

PL106-393

While Oregon vounties are grateful to have received a one-year extension of PL 106-393 (County Payments, a.k.a. the Federal Safety Net or the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act), the uncertainty of future funding has put counties in a cautious state.

With the extension, the Tillamook County Road Department will be able to increase its planned paving from about 3 to 6 miles, which is still short of the 20 miles per year for an optimal preventative maintenance program. Additionally, some pavement markings will be added back.

There are four vacant full-time positions that will remain unfilled, but one part-time tem-

porary clerical position will be added. All other money from the extension will be saved for emergencies and carryover for next year.

In Fiscal Year 2009 and Fiscal Year 2010, Tillamook County will be looking to lay off another 12 staff (from 27 to 15) if additional funding is not provided.