

RESOLUTION 2016-24

TO PROPOSE A LID-LIFT TO FUND A RESOURCE DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that forests are its dominant feature and resource; and 80% of County lands are the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, in deteriorating health and are increasingly susceptible to catastrophic wildfire; and, the devastating forest fires of the last seven years in the southeast of the County are dramatic warning signs of future wildfires; and

WHEREAS, thinning and slash removal have shown marked reduction in forest fire intensity within the recent record setting, catastrophic wildfires of north-central and northeastern Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the lack of resource management on the timberlands, that are controlled by the United States Forest Service, detrimentally affects timber related businesses, jobs and neighboring private landowners; and

WHEREAS, our county schools, local government services, emergency medical service and fire protection services are being diminished by the federal government which continues to acquire private lands reducing yearly property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the County does not have the financial resources for local dedicated assistance to analyze and promote its interests in terms of jobs, business health, wildfire prevention, and forest health among agencies and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the County proposes to have dedicated local assistance for the purposes of monitoring and analyzing national forest related issues in the context of the rules and practices of the official agencies that control timberland activities with the County; and

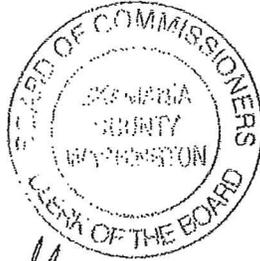
WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 allows a temporary increase in the regular property tax levy for up to six years, if approved by a majority of the voters at a general election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Skamania County Board of Commissioners that there is to be created a Natural Resources Management office within Skamania County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Skamania County Board of Commissioners resolve to levy the amount of \$120,000 for the salary, equipment and supplies of the office based on an approximate property tax increase of \$0.08 per \$1,000 valuation for a five year period on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot.

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Dated this 7th day of June 2016.



ATTEST:
Debbie Slav
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

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Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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SKAMANIA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
REVIEW OF ELECTION BALLOT MEASURES
PRIMARY ELECTION
AUGUST 2, 2016

After having reviewed ballot resolution information submitted to the Skamania County Auditor's Office for inclusion as a special election ballot measure to be submitted to the voters of the district indicated in conjunction with the August 2, 2016 Primary Election, I determine the following:

1. **The ballot measure submitted by the Skamania County Board of County Commissioners concerning a proposition authorizing the County to increase their regular property tax levy by \$120,000 or approximately \$0.08 per \$1000 of assessed value, for five years, for the purpose of funding a Natural Resources Management office in Skamania County:**

- The ballot resolution and measure has been submitted by a city or town and the ballot title is to be written by the attorney for the city or town.
- The ballot title, as identified in the resolution submitted, meets all legal requirements and is approved for use in all official ballot materials.
- Our office has attached a ballot title which meets all legal requirements for use in all official ballot materials.

By 
Adam Kick, Prosecuting Attorney

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Skamania County
Proposition No. 1
Temporary Property Tax Limit Increase

The Skamania County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2016-24 proposing to temporarily increase the property tax levy limit. If approved, this proposition would authorize a 5 year temporary increase in the maximum levy rate collected beginning in 2017. The increase would be approximately \$0.08 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to collect \$120,000 for each of the next 5 years in order to fund the salary, equipment and supplies of a Natural Resource Management office within Skamania County.

Should this proposition be enacted into law?

Yes
No

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