

To: Lincoln County Library District Board Members

From: MaryKay Dahlgreen,  District Librarian

Date: August 7, 2019

Re: 5 year local option levy renewal schedule

We have been discussing sending the local option levy renewal to the voters in November 2019. Something has come to my attention that I want the Board to consider and discuss at the August 13, 2019 meeting which is when the Ballot Title would need to be referred to the voters as the deadline to file is August 17, 2019.

In speaking with Dana Jenkins, County Clerk, I have learned that there is only one other item on the ballot in November which means our election costs could be as high as \$20,000. For the Board member election in May 2019 the LCLD share was \$3,500 (out of \$58,000).


If we move the election to May 2020 the cost would be between \$5,000 and \$10,000, which we do have in our 2019-2020 budget, and the voter turnout would probably be much higher as it is a presidential primary as well. The issue with moving the election to 2020 is that if the levy did not pass, LCLD would be without approximately \$372,015 in 2020-2021 and we would need to pass the levy before July of 2021.


If we hold the election in November 2019 and it does not pass we could put it on the ballot again in May 2020.


The other situation to consider is that there is currently no political action committee in place to raise funds for campaigning. The ballot title and explanation are part of the election process and so are included in our costs. Any other information in the voter's pamphlet or any newspaper advertising would need to be paid for by someone other than the district. And the deadline for voter's pamphlet entries is early September.


The decision that needs to be made by the Board is if the 5 year local option levy renewal for the next five years should be referred to the voters in November 2019 or May 2020.





If the decision is made to refer to the voters in November 2019 the Board will need to approve the ballot title.


 Conduct of Elections	March 12	May 21	September 17	November 5
Last day to mail ballots to military/overseas voters	January 26	April 6	August 3	September 21
First day to mail ballots to out of state voters	February 11	April 22	August 19	October 7
Last day to register to vote	February 19	April 30	August 27	October 15
First day to mail ballots	February 20	May 1	August 28	October 16
Last day to mail ballots to voters without daily mail service	February 22	May 3	August 30	October 18
Last day to mail ballots	February 26	May 7	September 3	October 22
Last day required to mail absentee/replacement ballots	March 7	May 16	September 12	October 31

 District Candidates	March 12	May 21	September 17	November 5
Last Day for County Elections Official to Publish → notice of district board election (ORS 255.075)	December 1	February 9	June 8	July 27
Last Day to file with County Elections Official → verified signatures or \$10 filing fee (ORS 255.235)	January 10	March 21	July 18	September 5
→ a statement for inclusion in county voters' pamphlet	January 14	March 25	July 22	September 9

 **County and City Candidates:** Deadlines applicable to county and city office are not included on this calendar. Candidates for those offices, unless otherwise provided for by charter or ordinance, are elected at the primary or general election. If a county or city charter provides for candidates to be elected at an election other than the primary or general election but does not specify a deadline or adopts the statutory filing deadline, ORS 249.722 applies.

 **District Candidates:** The enabling statutes, or principle act, of a district specifies how board members are elected. Most districts, as defined in ORS 255.012, elect board members at the regular district election which is held in May of odd numbered years or at the Primary or General Election. As provided for in ORS 255.235(2)(a), the March and September deadlines included above are only applicable if the election is a district's first election to elect board member and are not included in the daily calendar.

 County, City, District Measures	March 12	May 21	September 17	November 5
Last Day for County or City Governing Body to File with Local Elections Official → ballot title for publication of notice or → referral text for drafting of ballot title	December 22	March 2	June 29	August 17
Last Day for Local Governing Body to File with County Elections Official → Form SEL 801 Notice of Measure Election - County  Form may only be filed upon completion of the ballot title challenge process.	January 10	March 21	July 18	September 5
→ Form SEL 802 Notice of Measure Election - City  Form may only be filed upon completion of the ballot title challenge process.	January 10	March 21	July 18	September 5
→ Form SEL 803 Notice of Measure Election - District  Form may not be filed until after the deadline for the immediately preceding election has passed and only upon completion of the ballot title challenge process.	January 10	March 21	July 18	September 5
Last Day to File with County Elections Official → arguments for inclusion in county voters' pamphlet	January 14	March 25	July 22	September 9

 For resubmitted measures the deadline is 47th day before the election; the measure argument filing deadline is 2nd business day after deadline to resubmit measure, if the county includes the resubmitted measure in the county voters' pamphlet.

Measure 21-156 Lincoln County Library District

Ballot Title

21-156

21-156 LOCAL OPTION TAX FOR LIBRARY SERVICES

QUESTION: Shall Library District renew levy of 9¢ per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning 2015-2016, to fund your library?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: This measure will renew the expiring local option tax. Approval of this measure continues providing funding at its present level for the Lincoln County Library District and the funding it provides to libraries in Lincoln City, Newport, Siletz, Toledo and Waldport.

It is estimated that this measure would raise approximately \$326,281 in tax revenues for 2015-2016, \$332,807 in tax revenues for 2016-2017, \$339,463 in tax revenues for 2017-2018, \$346,252 in tax revenues for 2018-2019, and \$353,177 in tax revenues for 2019-2020. 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.

Some or all of these things may happen at your local library if tax does not pass:

- May require people living outside the city limits of Lincoln City, Newport and Toledo to purchase a library card in order to use these city libraries
- Reductions in:
 - Hours of library operation
 - Courier service
 - Interlibrary loans
 - Staffing levels
 - Purchase of books and other materials
 - Library programs and services
- Possible changes in agreements for city library usage by Library District residents

(This information submitted by Chris D Boyle, President, Board of Directors, Lincoln County Library District.)

Explanatory Statement

Before the formation of the Lincoln County Library District, people living in unincorporated areas of Lincoln County and Depoe Bay did not have access to a public library without paying for a library card. In 1991 the city libraries of Lincoln City, Newport, Siletz, Toledo and Waldport began contracting with the Library District to receive funds for providing fee free library service to all residents of Lincoln County. In order to continue this service, voters in 2009 approved a local option tax levy at 9¢ per \$1000 assessed value which expires in 2014-2015. Approval of this measure will renew the levy for another five years and allow the fee free service to continue.

Who votes on this measure?

Every voter living outside the city limits of Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo and Yachats.

Why is renewal of the 5-year local option tax needed?

To ensure that you will continue to have full access to the public libraries in Lincoln City, Newport, Siletz, Toledo and Waldport.

The library services include:

- Check out books, videos, DVD's, ebooks and other library materials.
- Reserve books, videos, DVD's and other library materials 24 hours a day through the Internet
- Internet access to reference databases
- Computer use for Internet access: check e-mail, apply for jobs, information search, etc.
- Courier service which brings materials you request from other libraries to your local library
- Interlibrary Loan Services – access to materials around the state and around the world

What happens if the tax does not pass?

Based on current year revenue libraries will lose at least:

- Driftwood (Lincoln City) - \$56,813
- Newport - \$84,423
- Siletz - \$17,661
- Toledo - \$27,217
- Waldport - \$42,594

Measure 21-156 Arguments

Argument in Favor

We support our local libraries. Please join us in voting **YES** on Ballot Measure 21-156 – the **RENEWAL** of our local option tax for Lincoln County Libraries.

Voting **YES** means that every person in Lincoln County continues to have access to our wonderful libraries with their diverse resources and excellent services. We value and support these critical community institutions.

Edward Roesing	Vickie A Steen
Scott Pettit	Sheryl Eldridge
Mary Davis	Rebecca Cohen
Betsy Maxfield	Ted Smith
Jan Titgen	Cecelia M Jensen
Alice & John O'Brien	Louise Hayes
Bernard A Lynam	David Bigelow
Barbara Leff	Gloria Zirges
Roy & Linda Hageman	Pamela Aylmer
Linda Rogers	Dianne Eckstein
Karen Rose	D Kucha
Durinda Howard	Cynthia Jacobi
Chris Boyle	Billie Jo Smith
Blythe Collins	David Gomberg
M Renée Bellinger	Rennie Ferris
Susan Spencer	Vicki Dunaway
Ginger Gouveia	Sharon Cannon
Lorna Davis	Charles & Doris D Moody
Frank Geltner	Gary Lahman
Alan Searle	Victor & Jill Bucy
Guy DiTorrice	Linda Welch
Chris Waugh	Saundra Mies-Grantham
Bobbi Lippman	Patti & Charles P Littlehales

(This information furnished by the People for Lincoln County Libraries, Janet G Webster, Treasurer.)

Argument in Favor

Vote YES for Ballot Measure 21-156!

Continue support for our local libraries at current tax levels.

This measure does NOT increase your taxes.

What would we do without our libraries! For less than the cost of one book, we have access to over a quarter of a million books, ebooks, movies, CDs, magazines, newspapers, 24-hour access to online databases, AND MORE.

Renewing the local option tax of 9¢ per \$1,000 assessed value on your property is only \$18 for a \$200,000 home. The very services we value are at risk if libraries lose these funds.

We especially appreciate these services:

- Children and their parents find in their library a place to explore books, magazines and other material.
- Students get a head start on early reading success by being given opportunities to attend library story times and other library sponsored programs.
- Students who use libraries are more successful in school and often go on to be successful lifelong learners.
- We depend on the public library as a place to use critical technology, networking and internet services.
- We use library services to find jobs, prepare resumes, to obtain current, factual health information and as a gateway to world-wide library collections.
- We communicate with family and friends via e-mail and other social networking tools available through the public library's free Internet access.
- We download best-selling ebooks and set our own due dates.
- Trained library staff help us with our wide-ranging interests and needs.

Every person in Lincoln County can use the diverse resources of the Driftwood Public Library in Lincoln City, Newport Public Library, Siletz Public Library, Toledo Public Library and Waldport Public Library. The public library is our meeting place.

Vote YES to preserve library services.

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Notice of Measure Election

District

SEL 803

rev 01/14: ORS 250.035,
250.041, 255.145, 255.345

Notice

Date of Notice August 12, 2014	Name of District Lincoln County Library District	Name of County or Counties Lincoln	Date of Election November 4, 2014
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The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters.

Ballot Title Prepare with assistance from the district attorney or an attorney employed by the district.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure

Local Option Tax for Library Services

by Sept 5

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure

Shall Library District renew levy of 9¢ per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning 2015-16, to fund your library?

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Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect

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Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect, if required attach to this form

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be submitted for any measure referred by the district governing body and if required by local ordinance, for any initiative or referendum.

Measure Type	County producing voters' pamphlet	Local ordinance requiring submission	Explanatory statement required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Referendum	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized

→ By signing this document, I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election and I certify the above ballot title is true and complete.

Name Chris Boyle	Title Board President	Work Phone 541-867-7273
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8/12/14

Signature

Date Signed

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Ballot Title Caption:

by Sept 5

Local Option Tax for Library Services

Measure Number: _____

Word Total: 365

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by August 17

NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION LINCOLN COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given on August 12, 2014 that a measure election will be held in Lincoln County, Oregon on November 4, 2014

The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the District's voters on this date November 4, 2014:

CAPTION

LOCAL OPTION TAX FOR LIBRARY SERVICES

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check new amounts with Assessor

The following authorized district official hereby certifies the above ballot title is true and complete.

/s/ Chris D. Boyle
Chris D. Boyle
President Lincoln County Library District Board

Estimate of Values for Proposed 5 Year Local Option Levy

Calculation for 5 year Local Option Tax

	Total Assessed Value to Calculate Levy	Multiply Local Option Tax per \$1,000	Amount Raised by Local Option Tax
Year #1 (2020-21)	\$4,133,510,451	0.00009	\$372,015.94
Year #2 (2021-22)	\$4,257,515,764	0.00009	\$383,176.41
Year #3 (2022-23)	\$4,385,241,236	0.00009	\$394,671.71
Year #4 (2023-24)	\$4,516,798,473	0.00009	\$406,511.86
Year #5 (2024-25)	\$4,652,302,427	0.00009	\$418,707.22
Note: Based on 2018-19 Assessed			
Value to Calculate Tax Levy			
increased by 3% annually for			
life of the levy.			

