



## **AOC Information Services**

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### **Did You Know...**

...while counties are very grateful to have received a one-year extension of PL 106-393 (County Payments), the uncertainty of future funding has put counties in a very cautious state.

With the extension, the Tillamook County Road Department will be able to increase their planned paving from about three to six miles, which is still short of the 20 miles/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 temporary clerical position will be added. All other monies from the extension will be saved for emergencies and carryover for next year.

In FY 09 and FY 10, Tillamook County will be looking to layoff another 12 staff (from 27 to 15) if additional funding is not provided.

*Oregon's counties received payments from the harvest of federal forest for nearly a century. Oregon's forests were a significant source of revenue for the federal treasury, counties, and schools during that time. Those proceeds have practically disappeared with curtailment of the harvest. The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act was passed in 2000 in response to this decline. Revenue from this Act is shared by 39 states, including Oregon, and is based on historic revenue levels. Congress has failed to reauthorize the Act, which expired on September 30, 2006.*