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MEMO TO: Residents of the Clackamas County Extension and 4-H Service District, Budget Committee and Board of County Commissioners

In accordance with Oregon Local Budget Law, today we present the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget for Clackamas County Extension and 4-H Service District. Local Budget Law provides that a unit of government must establish a budget and/or declare a levy if it intends to impose property taxes.

The Clackamas County Extension and 4-H Service District was created in November 2008 by voter approval in Clackamas County. The District includes all incorporated and unincorporated jurisdictions in the county, except Johnson City. The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners act as the District's governing body. The District, in collaboration with Oregon State University (OSU) Extension – Clackamas, brings the expertise of faculty and staff, and resources of the university to our county. Extension's informal education programs are developed in collaboration with residents and volunteers to address community needs and solve problems by leveraging up-to-date science, based on university research. The overall goal of our work is to improve our residents' lives through practical, solution-oriented, research-based education.

In January, the OSU Extension – Clackamas office published our annual community report and circulated it as a newspaper insert, a weblink, OSU Extension – Clackamas webpage, our main Facebook page, and all our program pages. We also have copies in the office for customers. The report tells the story of OSU Extension – Clackamas during the past year, reflects our program accomplishments, the work of faculty, staff, and volunteers, and how we work to make a difference in residents' lives. The report represents an important measure of accountability we strive to provide every year to the residents of the county who entrust fiscal accountability and help fund the services OSU Extension – Clackamas.

The Clackamas County Extension and 4-H Service District functions to levy property taxes, collect revenue, and pass it on to OSU Extension – Clackamas to fund education programs, services, and research activities specifically targeted to and for Clackamas County. The District works to ensure funding is focused on programming and education as well as provide community support when and where we are needed.

Guidelines for managing and delivering Extension programs funded through the District are defined by the current Intergovernmental Agreement between Clackamas County and Oregon State University approved in March 2010 and since renewed. The Clackamas County Extension and 4-H Service District budget, as presented today, includes the imposition of the maximum permanent property tax rate approved by voters fourteen years ago. This rate is \$0.05 per thousand dollars of assessed property valuation. Current tax revenue for the District during FY2024-2025 is projected to generate \$3,145,855 at a 95% collection rate for current year revenue of \$2,988,590. In addition to current property tax revenue, anticipated delinquent tax payments and interest is \$25,000 and investment interest income is \$252,396. The estimated beginning fund balance for FY2024-2025 is projected to be

\$12,619,806. The year's total of expected resources will be \$15,889,343, which includes the savings for the building fund. On the expenditure side, payments budgeted for distribution to OSU Extension – Clackamas for operations during the coming fiscal year total \$2,443,329. The balance of the base budget includes funds earmarked for the design and construction of a new Clackamas Extension Education Center of \$13,119,806, which are held in Reserves for Future Expenditures line of the budget. Finally, an additional \$307,140 is budgeted into a contingency line.

This past year, our 18 faculty and staff worked to grow programs and increase capacity with class offerings in collaboration with over 1,629 volunteers, contributing \$3,158,680 value added of volunteer hours. The 4-H program had over 3,426 youth participants in a variety of programs, classes and activities. They also offered 166 workshops throughout the year and continued offering online workshops in STEM, food, horticulture, and sewing projects. Our Forestry and Natural Resources programs met the needs of both adult and youth learners in over 244 workshops, 50 school programs with over 6,300 youth participants. A new Bigleaf Maple Project was started at a demonstration site in collaboration with Hopkins Demonstration Forest and is featured at the annual Tree School program. Family and Community Health (FCH) led a workshop in Molalla called “Food for All in Clackamas County Project” with a student team from Portland State University. This workshop addressed the Blueprint for a Healthy Clackamas County goal: “All residents have access to affordable, culturally relevant healthy food”. The SNAP-Ed program offered “Nutrition in the Forest” to 2nd and 3rd grade classes from three schools, delivering eight lessons from the OSU “Growing Healthy Kids” curriculum. The FCH social media site received over 62K visits this past year. The Master Gardener volunteers partnered with the Milwaukie non-profit Aspire Together to provide gardening lessons ranging from how to plant seeds and seedlings to preparing a garden for winter. The Master Gardener program conducted over 90 programs, 125 school programs, and answered over 12,000 gardening questions throughout the year.

The Clackamas Extension Education Center project remains on hold. We are collaborating with a partner to explore a feasible location and building size. FY25 will provide better awareness as to the way ahead for the project.

We respectfully request that the Budget Committee approve the Clackamas County Extension and 4-H Service District budget and property tax levy for Fiscal Year 2025, as presented.

Sincerely,



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