

Press Release

### **New Tillamook County Public Works Director Hired**

Tillamook County is pleased to announce the hiring of Liane Welch as the new Tillamook County Public Works Director.

Liane comes to Tillamook County from the City of Portland Public Works Dept. She has worked for the City of Portland for over ten years and previous to that nine yrs in private business. Her most recent position was Principal Engineer overseeing a \$16 million dollar budget and 102 employees. As part of the city's Senior Management Team she was responsible for the overall management of the City's street infrastructure. She has a Bachelor of Science and a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering from Portland State University. Prior to becoming a Senior Manager she has done her time in the trenches as an engineer beginning her career in 1987. She's indicated she wants to get out on the ground with the crews early on and listen to what they have to offer because they have the first hand experience.

Liane was the unanimous choice of three County Commissioners, Curt Schonbrod (Chair of the Citizen Road Advisory Committee) and Kathleen Ryan (Chair of the Citizen Solid Waste Advisory Committee). "We are very pleased with the choice of Liane and look forward to working with her to help the Public Works Dept. be the best it can be", says Chair of the Board of Commissions Tim Josi.

Liane will start October 23<sup>rd</sup>.