



Lincoln County Voters' Pamphlet Special Election November 8, 2005



This Voters' Pamphlet is provided to give you, the voter, additional information on measures. You will not vote on every measure in this pamphlet. Your ballot will contain only those issues for which you are eligible to vote - based on where you live. If you have any questions, please call our office at 541-265-4131. Also visit our website: www.co.lincoln.or.us/clerk/

Dana W. Jenkins, Lincoln County Clerk

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

- EXAMINE THE BALLOT.** Locate the YES or NO choice for each measure.
- FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BALLOT,** mark your choice (**USE A PENCIL ONLY**) for each measure.
- TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL (●) COMPLETELY!**
- AFTER VOTING—SEAL** the ballot in the ballot secrecy envelope.
- PLACE** the sealed secrecy envelope inside return envelope and seal the return envelope.
- SIGN THE RETURN ENVELOPE** in the space provided, and mail it in time to be received in the office of the County Clerk by November 8, or drop it off at a designated drop site (see drop site locations below).

REMEMBER TO VOTE BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT (IF APPLICABLE)

If you make a mistake and would like a replacement ballot, or if you have any other questions, contact the Lincoln County Clerk's Office at 541-265-4131.

BALLOT DROP SITE LOCATIONS

You may mail in your ballot or deposit it at any of the drop sites listed below. Drop sites listed below with a star (★) next to their name will have a privacy booth available.

★ **LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

225 W Olive, Room 201; Newport
8:30am to 5:00pm M-F (October 21 thru November 8)
November 8th ONLY (Election Day) 7am-8pm
Drive-up ballot drop also available in rear parking lot - open 24/7 from October 21 thru 8:00pm on November 8th

★ **LINCOLN CITY CITY HALL**

801 SW Hwy 101; Lincoln City
Drive-up ballot drop in lower parking lot - open 24/7 from October 21 thru 8:00pm on November 8th

★ **NEWPORT CITY HALL**

169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport
8:00am-5:00pm M-F (October 21 thru November 8)
November 8th ONLY (Election Day) 8am-8pm

WALDPART CITY HALL

125 Alsea Hwy; Waldport
8:00am to 5:00pm M-F (October 21 thru November 8)
(closed 12:30pm to 1:30pm)
November 8th ONLY (Election Day) 8am-8pm

Your ballot must be received at a designated drop site (including the Clerk's Office) by 8:00pm on November 8th.

POSTAGE IS NOT REQUIRED AT THESE DROP SITES!

<p>SILVER SANDS SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT</p>	<p>EXPLANATORY STATEMENT</p>
<p>Measure No. 21-103</p>	<p>Approval of this measure would form Silver Sands Special Road District. A special road district generally exists for the purpose of levying property taxes within its boundaries, and using those tax revenues for the purpose of maintaining public roads within the district's boundaries. A special road district is governed by a board of three commissioners, each of whom must be an elector of the district. The members of the district board are appointed by the county board of commissioners.</p>
<p>21-103 FORMATION OF SILVER SANDS SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT Question: Shall this road district be formed with a tax rate limit of 60¢ per \$1000 assessed property value beginning 2006-2007? Summary: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout. Approval of this measure would form Silver Sands Special Road District, a special road district in the Silver Sands area of south Lincoln County. Approval of this measure would also approve a permanent tax rate limit for the district of 60¢ per \$1,000 assessed property value as the maximum rate of operating taxes for the district, beginning in fiscal tax year 2006-2007. The boundary of the proposed district consists of all properties within Silver Sands subdivision, Silver Sands No. 2 subdivision, and Parcels 1 and 2, Partition Plat 1994-36.</p>	<p>Approval of this measure would also approve a permanent tax rate limit for the district of 60 cents per \$1,000 assessed property value (which is \$60 per \$100,000 assessed property value), beginning in fiscal tax year 2006-2007. It is estimated that if that maximum rate were imposed in fiscal year 2006-2007, it would raise approximately \$2,765.</p> <div data-bbox="1084 1640 1523 1969" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><i>(This information submitted by Rob Bovett, Assistant County Counsel, Lincoln County)</i></p>

See North Lincoln Fire & Rescue Measure and Arguments on other side →

NORTH LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT NO. 1

Measure No. 21-104

21-104 NORTH LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION

Question: Shall the District issue general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding \$7,405,000? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout. If approved, this measure provides funds to the District to finance the costs of capital construction and capital improvements, including, providing funds for:

- construction of a fire station and a training building;
- the acquisition and improvement of real property for such station;
- the acquisition of public safety vehicles and attached apparatus;
- the acquisition, construction and equipping of a Tsunami Warning System; including, but not limited to, qualifying poles, sirens, controllers, and equipment housing for such warning system; and
- pay bond issuance costs.

The bonds will mature over 15 years or less from date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series. The estimated cost of this bond is \$0.2635 per \$1000 of assessed value. The owner of a home assessed at \$150,000 is estimated to pay \$39.53 a year. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate. The bonds shall not exceed \$7,405,000.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

North Lincoln Fire & Rescue is asking voter opinion on issuing general obligation bonds up to \$7,405,000 for a new fire station, a multi-purpose training tower, emergency response and utility vehicles, and upgrades for a local tsunami warning system.

The estimated tax cost of this measure is \$0.2635 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The owner of a home assessed at \$150,000 would pay \$39.53 per year (ESTIMATE ONLY), based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

The fire district has identified four areas for which bond proceeds would be used:

New Station Construction

The DeLake Station, located at SW 4th and Ebb, was built in the 1960s and is a simple cinderblock shell with two apparatus bays. It has no restrooms, no office, no meeting room, and no place to clean and sanitize equipment. The station is not built to any earthquake standards and is located in the tsunami zone.

The station is located in the center of the busiest part of the district and is the closest station for 19 fire district volunteers, all of which are medical personnel. Closure of this station would lengthen response times and reduce services to a highly valued and high risk area of the fire district. If approved, the district proposes to construct a new station to replace the existing facility at an estimated cost of \$1.3 million.

Build a Multi-Purpose Training Tower

Training is necessary to meet various state mandates, as well as maintain current fire insurance rates. The district's volunteers trained 7,323 man-hours in 2004, but lack a training tower to practice firefighting in multi-story buildings, drill with ladders, and train in rope rescue techniques. If approved, the district proposes to spend approximately \$350,000 from bond proceeds to construct a training tower at its Taft facility.

Acquire Emergency Response and Utility Vehicles

The district has developed a long-range plan for replacing older fire vehicles with new equipment that covers the period from 2006 to 2026. Today, a new pumper costs approximately \$250,000, and a ladder truck costs approximately \$750,000. A new fire vehicle has an expected service life of 20 years. If approved, the district proposes to spend approximately \$5 million from bond proceeds to cover the cost of maintaining its fleet over the next 20 years.

Upgrade the Local Tsunami Warning System

The district has maintained a written plan for warning the public about tsunamis since 2000, but recent events indicate the system is in need of improvement. The district has developed a plan to upgrade the current 20-year-old sirens and install additional sirens covering high-risk areas between Knight Park on the Salmon River and Windy Bend on the Siletz River. It is estimated that an additional 15 to 20 sirens would be needed to fully implement this upgrade at a cost of about \$325,000.

(This information submitted by Donald M. Baker, Fire Chief, North Lincoln Fire and Rescue District #1)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As a home owner and business owner in Lincoln County, I urge you to vote YES on Measure 21-104, to support North Lincoln Fire and Rescue.

The majority of our district firefighters and rescue workers are volunteers...community members just like you and me. Because of their commitment to community safety, they've chosen to serve as volunteers in addition to their full-time roles as workers, students, and parents. They give up nights and weekends for training, so they'll be ready when we need them. And, believe me, when we need them, they're there! I have had a personal experience with a house fire, and their response was prompt and professional, and they saved my house.

The budget funded by North Lincoln Fire and Rescue's permanent tax rate funds the basics of day-to-day operations, but it doesn't fund the replacement of vehicles, equipment and stations.

The fire district has a number of needs...

The DeLake Station is a cinderblock shell, built in the tsunami zone with no seismic resistance. It is one of the district's busiest stations, yet has no office, meeting room, bathroom, or place to clean equipment.

Our volunteer firefighters train to meet state and federal mandates but, unlike most fire departments, have no training tower on which to practice ladder raises, rope rescues, and firefighting tactics.

Many of the vehicles used to transport our volunteers and fight fires are old and in need of replacement.

When a tsunami alert struck the Oregon coast last June, only one local siren worked. North Lincoln Fire and Rescue developed a plan to improve local alerting with a network of functional sirens.

Measure 21-104 gives our volunteer firefighters the tools they need to cost-effectively serve our communities. Please keep your share of the bargain...vote "yes" on your vote-by-mail ballot.

(Information furnished by Steve Power, Power Alarm.)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Considering examples such as the devastating South-East Asia tsunami, the Oklahoma City bombings, the attack on the United States on 9/11, or natural disasters caused by hurricanes Andrew and most recently Katrina and the impact on our Gulf Coast families and neighbors, our own North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District's future infrastructure and support systems seem more important for our area than ever before. Not just as our "firefighting" organization does our District stand to meet our needs but as one of our primary local emergency response agencies for all local disasters as well as fires. Our Fire and Rescue District is primarily a volunteer organization standing ready to care for us giving up nights and weekends as needed or requested to serve us... But only if the equipment, proper training and facilities needed in the future are provided and made available to our District. At 68 cents per thousand, the District's permanent tax rate is half that of the average Oregon fire agency tax rate. The Fire District needs the station improvements at DeLake, the equipment and vehicles to provide future services, and the training of our significant volunteer organization and District employees to ensure our community that the North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District will continue to provide us with the best and most efficient safety and services needed in our future. The budget presently funded by our permanent tax rates take care of daily operations, the few paid staff wages, insurance, utilities, maintenance, dispatching, supplies and miscellaneous operational costs, but it does not provide for the replacement of existing facilities and equipment or vehicles. The District's Board has the foresight to present this general obligation bond request in front of the voters to adequately address the immediate and future needs of its constituency. Please support our great volunteer District by voting, and voting in SUPPORT of ballot measure 21-104.

(Information furnished by Bryan P. Fitzsimmons & Pat Brooks.)

There were no arguments filed against this measure