadn't given up on my idea of the 800 property owners "yard sale" until I was reminded I would need to sell 200 football fields of wares just to meet the cost of criteria.

Frustrated, I thought, why not start an underground movement to disband EPA's dictating, "fine" slapping, God-will-get-you, blanket authority for a more kinder, gentler organization. Like that's going to happen.

Many suggestions have

been shared with the Netarts/Oceanside Sanitation Board and, after much discussion, all agreed the request of a bond is the only sensible opportunity.

I want a clean, safe beach, but personal bankruptcy by higher rates won't gain the needed funds for sanitation repairs. Unless someone gallops forward (time is running out) with another common-sense answer, the bond is our only reprieve. I'll vote for it.

**Jeanie Ferguson
Netarts**

State Forest Recreation

The counties have always recognized the value of recreation. Tillamook County is proud to be third-highest provider of county parks in Oregon. A comprehensive recreation management plan has been in place since 1993. A recreation program enables the Department of Forestry to manage existing and future recreational uses.

Cooperative agreements are important to the users groups and the Northwest Oregon State Forest management Plan. Cooperative agreements involve the department of forestry, interagency (School districts, US Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife, etc.), user group organization, business and individuals.

The Management Plan identifies different uses and the interaction between those uses.

The Rain Forest Coalition's 50/50 plan ignores the management of recreation by saying hands off 50 percent of the Tillamook Forest. Voting for Measure 34 would cut out the money that provides the opportunity for camping, hiking, access, bicycle, hunting, equestrian uses and more.

**Charles J. Hurliman
Tillamook County
Commissioner**

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