

PRESENT: Dan Ericksen, Chair of County Commission

Sherry Holliday, County Commissioner Bill Lennox, County Commissioner Kathy McBride, Executive Assistant

At 9:15 a.m. Chairman Dan Ericksen called the meeting to order.

#### OPEN TO PUBLIC

There was no one from the public present wishing to address the Board of Commissioners.

#### **OPEN TO DEPARTMENTS**

Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer, briefly discussed the following issues: the budget process for Fiscal Year 2010-2011; tracking costs over the last year of providing 911 services in Wasco County; the cost of providing IT services to County Departments and other entities; the need to study staffing at 911 to build in efficiencies to help reduce costs; and the potential establishment of an administrative rate for 911 for services provided by Wasco County.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL of the Regular Session Consent Calendars of March 17, 2010, (Attached as Exhibit A).

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to approve the Regular Session Consent Calendar #2 of March 17, 2010 as presented. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion; it was then passed by a vote of two to zero. Commissioners Holliday and Lennox voting yes, while Commissioner Ericksen abstained from voting.}}}

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to approve the Regular Session Consent Calendar #1 of March 17, 2010 as presented. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

The Board recessed at 9:53 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 9:58 a.m.

#### Other Business:

The Board considered the request from Fred Davis, Facilities Manager, to accept the proposal from Brown Roofing Company in the amount of \$8,950 to apply a roof coating on the Courthouse roof, (Attached as Exhibit B).

{{{Commissioner Lennox moved to accept the proposal from Brown Roofing Company in the amount of \$8,950 to apply a roof coating to the Courthouse roof. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

The Board considered the request from Dan Sanders, Shop Supervisor, to declare as surplus three vehicles, (Attached as Exhibit C).

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to declare as surplus the following described vehicles: 1995 Ford F350 Service Truck; 1976 International Truck/Tractor; and 1981 Ford F150 Pickup. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Stone will see if the 1981 Ford F150 Pickup from the Columbia Basin Nursing Home could be used by the Fair. Dan Sanders, Public Works Shop Supervisor, has suggested that said vehicle and others be declared by the Board as surplus equipment.

#### BID OPENING for Asphalt Crack Seal Machine.

Chairman Ericksen opened the bids received for the Asphalt Crack Seal Machine.

Bids were received as follows:

Paving Maintenance Supply Incorporated, Portland - \$45,500.00

Special Asphalt Products, Portland - \$37,235.34

Don Uhalde, Public Works Road Superintendent, will review the submitted bids and will return with the Department's recommendation.

CONSIDERATION of items listed on the Discussion List of March 17, 2010, (Attached as Exhibit D).

The Board discussed the following items as listed on the Discussion List of March 17, 2010:

Item #5 – The Board considered the fee waiver request from S. Hamilton and P. DeJean and the recommendation from Todd Cornett, Planning & Development Director, (Attached as Exhibit E).

It was noted during the discussion by Judge Ericksen that no hardship was presented in the fee waiver request.

Commissioner Lennox stated that he is in support of keeping our historical buildings. However, no documentation on a hardship was presented. He felt we needed to keep our fees in place. Commissioner Lennox stated if he had more information he would be willing to reconsider the request.

{{{Commissioner Lennox moved to deny the request from S. Hamilton and P. DeJean for a fee waiver request of the Planning & Development Department Time Extension Application Fee since no hardship was shown in the request. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Item #8 – The funding request from Dick Tobiason, Bend Heroes Foundation President, was discussed at this time, (Attached as Exhibit F).

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved that Wasco County contribute \$300 from the County Court's Special Projects Account for the WWII Veterans Historic Highway Signs Project. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}

Item #4 – The date of May 2, 2010, for the inspection of the Fort Dalles Museum and Anderson House and Barn Complex meets the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Item #6 – The Court reviewed the Animal Control Fees charged by Wasco County, (Attached as Exhibit G). The Court felt that the Non-Spayed Female or Non-Neutered Male Dog and the Spayed Female and Neutered Male Dog fees are reasonable.

The Board asked Staff to obtain from Brad Heinige, Animal Control Officer, the following information: how many dogs are licensed; the historical trend on how the numbers have changes over the years; and how many animals are in the County.

Item #2 – The Board discussed the Work Session Schedule for 2010. The Board suggested meeting in the City of Maupin in May, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. The Board is willing to change the date of the meeting if necessary to accommodate the City Council of Maupin.

The Board suggested meeting in either Shaniko or Antelope in July. If Staff is unable to schedule a meeting in Shaniko or Antelope the meeting would be held in Dufur instead.

PRESENTATION on the Wasco County Code Compliance Program; presented by Keith Cleveland, Wasco County Code Compliance Officer.

Keith Cleveland, Code Compliance Officer, presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the Wasco County Code Compliance Program, (Attached as Exhibit H).

Cleveland presented a handout entitled Code Compliance Revenue Opportunities, (Attached as Exhibit I).

Discussion occurred regarding the Code Compliance Program, the EDEN Software capabilities, and the process undertaken by the Code Compliance Officer when a complaint is received by the Planning & Development Department.

Commissioner Lennox felt that Cleveland did an outstanding job in putting together the presentation. He would like to see the presentation taken out to the community.

#### Other Business:

Stone stated that the County has property in Dufur which needs to be sold. The property was formerly leased to Pam Weed. Ms. Weed has failed to do what was required in her lease. Stone suggested that the County sell the property.

The Board recessed at 11:34 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:39 a.m.

Stone suggested that the Code Compliance Program PowerPoint Presentation could be presented at the General Economic Meeting on April 12, 2010.

CONSIDERATION of the request from David Peters, Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation, regarding a letter of support for the Mid Columbia Housing Resource Center.

David Peters, Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation, met with the Board to request a letter of support for the Mid-Columbia Housing Resource Center Community Development Block Grant Application.

Peters presented an update on the Mid-Columbia Housing Resource Center Project. The Narrative Report for Year End 2009 was presented to the Board at this time, (Attached as Exhibit J).

Peters informed the Board that Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation has closed one loan under the Wasco County Home Repair Loan Program. They are signing the papers today for the second loan. The loan was for \$42,000. They are allowed to go over the \$30,000 maximum loan amount if it is approved by the Loan Committee.

Peters stated that the City of The Dalles will be the grant applicant for the Mid-Columbia Housing Resource Center Grant Project. They are seeking a letter of support from Wasco County.

{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to approve sending a letter of support for the Mid-Columbia Housing Resource Center Grant Project. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

The Board of Commissioners briefly discussed the format for today's discussion on the request from Home At Last for the County to place on the ballot a request for a Local Option Tax Levy to fund the operations of the animal shelter.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m. in Circuit Courtroom #301.

Don Uhalde, Public Works Road Superintendent, and Arthur Smith, Public Works Project Manager, presented the Department's recommendation for the award of the Asphalt Crack Seal Machine bid.

Smith stated that the Department is recommending that the bid be awarded to Paving Maintenance Supply Incorporated for the cost of \$45,500.00. The bid from the low bidder, Special Asphalt Products in the amount of \$37,235.34 did not meet the bid specifications. Smith stated that the low bid did not include the self-loading conveyor. This safety related feature is needed to prevent employees being burned.

{{{Commissioner Lennox moved to accept the recommendation from the Public Works Department to award the Asphalt Crack Seal Machine Bid from Paving Maintenance Supply Incorporated for the cost of \$45,500 due to the low bidder not meeting the required specifications. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}

CONSIDERATION of the request from Home At Last for the County to place on the Ballot a request for a Local Option Tax Levy to fund the operations of the Animal Shelter.

Chairman Ericksen stated that Janna Hage, Home At Last Executive Director, came to the Board in January regarding the finances of Home At Last. We discussed looking for other funding sources that would fill the gap. At that time it was not entirely clear of Home At Last's financial situation. Since that time Hage has come back with more complete information and the desire to have the County put out a three (3) to five (5) year serial levy. It has been stated that the Wasco County serial levy would provide funding for the animal shelter. When Hage came back it appeared that the County had time to place a levy on the May 18, 2010, ballot. After hearing from County Counsel Eric Nisley we determined that the County could not meet the timeline to get the issue on the May, 2010 ballot. The County is interested in getting input from citizens on the issue of a serial levy to fund the animal shelter. The Board is not looking at taking any action today.

Chairman Ericksen read the Budget Issue Paper that was prepared by Nolan Young, City of The Dalles Manager, (Attached as Exhibit K). He noted that the City is currently providing 72% of the funding for the Animal Control Program, while the County is providing 28% of the required funding. The current amount of funding provided to Home At Last is \$64,000.

Chairman Ericksen asked if Nolan Young, City of The Dalles Manager, had any statement to make. He did not.

The meeting was opened to those wishing to address the Board of Commissioners.

Cindy Miller, Home At Last President, noted the Board Members who are present today. She then read a statement from Home At Last, (Attached as Exhibit L).

Miller then presented Home At Last Humane Society's Closing Schedule, (Attached as Exhibit M).

Vicki Ellett read into the record her letter dated March 16, 2010. Ellett left a copy of her letter and signed letters from other citizens, (Attached as Exhibit N).

Milton Skov stated that he has lived in the community since 1958. He came here as a Veterinarian. Skov supports maintaining the animal shelter. He has never seen a better job than what Hage has done. It is important that we control our animals and that we do it in reference to public health and diseases. He stated it is important that we do what is right for our animals. Our children look to us to take care of them. As a former

City Councilor he remembers Judge Elder taking over the animal shelter because everyone had to register their dog at a cost of \$5. He supports any means to continue having Home At Last being our caretaker of our animal population.

In closing, Skov noted an incident of a dog fighting ring in town where our Animal Control Program did a tremendous job in taking care of it.

Betty Mercador stated that she represents CatLink in The Dalles. One option would be to allow Home At Last to use their surgical suite for two (2) days per week at no cost. Home At Last could utilize CatLink's volunteer Vets or they could bring in their own. They do not have space for large dogs, but they do for small dogs or cats. They are glad to offer their space to them.

Chairman Ericksen stated that CatLink's service is a service that the County appreciates.

Jana Hage, Executive Director of Home At Last, asked when they could start.

Mercador stated that they could start next week. CatLink is currently fixing 20 cats per month.

Dan Curtiss stated that he has a variety of questions and a few comments. He asked what the total donation amount to Home At Last is and how much is their operating budget?

Hage stated that their operating budget last year was \$368,000. Last year they made over \$100,000 in adoption fees and fund raising. They are \$60,000 short in funding.

Chairman Ericksen noted that in reading through the information provided to the Board by Hage; Klickitat County accounted for 10% of the 2009 intakes. If we are going to continue to do business we would want to set up some formal arrangement with Klickitat County.

Curtiss had a question as to the Spay/Neuter stats for 2008 and 2009.

Hage responded by stating that is money that is earmarked for their Spay/Neuter Program. One source of funding is an outside grant. They get \$10,000 per year and the rest of their funding comes from cans and bottles.

Curtiss stated that it is not a good time to bring forward another new tax. There will be a lot of home owners that will be against a serial levy. He does not think it will pass. He feels it will be an uphill battle.

Lonnie Martinez stated that he is a pet owner and a pet lover. He feels the stats speak for themselves. He referred to the 2005 to 2009 stats under Home At Last's administration, (Attached as Exhibit O). He noted that 55% of the animals were adopted; 35% got returned to their rightful owners. Martinez stated that this is an administration that is passionate; they are driven to maintain a healthy animal population and a healthy community. He asked the Board to imagine what we would see if Home At Last did not exist. Martinez urged the County to put the issue on the ballot for this valuable service.

Barbara Bailey stated that she needed a new cat and went out to Home At Last. She was treated very well. She picked a cat that needed her. This cat would not be alive today if they were not there. Bailey thanked the staff for bringing this issue before the Board today. She asked that the Board be humane in their decision.

Sheila Dooley, Home At Last Board Member, stated that without Home At Last there would be more than 4,000 animals to deal with. This is a nation-wide movement. She noted how many cats could be produced by one feral cat. Funding is a constant struggle for Home At Last. With stable funding they could focus on their mission instead of focusing on fund raising. The minimum level of funding during Fiscal Year 2011-2012 should cover the shelter if Home At Last walks away. There is eight (8) years of good will and a financial lost if Home At Last walks away.

Keef Morgan asked what would be the timeline if the Board decides to go forward. He asked what other information is needed from Home At Last for the Board to move forward.

Chairman Ericksen stated they he has discussed various alternatives with the City of The Dalles. Once we have the needed information we need to decide what funding is available. Would the contributions from the County and the City be a better solution instead of putting out a serial levy? That discussion needs to happen before we finalize a direction.

Morgan stated that it is up to the citizens whether they want to pay more or not. It should be left up to the people if they want the funding to come out of their pocket or not.

Chairman Ericksen asked if Morgan as a realtor has a perspective on whether the serial levy would pass since he deals with homeowners.

Morgan stated that he feels it will be a challenge. Morgan noted how we have passed funding for Parks and Recreation, NORCOR, the Library; he does not like paying those taxes every month, they are quite high. It is not something that we enjoy doing it is a necessary evil. What we don't understand is where that money is being spent. People with a heart will support it.

Angie Hudson stated that she has been a resident for the last five year. She has three children. They were celebrating their daughter's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday with a puppy party. That is when she heard about the meeting today; it really struck home. She understands if Wasco County does not step up someone will have to. Having animals running around would be unsafe. Hudson feels people would be willing to step up if they were given the chance. Animals are our responsibility; they are a living creature. She would like to be given the opportunity to vote on the serial levy.

Taylor Sherran stated that she has lived here her entire life. The numbers are staggering. They pay \$16,000 for spay and neutering. How much would they be paying without a discount? If this is not going to pass would we not be paying more? Sherran stated that she has fed strays around her house. She knows a lot of people that spend thousands of dollars with their pets when they need care. It is tough economic times; it would be tougher if they did not have a place to get their pets spayed and neutered. Animals are very important. Sherran stated that her daughter is blind and she hopes to get her daughter a dog. She thinks the numbers alone say they need to be supportive. She feels the numbers speak for themselves.

Chuck Barker, Mosier, stated that the numbers speak for themselves. In 1998, 1,783 animals were taken in, of which 153 were adopted, leaving 1,270 being killed. On the other side they take in a lot of dogs and kill very few. It just makes sense. Barker asked that the County put it on the ballot; times are tough. There are probably more dogs running around than ever, as well as cats and horses.

Chuck Covert stated that he has lived here for 21 years. He was just sitting here thinking of all the services that the County and the City provides. He could not think of one they use more than the shelter. They have taken a number of animals to Home At Last because they are dropped off by their home. The money they put in and the people they have; we get the best bang for our dollars. He would hate to see it go backward.

Janna Hage thanked everyone for attending. There are some numbers that need to be looked at. She is a home/property owner. She understands we do not need more taxes. Hage does not want tax dollars. That was never their intention that they would have tax dollars to run the shelter. What they under estimated was the size of the problem in the community. There is so much need that they could not fund raise themselves out of this problem.

Hage stated that what this is about is that they could close their doors on June 30<sup>th</sup> and walk away quietly. She did not think that was fair. She wanted to give the community an opportunity to decide if they want to fund the shelter. Hage does not want to fight the uphill battle in going out for a levy. If anyone else has other suggestions for not going out for a levy they would love to hear it.

Hage stated when looking at the numbers from 1998 to 2003, Wasco County operated the shelter with a 71 to 72% euthanized rate. About 1,100 animals went out the back door in a body bag. Home At Last only had to kill 59 animals last year. She acknowledges that it is way cheaper and easier to euthanize. People that ran the shelter before were not bad; it was just cheaper. The community does not want to go back to the way it was before. Hage wants to put it out to the community. They may close, but at least we gave the community a chance to speak.

Hage noted that their numbers use to be \$330,000, when in reality their costs are really \$368,000. The numbers changed; they changed back to a real accounting system. Hage noted that the handout from Cindy Miller included their budget information. As to 2009 intakes, 85% came from Wasco County and 10% from Klickitat County. She went over the donation information. Their animals go all over the place. The money that they bring in from outside the area helps to subsidize local costs. When they bring animals in from outside the area they bring in small, cute and fuzzy dogs. Those animals bring in the premium. That is a part of their business plan. Those fluffy dogs help pay their costs.

There was no one else wishing to address the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Ericksen stated that all the comments made today are good comments. We have the City of The Dalles Manager here to hear these comments. The County will be sitting down with the City to try to figure out some sort of a solution to Home At Last's funding problem.

Chairman Ericksen stated that from the County perspective we start out with our budget process looking at a reduction in hundreds of thousands of dollars. We keep reducing actual expenditures which makes it difficult to provide all of the services that we have provided in the past. It will be difficult for the County to provide any more money to operate the shelter. Adding more taxing districts with the passage of Measures 66 and 67 has increased the tax burden on our citizens and in the state. Taxes are hard to swallow.

Chairman Ericksen stated that the County has a difficult decision ahead of it. Working with Home At Last Board of Directors to get this information will help us with our decision making. We will be looking at our neighboring counties for our regional shelter. If we do not have money to put forward maybe the best way to fund the shelter would be with a serial levy.

Commissioner Lennox stated that he appreciates everyone that came here today. The Board is in support of what Home At Last has been doing. The trick is to understand. We could go out and propose a levy without justifying how the money would be used. The potential of losing the levy would be greater. If we look at all options, look at the

cost and how the region plays a role and what the community wants as to a shelter, then we can go forward to support it.

Commissioner Lennox stated that it means doing the homework, sitting down and looking at the numbers to see how we can contribute in the most responsible way. He feels as a citizen and a Commissioner that we want to figure out a way to bring this forward responsibly. We just need to figure out how it is going to happen. The County will sit down with the City of The Dalles and look at our budget to come up with a potential plan.

Commissioner Holliday stated that animals tug at your heart strings. The County is trying to move forward in a way that is responsible to our taxpayers and to our citizens. She thanked Home At Last for what they do. Commissioner Holliday asked that they trust the County; we are working towards a solution.

#### The Board signed:

- Order #10-021 in the matter of the reappointment of Jay Waterbury to the NORCOR Budget Committee.
- Order #10-022 in the matter of the reappointment of Scott McKay to the Mid-Columbia Housing Authority.
- Order #10-023 in the matter of the appointment of Chip Wood to the QualityLife (QLIFE) Budget Committee.
- Order #10-024 in the matter of holding a Public Hearing to amend the Wasco County Uniform Fee Schedule Ordinance.
- Regular Session Minutes of March 3, 2010.
- Order #10-025 in the matter of the appointment of Jeff Davis to the newly created Wasco County Commercial Energy Advisory Group.
- Order #10-026 in the matter of the appointment of Elaine Albrich to the newly created Wasco County Commercial Energy Advisory Group.
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The Board adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Dan Ericksen, Chair of Commission

Sherry Holliday, County Commissioner

Bill Lennox, County Commissioner

#### WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION MARCH 17, 2010

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR #1**

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#### WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION MARCH 17, 2010

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR #2**

1. Regular Session Minutes of March 10, 2010.

#### **Brown Roofing Company**

P.O. Box 1076
The Dalles, OR 97058
(541) 296-6593 Fax (541) 298-1633
OR LIC. # 72077 WALIC. # BROWNE\*C093CR

February 26, 2010

Wasco County
Attn: Fred Davis
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The Dalles, OR 97058

cell: 993-3280 fax: 506-2551

fredD@co.wasco.or.us

#### **Proposal**

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for: Apply roof coating on Courthouse roof.

- A. Wasco County will clean/prepare entire roof area.
- B. Apply asphalt primer base coat over entire roof area.
- C. Apply fibered aluminum coating over entire roof area.

**Fibered Aluminum Emulsion Coating** 

\$8,950.00

Payable as follows: Upon completion.
Visa & Mastercard Accepted

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will become an extra charge over and above estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado, and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by workmen's compensation insurance.

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March 12, 2010

To: The Wasco County Court

Re: Surplus Equipment

The Wasco County Road Department has the following equipment that has become surplus due to age, mileage, and/or maintenance costs:

- 1) 1995 Ford F350 Service Truck. This vehicle has 175,000 miles on it and has been updated with a new pickup.
- 2) 1976 International truck/tractor. This truck has not been used in the past 3 years and has some mechanic issues that are not cost effective to correct. The age and mileage contribute to it's lack of use.
- 3) 1981 Ford F150 pickup. This pickup belongs to general fund and was leased to the Columbia Basin Nursing Facility. They have had no use for it for at least the past 5 years and was given back to the County. It has high mileage and unknown mechanical issues.

We respectfully request the Wasco County Courts approval to surplus this equipment and dispose of it through our local auction company.

Thank you for your time. Sincerely,

Dan Sanders Shop Supervisor Wasco County Public Works

#### WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION March 17, 2010

#### **DISCUSSION LIST**

#### **ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Decision on the request from Jay LeRoux for an easement or purchase of property for use as a right-of-way to his home located off of East Fifth Street.
- 2. Discussion on evening Work Sessions during 2010.
- 3. Discussion on establishing regular meetings with County Departments.
- 4. Discussion on the suggested date for an inspection of the Fort Dalles Museum and Anderson House and Barn Complex with members of the Museum Commission and City Council. (Afternoon of Sunday, May 2, 2010)
- 5. Consideration on the request from S. Hamilton and P. DeJean for a fee waiver for a time extension on their land use approval.
- 6. Discussion on fees charged for animal control.
- 7. Consideration of the request from Dan Sanders to declare as surplus Road Department equipment.
- 8. Request from Dick Tobiason, Retired LTC US Army, President of Bend Heroes Foundation, regarding a donation from Wasco County for the WWII Veterans Historic Highway Signs Project.
- 9. Discussion on amending the Board of County Commissioners' webpage.
- 10. Discussion on Model Executive Session News Media Attendance Policy.
- 11. Discussion on Draft Continuity of Operations Planning Policy.

#### ON HOLD:

- 1. Discussion on Amending Document Approval Policy.
- 2. Discussion on the establishment of an Ordinance that would allow the enforcement of the burn ban.

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- 3. Motion to rescind the Agreement between Wasco County, Oregon, and the North Wasco County School District #21, approved on March 4, 2009.
- 4. Consideration of the request from Dan Hendrix, Shaniko Volunteer Fire Chief, regarding donation of surplus vehicle.

WASCO COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT Todd R. Cornett, Director 2705 East Second Street The Dalles, Oregon 97058



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#### Kathy McBride

rom:

Todd Cornett

Sent:

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 1:49 PM

To:

Gary Nychyk; Bill Lennox; Dan Ericksen (DanE@co.wasco.or.us); hollidays@centurytel.net;

Kathy McBride (kathymc@co.wasco.or.us.); SherryH@co.wasco.or.us

Subject:

Fee Waiver Request

Dan, Sherry & Bill,

I am sending over a fee waiver request. The applicants have an existing Scenic Area Review approval that is set to expire and are requesting a waiver of the extension fee. The applicants are private property owners and the fee listed in the form is the same one other private property owners are required to pay. I see no compelling reason why the fee should be waived and therefore recommend against it.

If you do decide to waive the land use fees please make sure the County Clerk recording fees are not waived.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Todd

Todd R. Cornett Planning Director 'Vasco County 705 E. 2nd Street The Dalles, OR 97058 Phone: 541-506-2560

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#### Kathy McBride

From: Sent: hollidays [hollidays@centurytel.net] Friday, March 12, 2010 2:29 PM

To:

Laura Comini

Cc: Subject: Kathy McBride; Bill Lennox; Dan Ericksen Re: Veterans Historic Hwy Signs-Sherman Co.

Hi Laura,

The City of Maupin actually has a "Blue Memorial Highway Marker" at the North end of the Hwy. 197 bridge so I am familiar with the program. I will ask Kathy to add this request to our discussion list for the March 17th Commission meeting.

Thanks for keeping us all in the loop and it was good to see you at the meeting Thursday.

Sherry

# Funding: WWII Veterans Historic Highway Signs in Sherman Co.

Camp Rufus.

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The WORLD WAR II VETERANS HISTORIC HIGHWAY sign project is progressing well with completion planned for Sunday, June 6, 2010, the 66th anniversary of D-Day. This is a cooperative effort with ODOT Region 4.

The new sign program will honor WWII veterans and inform the public about 8 WWII training sites served by two major highways east of the Cascades: the 292 mile US Highway 97 from the Columbia River to the Oregon/California border and State Route 126 from Redmond to Prineville. US 97 is known as The Dalles-California Highway and designated a Blue Star Memorial Highway. Those names are not changed by the new "honorary" designation.

Quoting from Governor Kulongoski's July 15, 2009 press release - "It (the highway) will be a living symbol of our state and our values and will

honor the service, sacrifice and dedication of Oregon World War II veterans.....This designation honors the Band of Brothers - the trainers, the troops, and all the men and women involved in helping our nation prepare for battle during World War II,... And it honors the vital role of central Oregon and communities along U.S. 97 where during WW II military training sites were established, ensuring our soldiers were adequately prepared."

We estimate 3,000 of the 30,100 veterans now residing in the six (6) counties served by US 97 and SR 126 are WWII veterans. Sherman County with 26 and Wasco County with 285. Someone must speak for WWII veterans and that honor has fallen to all of us.

We will install 19 signs along the highways this spring and summer. Each of the 8 WWII sites will have 2 signs (opposite sides of the highway) naming the WWII facility and years of operation.

#### Sign locations:

Biggs CAMP RUFUS

Madras ARMY AIRFIELD
Redmond ARMY AIRFIELD

Prineville CIVILIAN PILOT TRAINING Bend CIVILIAN PILOT TRAINING

Sunriver CAMP ABBOT

Klamath Falls MARINE BARRACKS NAVAL AIR STATION

The signs will be unveiled by WWII veterans and public officials during an afternoon ceremony and reception to honor WWII veterans on June 6, the 66th anniversary of D-Day at the famed Sunriver Resort's Great Hall built during WWII. Details will be announced in late April.

We have formed the new non-profit BEND HEROES FOUNDATION to manage the project's finances. The Foundation will buy the signs and sign posts from local businesses. We are accepting donations to the project. For the 3 signs at Biggs (CAMP RUFUS), we will need to raise \$2,100: \$1,500 for the signs and \$600 for the sign posts. We respectfully request the Sherman and Wasco County Courts, Sherman County Historical Society, and City of Rufus and City of Maupin collectively contribute \$1,500 for the signs. We will also request local veterans groups in Maupin and The Dalles contribute by donating \$600 for the posts and arranging for local contractors to donate post hole drillings and sign installations.

Donations will be tax deductible and can be sent to: BEND HEROES FOUNDATION

22325 White Peaks Drive Bend, OR 97702

~Dick Tobiason LTC US Army Retired President, BEND HEROES FOUNDATION home: 541 388-5591 cell 541 390-9932

From Sherman County eNews by Sherry Kaseberg

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KAREN LEBRETON COATS
COUNTY CLERK

# IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASCO

IN THE MATTER OF INCREASING )
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES CHARGED ) ORDER
BY WASCO COUNTY, OREGON. )

NOW ON THIS DAY, the above-entitled matter having come on regularly for consideration, said day being one duly set in term for the transaction of public business and a majority of the Court being present; and

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT: That Wasco County maintains an Animal Control Program; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT: That the cost of providing animal control services in Wasco County, Oregon, has increased since the current animal control fees were established in October, 1998, and October, 2000; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT: That the proposed increases in the dog licensing, impoundment and boarding fees would be a fair and reasonable increase.

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1	NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the following						
2	Wasco County Animal Control Fe	Wasco County Animal Control Fees are increased as specified below,					
3	effective July 1, 2006:						
4	TYPE OF LICENSE	CURRENT RATE	INCREASED TO				
5	NON-SPAYED FEMALE	\$25.00	\$50.00				
6	OR NON-NEUTERED MALE DOG						
7 8	DOG OWNED BY RESIDENT	\$10.00	\$20.00				
9	OF WASCO COUNTY OVER THE AGE OF 65 YEARS		·				
10	SPAYED FEMALE AND	\$5.00	\$10.00				
11	NEUTERED MALE DOG	<b>45.00</b>	\$5.00				
12	PENALTY FEE FOR FAILURE TO PROCURE TIMELY	\$5.00	φυ.ου				
13	LICENSE		<b>45.00</b>				
14	DAILY BOARD/CARE FEE	\$10.00	\$15.00				
15	IMPOUNDMENT - First Impound	\$25.00	\$50.00				
16 17	- Second Impound - Third or more	\$50.00 \$100.00	\$100.00 \$150.00				
18	DATED this 10th day of May, 2006.						
19		WASCO, COUNTY	COURT				
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21	APPRØVED AS TO FORM:	Dan Erigksen, Cou	Steller Inty Judge				
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## IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGONOU COUNTY

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASCO 2005 SEP 27 P 2: 20

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING	j
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NOW ON THIS DAY, the above-entitled matter having come on regularly for consideration, said day being one duly set in term for the transaction of public business and a majority of the Court being present; and

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT: That the Oregon Legislative
Assembly has adopted the provisions of ORS 609.990, which establishes the
penalties for violations under ORS 609.060, 609.095, 609.100, 609.169 and
609.405; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT: That the Wasco County Animal Control Department has recommended that the penalties set forth under ORS 609.990 should be adopted and that such fines should be charged for violations under ORS 609.060, 609.095, 609.100, 609.169 and 609.405; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT: That this Court on August 24, 2005, did consider the adoption of fines for maintaining a public nuisance in violation of ORS 609.095 (2) and (3) as set forth under ORS 609.990.

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the following fines be adopted for the Wasco County Animal Control Department, effective August 24, 2005, for the described violations under ORS 609.095 (2) and (3):

- If a dog is a public nuisance for a reason or reasons not including chasing or menacing a person on premises other than premises occupied exclusively by the keeper of the dog or biting a person, maintaining a public nuisance in violation of ORS 609.095 (2) or (3) is punishable by a fine of \$250.
- 2) If a dog is a public nuisance because the dog chases or menaces a person on premises other than premises occupied exclusively by the keeper of the dog or because the dog bites a person, maintaining the public nuisance in violation of ORS 609.095 (2) or (3) is punishable by a fine of \$500.

DATED this 21st day of September, 2005.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Dan Ericksen, County Judge

WASCO COUNTY COURT

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Wasco County District Attorney

Scott McKay, County Commissioner

Sherry Holliday, County Commissioner





### Mission Statement



"Working for our community through professional and accountable code compliance to enhance the beauty, livability, economy, health and safety of Wasco County."

## Goals and Projects

## **2009 GOALS**

stablish annual presentation to the County Board of Commissioners

- Review the year
- Set measurable and deliverable goals
- New Nuisance Ordinance adoption
- Establish enforcement permit process in Eden databse
- Swift low up on expired TUP
- one 1866 on illegal dwellings
- Continue to work on old open files
- Potential future programmatic changes
  - Code Compliance service to cities
  - Code Compliance service to Sherman and Gilliam Counties

### OTHER PROJECTS

- Created a Policy and Procedure Manual
- Created a spreadsheet that tracks all ENF properties sent to assessors office
- Tracking fees collected by Planning Dept
- Worked to help establish an archive permit process in EDEN to enter all old enforcement files dating back to 1972
- Archived 90% of old enforcement files into EDEN
- Working on updates for WCCCNAO
- Ongoing updates to Monthly Spreadsheet
- Meeting regularly with Columbia River Gorge ENF Personnel

### **2010 GOALS**

- Temporary Use Permit follow up
- All archive enforcement files entered in EDEN (May)
- Code Compliance Webpage
  - Ordinances
  - Forms
  - Online complaint submission
  - FAQ
  - Links to resources
- Continually update the Policy and Procedures Manual
- Get the necessary changes to WCCCNAO adopted
- Code Compliance service to smaller cities?
- Code Compliance service to other counties?

# QUICK OVERVIEW OF PROCESS

## Code Compliance in Two Worlds

- Health Violations: solid waste
  - Garbage accumulation
  - Commercial and industrial waste
  - Demolition and construction wastes
  - Medical waste
  - Dead animals, animal waste
  - Household hazardous waste
  - Dumpsites: Jack Bisset

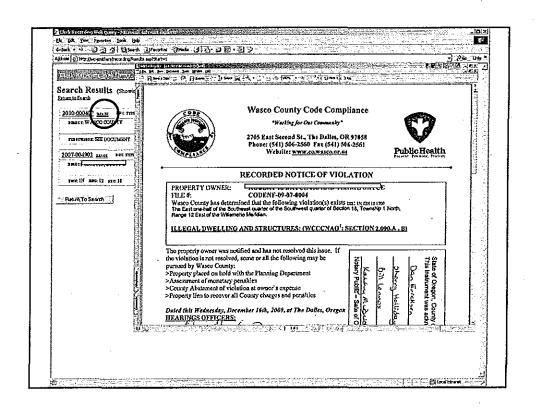
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# Code Compliance in Two Worlds

- Land Use and Development Violations
  - 25% Dwellings
  - 20% Structures
  - 5% Land use
  - 15% Vehicle Nuisance
  - 3% Conditions of Approval
    - Violations located in the National Scenic Area 30% of all violations

# **WCCCNAO**

- Complaint driven
- Voluntary compliance
- Right to appeal
- Accountability Oversight
- Effective consequences
  - Planning Hold
  - NOV recorded on deed (structures)
  - Fines
  - Liens
  - Abatement
  - Assessor notified



Code Compliance and Assessor's Office Working Together

## **Basic Process**

- The Code Compliance Office identifies illegal structures or dwellings on a property due to a complaint filed
- The Wasco County Department of Assessment and Tax is notified of the structures or dwellings
- The assessors office acts on the information to adjust the annual property taxes due and charge applicable back taxes (if the structures are not currently being assessed)

## Notes...

- Every time a code violation involves illegal structures or dwellings the Wasco County Department of Assessment and Tax is notified.
- As of March 11, 2010 the assessor's office has been notified of 23 properties that are in violation due to structures and/or dwellings.
- Some of the structures and dwellings on these properties were already on the tax records and were being assessed.

# Examples of Revenue Increase Due to ENFs

#### **HANDOUT**

Structure:

small cabin

Location:

F2 (80) off of Ketchum Rd

Back taxes paid:

\$2,139.76

Previous annual tax bill:

\$358.07

New annual tax bill:

\$684.04

Structure:

small cabin

Location:

F2 (80) off of Jewell Rd

Back taxes paid:

\$2,727.05

Previous annual tax bill:

\$434.59

New annual tax bill:

**\$545.00** (approximate)

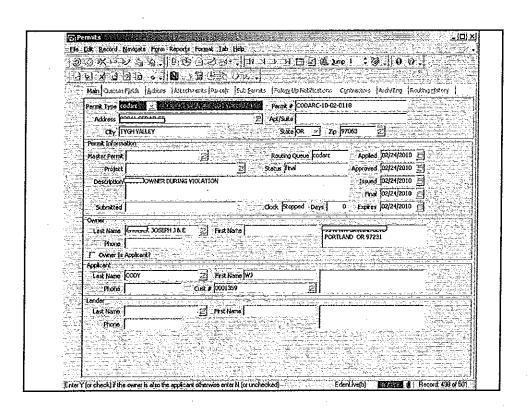
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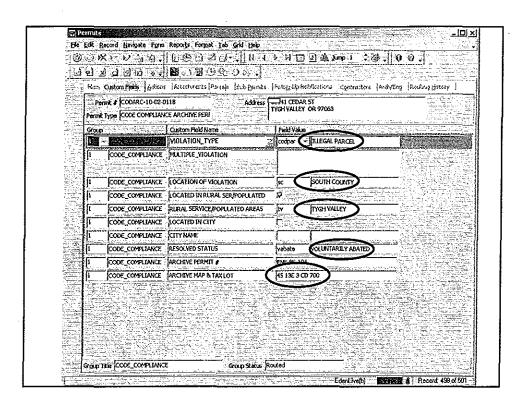


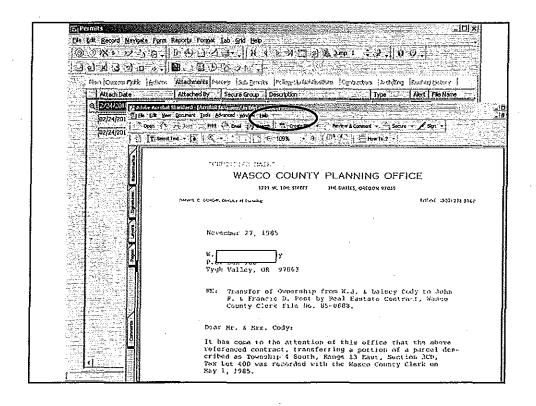
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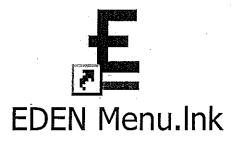
- Data collection and use
- Search for prior violations
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- All 615 are on target to be archived by May

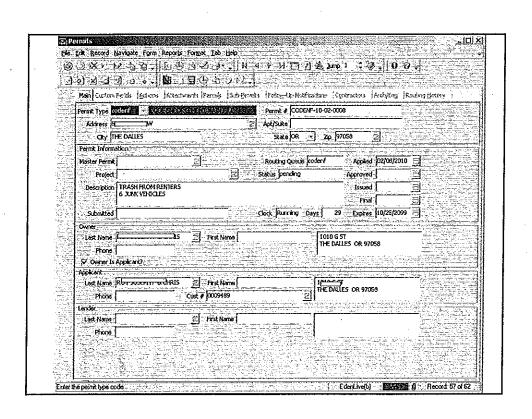




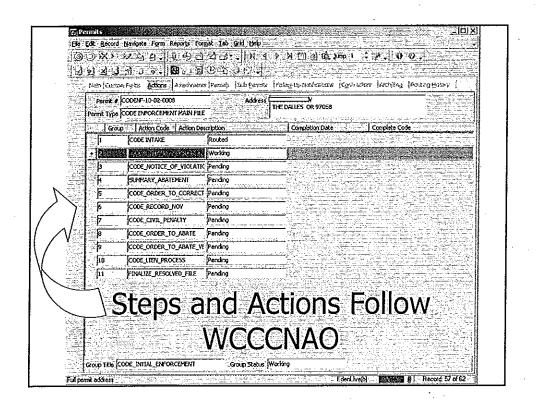


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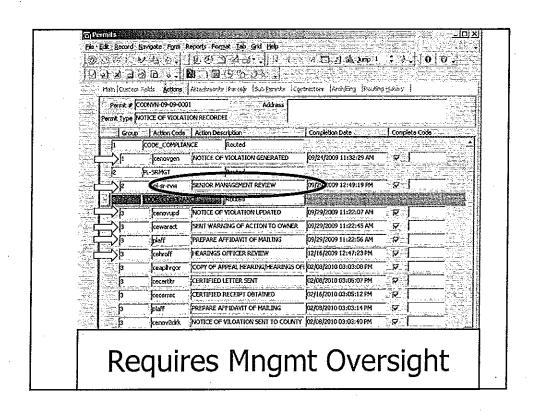




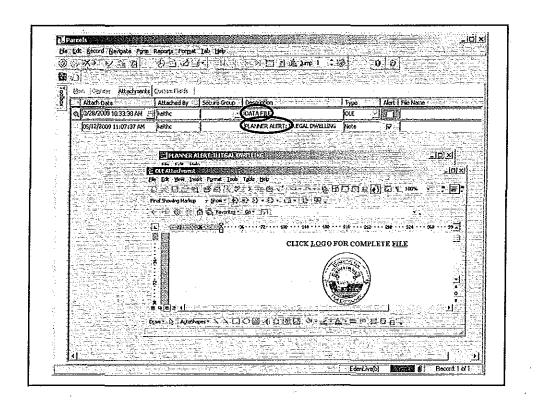
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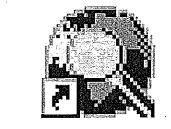
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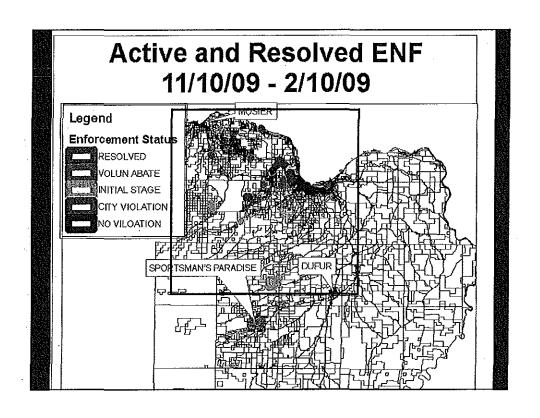
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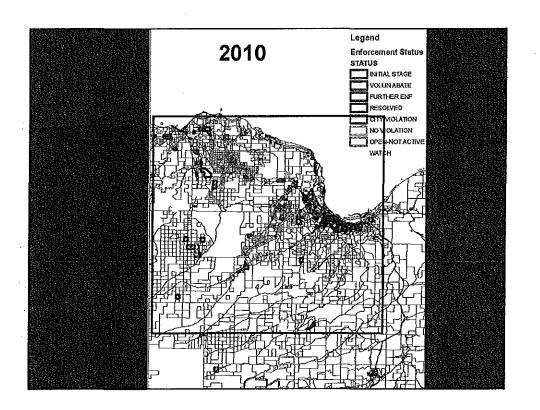
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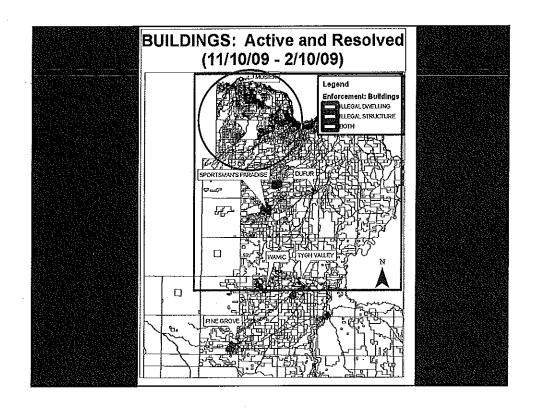
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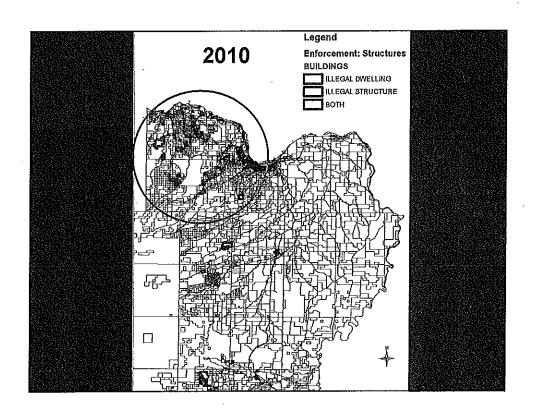


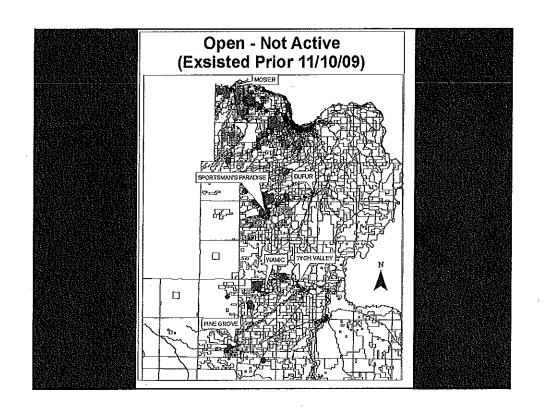
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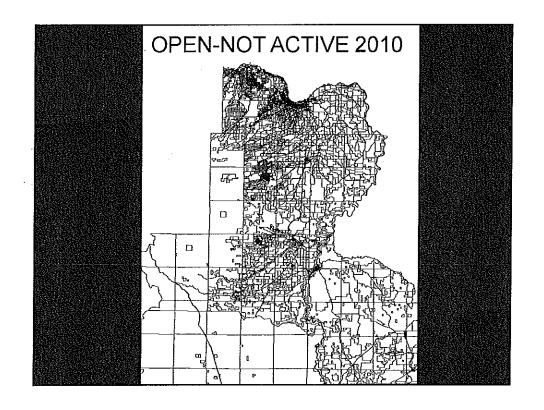


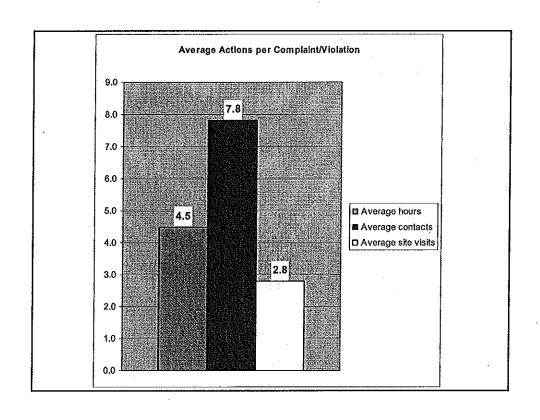


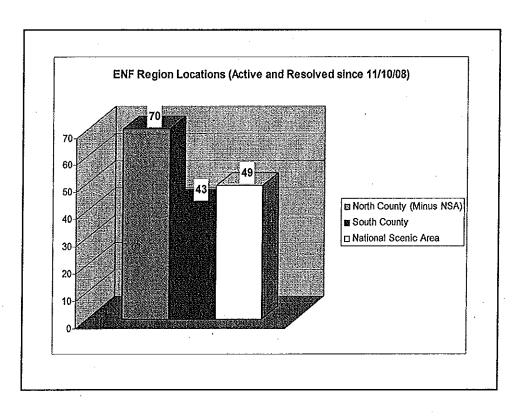


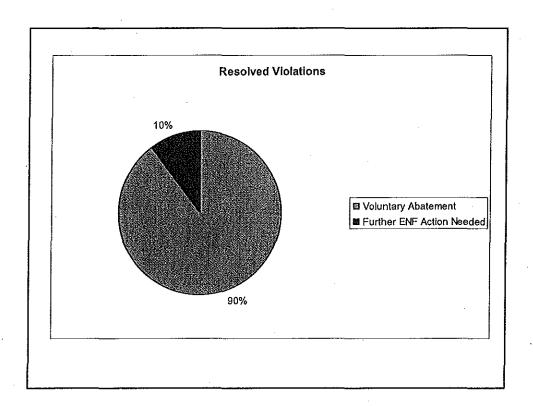






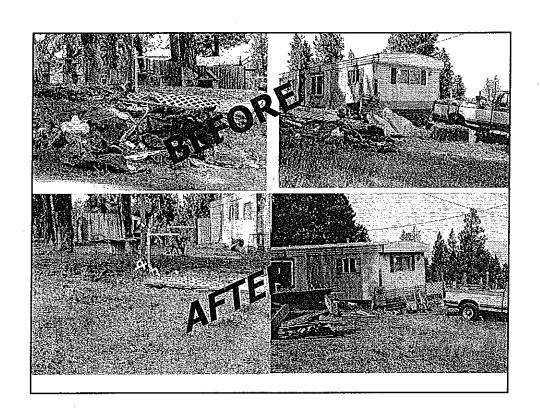


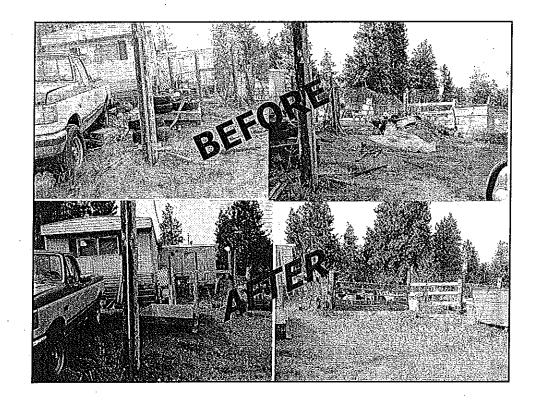




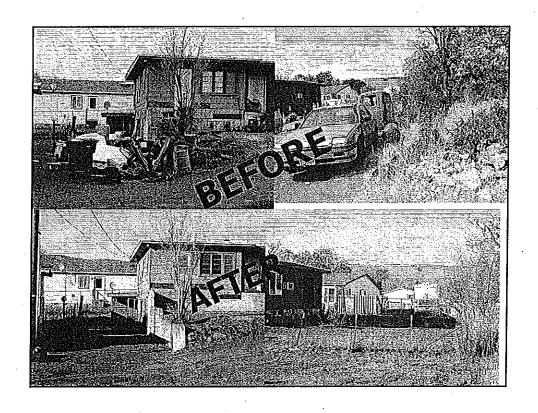
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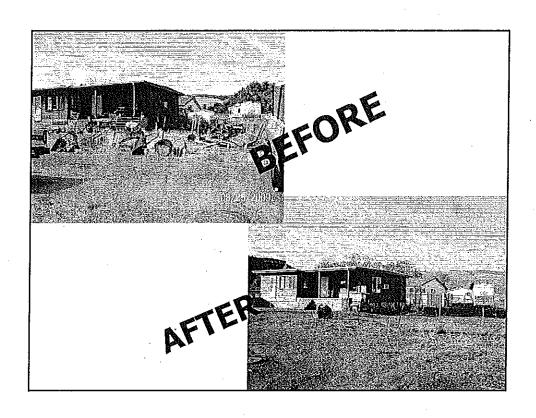
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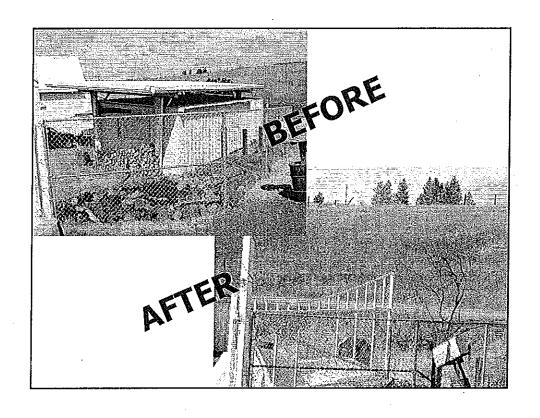


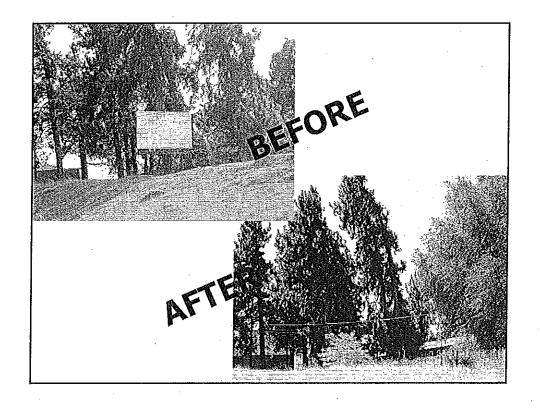


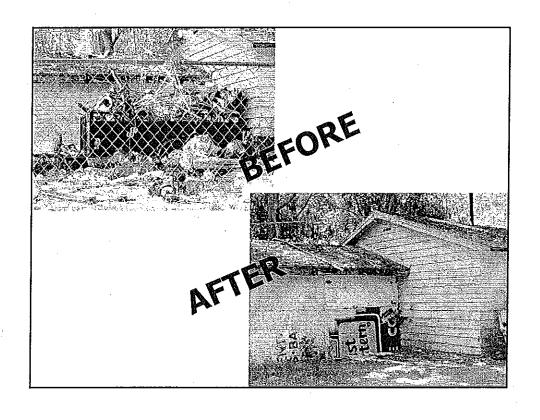


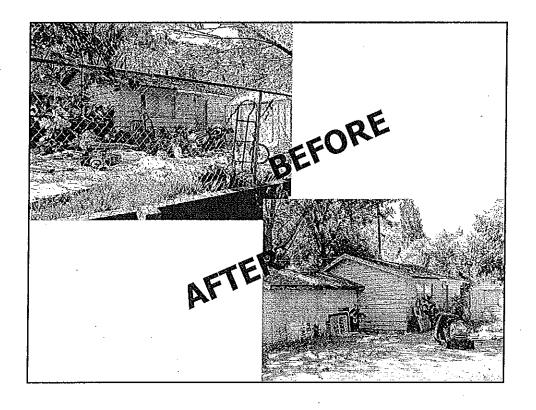


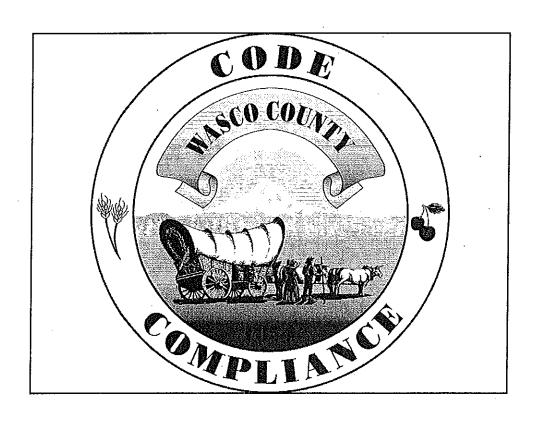












Presented by Kerth Cleveland 3/17/10

#### Code Compliance Revenue Opportunities 8 March 2010

Exhibit I

- **I. Overall Policy:** The Wasco County Code Compliance program was established with the primary goal of working with property owners to achieve voluntary compliance. It is important the program continue to be supported by the general fund and not be required to be financially self sustaining. If the program was mandated to pay for itself in whole or in part the focus could change from voluntary compliance to being monetarily punitive to ensure its existence.
- II. Revenues Directly Attributable to the Code Compliance Officer: Despite the policy above there are additional revenues Wasco County has received specifically because of the duties performed by the Code Compliance Officer. These revenues are worthy of explanation.

#### A. Land Use Applications:

- 1. Application Fees: To date the Code Compliance Officer has persuaded 10 property owners to submit land use applications to legalize their developments. This has resulted in a total of \$10,025 in land use application fees that would not have been received. This was particularly helpful earlier in this Fiscal Year when land use application numbers were lower than forecasted.
- 2. Double Fees: Any application related to an unlawfully established use requires double the regular application fee. Of the \$9,283 indicated above approximately half, \$4,900 was related to this double fee requirement.
- B. <u>Tax Roles:</u> Any unlawfully established development found by the Code Compliance Officer is immediately shared with the Tax Assessors Office. To date this has occurred on **23 properties**. While it would be valuable to know the exact amount of additional revenue brought in as a result notifying the Tax Assessors Office, it is difficult and time consuming to find this information. Therefore research was conducted for the following two properties for illustration purposes. It is worth noting that taxing improvements is very development specific and so the following should not be generalized for all 23 properties.

	Example One	Example Two
Structure	Small Cabin	Small Cabin
Zone	F-2(80)	F-2(80)
Back Taxes Paid	\$2,139.76	\$2,727.05
Previous Annual Tax Bill	\$358.07	\$434.59
New Annual Tax Bill	\$684.04	\$545 (approximate)

C. Fines: None to Date

# MID COLUMBIA HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER

Narrative Report Year End 2009

# Year End Summary 2009 Mid Columbia Housing Resource Center

#### **Executive Summary:**

The *Mid Columbia Housing Resource Center* met or exceeded its contractual objectives for 2009. The following is a more detailed look at the Center's performance on its eleven key objectives:

Key Objective 1: Conduct at least one orientation session Conduct for lenders

Results: Met Objective: On October 19th the *Mid Columbia Housing Resource Center* in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, USDA Rural Development, Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, Oregon Housing and Community Services. Mid Columbia Association of Realtors, sponsored a Homeownership Forum. Approximately 30 realtors, lenders and title escrow professionals attended this over two hour session and were briefed on topics that included the local housing market, economic climate, homeownership programs and homeownership prevention programs.

Key Objective 2: Conduct at least 4 orientation sessions for low and moderate income families.

<u>Results</u>: Exceeded Objective. 39 Orientation sessions were held during 2009, eclipsing the objective. A total of 249 people attended the sessions with 100% being of low or moderate income.

Key Objective 3: Conduct at least 6 home buying classes using the ABC of home buying curriculum

<u>Results:</u> Exceeded Objective. 10 classes were scheduled for 2009 but only 6 were held with a total of sixteen people attending. Of the six classes held, one class was conducted in Spanish. Despite classes being marketed through the Columbia Gorge Community College and other means, 4 classes were cancelled due to lack of attendance.

Key Objective 4: Provide Information on Owner Occupied CDBG Rehabilitation Programs.

Results: Met Objective. Information regarding Sherman Counties CDBG Housing Rehabilitation and Wasco County Home Repair Program was provided throughout the year. The Sherman County program which ended on December 31, 2009 served eleven families. The Wasco County Home Repair Program which began in the fall of 2009 currently is providing funds to one family with another three families waiting to close with several more waiting to be served.

#### Key Objective 5: Provide Information and access on USDA Rural Development

<u>Results:</u> Met Objective. Approximately 18 families were referred to the USDA Rural Development office in Redmond, Oregon. Of the 18 approximately 9 have received a prequalification letter.

Key Objective 6: Provide information on affordable mortgage products and reverse mortgage programs

Results: Met Objective. The Center continued to disseminate its popular "one stop shop" brochure that includes information on most if not all-affordable mortgage products. In addition it distributes brochures on reverse mortgage products. The cable TV show on foreclosure prevention that was produced in 2007 continued to air during 2009.

#### Key Objective 7: Maintain WEB Site

Results: Met Objective. The WEB site was maintained throughout 2009. During 2009, the WEB site was visited by 1424 individuals.

#### Key Objective 8: Referral for Weatherization and Energy Assistance

<u>Results:</u> Objective Met. The Center maintained its referral agreements with the Mid Columbia Community Action Program and referred customers needing energy assistance or weatherization to the CAP office.

Key Objective 9: Provide access to foreclosure counseling, rental homelessness and emergency assistance.

<u>Results:</u> Objective Met. The Center continued to provide access and referral to the above programs throughout 2009.

#### Key Objective 10: Counseling Services

Results: Objective Met. The Center provided general counseling services to approximately 24 families and topic specific counseling to another (e.g., foreclosure) 8 families.

#### Key Objective 11: Implement a Homeownership Tracking System

**Results:** Objective Met. A tracking system was developed and used throughout 2009 to track families purchasing a home. During 2009, at least one family purchased homes after receiving assistance from the Resource Center.

#### Other Activities:

- 1. **Booth at Home & Garden Show:** The Mid Columbia Housing Resource Center had a booth at the spring Mid Columbia Home and Garden Show. The booth, staffed by Center staff distributed information on first time home buying programs, fair housing, home repair programs and foreclosure prevention programs.
- 2. **Get The Facts**: The Mid Columbia Housing Resource Center received a grant from Freddie Mac to conduct Get The Facts Workshops. Using Freddie Mac grant dollars, six Get The Facts Seminars were conducted throughout the Mid-Columbia Region.
- 3. Hours of Operation: The Mid Columbia Housing Resource Center was open 32 hours a week throughout 2009.
- 4. Additional Funding: During 2009, the Mid Columbia Housing Resource Center received a \$15,000 grant from Freddie Mac to conduct Get The Facts Seminars and a \$5000 Grant from Wells Fargo to conduct housing counseling activities.

#### BUDGET ISSUE PAPER

#### CITY OF THE DALLES

# BUDGET YEAR AFFECTED DEPARTMENT(S) AFFECTED BUDGET DOCUMENT REFERENCE NUMBER FY 2010-11

TO:

Budget Committee, City Counicl

FROM:

Nolan K. Young, City Manager

DATE:

February 2, 2010

ISSUE:

Investigation of the Future of Animal Control Services in the Community

**BACKGROUND**: The City of The Dalles and Wasco County have a cooperative agreement for Animal Control services for city and county residents. The current agreement calls for at least a 50% sharing of costs over revenues. Last year, in order to maintain the current level of animal control services the City agreed to increase its participation based on call load, 72% of costs, for at least one year.

In recent years, the operation of the animal shelter, with the primary mission of dog control, has been operated by contract with Home At Last Humane Society, a non-profit organization. They have provided the basic animal control shelter operation services and have conducted specific programs in the space of operation.

This year Home At Last is experiencing a financial crisis where it is in doubt if they will be able to continue offering their current programs at the same level or even continue to exist. There have been inquires as to what the County can do to assist with this crisis.

The primary goal of the City and County is to provide the operation of the animal shelter for the control of stray dogs so they do not become a problem for the community. Therefore, any investigation by the City and County on what the community should do, should focus on two questions:

- 1. Is Home At Last being adequately compensated for the basic services they are providing to the City and County's animal control agency?
- 2. Are there any additional specific programs that Home At Last is currently funding for which the community should assume financial responsibility?

To answer these questions it would be necessary to conduct a full review of the current programs and how they are being financed. To accomplish this we recommend that we request from Home At Last the following information in order for City and County staff can review this information and make a recommendation to their respective boards.

#### Information needed:

- 1. Financial report that identifies where the revenue comes from and how it is being spent. This report need to include enough detail to identify basic core services and specific programs.
- 2. What specific programs are being provided and what is the cost of those programs?
- 3. At what volumes are they operating at for the various programs?
- 4. Break down of where animals are coming from (for example: strays from county animal control, owner release, etc.) and from where (i.e.: City of The Dalles, Wasco County, Klickitat County, others).
- 5. Breakdown for where animals are going (adoption, euthanasia, release to others, etc.) and revenue generated.
- 6. Where are the biggest growth expenditures and why did those items grow so much this year?
- 7. What are the basic bylaws including mission statement of Home At Last?
- 8. What specific recommendations does the board of Home At Last have for the remedy of the financial situation?

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend that the City Council direct the City Manager to work with Wasco County to "investigate" potential changes to the current Animal Control program to enhance its long-term program impact and financial viability. The results of the investigation would be brought back to the City Council and County Commission during the budget process in order to include related costs as deemed necessary.

#### Option #1

Home at Last goes out for a serial levy in November 2010 in the amount of .20 cents per thousand of assessed value, generating operating funds of \$330,000 per year for the next 5 years.

Operating funds in the amount of \$60,000 will need to be supplemented by county/city until the levy funds are disbursed in November 2011.

If the levy in November fails Home at Last will close it's doors June 30, 2011 at the latest.

#### Option #2:

County/City provide the funds to hire an Executive Director for Home at Last for the next 3 years. The cost for this would be approximately \$60,000 per year. This person would build the programs and financial infrastructure needed to make the organization more financially viable.

If this option were chosen the anticipation would be that there would not be a need to go out for a tax levy in the future or if one was needed it could be for a significantly smaller amount.

#### Option #3

County takes over operation of the shelter operating it substantially as it did before Home at Last took over in 2005.

Cost to the County/City would be approximately\_\_\_\_\_\_. Proposed budget attached.

#### Option #4

No extra money or support from County/City – Home at Last closes our doors June 30, 2010. No animal shelter services available in Wasco County. Shut down schedule is attached.

# HOME AT LAST STATEMENT TO WASCO COUNTY COMMISSION MARCH 17, 2010

Today Home At Last Humane Society (HAL) is here as requested by the Wasco County Court Commissioners to consider options for the continued operation of the Animal Shelter.

Our goal is to secure long term and stable funding that will provide for adequate staffing and the continued operation of the animal shelter to ensure a humane solution for regional animal control.

After several discussions with staff, citizens and public officials, the HAL Board of Directors proposes three options for resolving this situation that we will present for your consideration:

#### Our first option is the following:

Request that Wasco County residents have the choice to vote regarding
whether to approve or fail a levy for HAL on the November 2010 ballot. The
levy option, if successfully approved, would fund staff and shelter operation
expenses. Due to the lateness of this election and current budgetary
concerns, Home At Last would further ask Wasco County/City of The Dalles
to fund the staff and operation expenses until levy funds become available in
November 2011.

\*\*Failure of the levy by voters would result in the Shelter starting the shut down process immediately with the Shelter closing 12/31/2010.

#### Our second option is the following:

Request Wasco County/City of The Dalles fund an Executive Director
position for a period of three to five years while the HAL Board of Directors
continue to pursue permanent funding sources and solutions.

#### Our third option is the following:

 Have HAL turn the complete operation of the animal shelter back over to Wasco County with an effective date of 6/30/2010. \*\*With this option, the official shut down process would begin 5/1/2010.

The challenges facing funding for Home At Last Humane Society were initially brought to the County Court's attention in January 2010. We presented this information to you so that the County was aware of the urgency of this situation.

We request that a decision be made from these options, or an alternate recommendation be presented to the Home At Last Board of Directors no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. We ask for this due date so in the event of option 3, staff will

have the consideration of finding future employment and intakes for owner released animals and all cats will cease as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

We thank the County Court and residents of Wasco County for their continued support and hope that the County chooses the option to preserve jobs and lives.

#### Home at Last Humane Society Closing Schedule

- May 1 Announce to the public that HAL is closing.
- May 10 Stop taking in owner released dogs and all cats. All purchasing stops
- May 10 Review inventory sheet with County to identify county/HAL property
- May 17 Start dismantling and liquidating HAL property

June 30 – 5:00 close doors and deliver keys to Wasco county

Wasco County Animal Shelter Stats 1998—2004

Year	Intakes Wasco Co.	Adopted Wasco Co.	Euthanized Wasco Co.	% Euthanized	Intakes HAL	Adopted HAL	Euthanized HAL
1998 .	1783	153	1270	71%	N/A	N/A	N/A
1999	1506	102	1092	72%	N/A	N/A	N/A
2000	1563	160	1123	72%	33	26	0
2001	1222	145	809	66%	200	197	3
2002	1377	155	799	58%	250	247	3
2003	1351	145	775	57%	257	250	7
2004 (Jan –June) 2004(Jul –Dec.)	650 N/A	150 N/A	286 N/A	44%	196 400	191 189	5 31

Compared to 37 animal shelters in Oregon in 1998 through 2001, Wasco County had the 2nd and 3rd highest euthanasia record in the state. The only county that was consistently worse was Josephine County.

## Shelter Stats 2005 thru 2009

Shelter Stats	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Impound/Strays	483	478	515	486	623
Owner released	453	269	275	388	535
Transfered In	7	36	20	7	56
Protective Custody	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Intakes	943	783	886	881	1214
Adopted	475	464	435	541	760
Returned to owner	239	220	220	155	232
Transfered out	57	77	85	76	156
Euthanized	99	90	87	56	59
DOA	<u>26</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>16</u>
Total Out	896	864	840	830	1223

# Community Spay/Neuter

S/N Stats	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Low Income S/N	\$334.12	\$1,000.00	\$2,758.41	\$5,141.33	\$16,905.00
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## 2009 Intakes by Area

Wasco County	85%
Klickitat County	10%
All other areas	5%

## 2009 Donations by Area

Wasco County	\$51,467	59%
Klickitat County	\$5,108.89	6%
Hood River County	\$5,881.00	7%
All others	\$23,843.84	27%
Total Donations	\$86,300.73	

March 16, 2010

TO: Wasco County Commissioners Wasco County Courthouse 5<sup>th</sup> & Washington Streets The Dalles, OR 97058

Dear Wasco County Commissioners,

I ask you to support Home At Last Animal Shelter & services by funding them this year, and working with them to place a levy on the ballot.

As citizens of this county I feel that we have an obligation to support our shelter. They do a great job, and we all need their services. Wasco County is a better place for us all, because we are responsible & responsive to this need.

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## Home At Last Humane Society Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison January through December 2009

		Actual	Actual			
		Jan - Dec 09	Jan - Dec 08	% Change	2	010 Budget
	y Income/Expense					
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1	Total Spay/Neuter Community	2,642.30	-2,949.82	~189.58%	\$	850.00
	Total General Donations	85,895.73	86,544.94	-0.75%	\$	87,500.00
} }	Total Fundraising Income	30,949.88	26,020.99	18.94%		29,300.0
	Total Merchandise Sales	1,045.35	2,769.93	-62.26%		1,800.0
-	Total Misc. Income	321.17	569.87	-43.64%	\$	100.00
	Total Program Services Income	167,019.80	135,656.36	23.12%		165,200.0
Tota	al Income	287,874.23	248,612.27	15.79%		284,750.0
Expe	ense					
	Total Benefits & Taxes	32,759.87	12,516.80	161.73%		41,000.0
	Total Salaries	132,375.50	122,529.13	8.04%		178,810.0
	Total Personnel Expense	165,135.37	135,045.93	22.28%		219,810.0
	Total Veterinarian Services	53,021.83	36,548.55	45.07%		49,800.
	Total Shelter Supplies	23,596.15	25,319.88	-6.81%		23,650.
	Total Professional Fees	1,257.16	1,422.00	-11.59%	\$	1,200.0
	Total Occupancy & Utilities	11,152.77	8,295.05	34.45%	\$	11,006.0
	Total Office Expenses	6,232.83	5,139.88	21.26%	\$	6,100.0
	Total Postage & Delivery	758.91	2,565.10	-70.41%	\$	800.0
	Total Printing & Reproduction	13,728.67	6,006.19	128.58%	\$	13,300.0
	Total Repairs	-10.71	451.75	-102.37%	\$	100.0
	Total Auto Expense	534.36	. 2,977.32	-82.05%	\$	1,204.0
	Total Advertising	3,366.19	5,616.49	-40.07%	\$	3,300.
	Total Insurance	6,576.29	5,675.27	15.88%	\$	7,300.
	Total Meetings & Conferences	69.66	197.64	-64.75%	\$	100.
	Total Volunteers	0.00	1,062.28	-100.0%	\$	150.
	Total Recognition	. 869.83	0.00	100.0%	\$	200.
	Depreciation Expense	0.00	3,638.00	-100.0%	\$	-
<del></del>	Total Other Expenses	5,457,43	4,515.98	20.85%		5,150

## Home At Last Humane Society Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

January through December 2009

	Actual	Actual		
	Jan - Dec 09	Jan - Dec 08	% Change	2010 Budget
Total Expense	291,746.74	244,477.31	19.34%	343,170.00
Net Ordinary Income	-3,872.51	4,134.96	~193.65%	~58,420.0
Other Income/Expense				
Total Other Income	206.12	147.41	39,83%	210.0
Total Other Expense	425.87	237.89	79.02%	100.0
Net Other Income	-219.75	-90,48	142.87%	110.0
Net Income	-4,092.26	4,044.48	-201.18%	-58,310.0