

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Policy Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 4/12/16 **Approx Start Time:** 11:00 AM **Approx Length:** 60 minutes

Presentation Title: The Economic Impact of Oregon City's County Seat Status

Department: Business & Community Services

Presenters: Thomas Potiowsky, Director Portland State University Northwest
Economic Research Center (NERC)

Michael Paruszkiewicz, Senior Economist, NERC

Gary Barth, Director BCS

Other Invitees:

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

The purpose of this policy session is to provide the Board with an economic impact analysis resulting from the Clackamas County seat residing within the jurisdiction of the City of Oregon City and seek Board direction on the release of these findings.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The County Administrator requested that the Business & Economic Development Division within the Department of Business & Community Services undertake an economic impact analysis to measure the impact of the Clackamas County seat residing within the jurisdiction of the City of Oregon City.

BCS contracted with Portland State University's Northwest Economic Research Center (NERC) to conduct that study. A copy of that final report is attached to this policy session worksheet.

The findings conclude that there is a beneficial rather than competitive relationship between the County administration and Oregon City's economic development. The County provides over 2,300 direct jobs and indirectly supports an additional 200 via employee' income and spending while occupying a relatively small portion of the city's tax lots. In addition, roughly one-fifth of County employees reside within Oregon City.

The authors of that study will be in attendance to present their findings to the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

Is this item in your current budget? YES NO

What is the cost? The study cost \$34,500 and was funded out of the economic development budget.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- How does this item align with your Department’s Strategic Business Plan goals?
 - Prepared on the behalf of the County Administrator’s office
- How does this item align with the County’s Performance Clackamas goals?
 - Grow a vibrant economy
 - Building public trust through good government

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

N/A

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

N/A

OPTIONS:

1. Accept the report for informational purposes with no further action required.
2. Accept the report and direct the County Administrator and Public & Government Affairs to distribute this information to select audiences.
3. Request additional analysis before any further action is taken.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Option 2 – direct the County Administrator to release the findings to the community.

ATTACHMENTS:

The Economic Impact of Oregon City’s County Seat Status – Final Report

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____ GB _____

Department Director/Head Approval _____

County Administrator Approval _____

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