

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORT

PRESENTED BY TILLAMOOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Nov. 7 election notice

Voters, this is an important message from your Tillamook County Clerk, Tassi O'Neil.

Just a reminder that due to the large volume of measures for this election, only the caption and question for each measure has been placed on your official ballot. A flyer titled "Full Text of Ballot Titles" is enclosed in your ballot envelope. The generic flyer has the full text, which includes the caption, question and summary for all measures within the County. This is in compliance with the Oregon Revised Statutes.

Prior to voting, I strongly urge you to read the flyer to help you while marking your ballot.

Please Note: Voters will be sent their official ballot with only the applicable measures according to the voter's precinct and districts.

We, the Commissioners, would like to point out an example of why it is so important to read the flyer that came with your ballot before you vote. The question for Measure 29-99 (Tillamook County General Obligation Bond Authorization) does not mention that the money from the bonds will go to pay for new grandstands and bleachers at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds. But the summary in the flyer does tell you how the money would be spent.

News from Road Department

Oct. 23, we and other county staff welcomed the new director of Public Works, Liane Welch.

Work on the Sorensen Bridge replacement project on Blaine Road (Milepost 2.5) has been progressing as expected. The contractor, Holm II, is scheduled to cease work this week for the winter until a January timeframe. During the next couple of months, the contractor will continue to monitor erosion control and roadway safety issues in the

project area.

Pavement overlay work on Trask River Road has stopped for the season and will resume next spring, subject to the weather.

This week, Tillamook County's striping contractor will return to stripe roads that were not completed earlier this summer due to ongoing paving operations. The exact date of this makeup striping will be subject to the weather.

State highway construction update Oct. 31-Nov. 6

SR 6 (Wilson River Highway, MP 13.55-13.82 - Fall Creek culvert and bridge). This project is 14 miles east of Tillamook on SR 6 and the project consists of installing a new bridge over Fall Creek, repositioning the streambed channel, and removing the existing overflow culvert. The temporary signal is still in operation. Traffic will remain in a two-way, one-lane configuration for the remainder of the project. Use extreme caution when traveling through this area. This week landscaping and installation of concrete forms on the bridge will occur. Expect minor delays.

U.S. 101 Oregon Coast Highway (Manzanita - Wheeler, MP 43.78 - 48.82). This project begins north of Nehalem, near the Shell station, on U.S. 101, and continues south of Wheeler to Paradise Cove. The project consists of rebuilding and repaving the roadway, installing new and replacing sidewalks in both Nehalem and Wheeler, and installing a new flasher in Nehalem. Scheduled work this week includes installation of pipe and inlets in Nehalem, construction of a retaining wall in Nehalem, sidewalk installation in Nehalem, striping, shoulder rock placement, and sign installation. Traffic will be controlled with flaggers and pilot cars. Expect minor delays.

Rob Soans joins Health Department staff

We are pleased to announce that Rob Soans, certified physician assistant, has joined the Tillamook County Health Department staff. Rob was

most recently employed at the Rinehart Clinic in Wheeler, and is well known in the community. Rob is a 1997 graduate of Oregon Health Sciences University. He is an avid hunter and fisherman. Rob and his wife, Angelle, have two children, Mara and Braden.

After a brief orientation in the Tillamook office, Rob will see patients in the Rockaway Beach office of the Tillamook County Health Department. Appointments may be made by calling (503) 355-2700 or (800) 528-2938. His office hours will be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Rob will be accepting new patients and the Health Department welcomes all insurance plans.

PL 106-393 factoid

Curry County will need 33,000 new homes assessed at \$350,000 each to replace the \$3.6 million the county general fund will lose if PL 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act, is not reauthorized. Currently, Curry County has fewer than 12,000 homes, with a median assessed value of approximately \$225,000.

Workshop with TBHEID

The Commissioners will hold a workshop Monday, Nov. 20, at 1:30 p.m., with members of the Tillamook Bay Habitat and Estuary Improvement District (TBHEID) to discuss repairs that need to be made on Dougherty Slough. The workshop will be in the Commissioners Meeting Room B in the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Ave., Tillamook.