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Board of County Commissioners  
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Presentation Announcing Damascus Excess Moneys Distribution

<b>Purpose/Outcomes</b>	Update the Board of County Commissioners on the Damascus Excess Moneys Distribution.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None
<b>Funding Source</b>	N/A
<b>Duration</b>	N/A
<b>Previous Action</b>	None
<b>Strategic Plan Alliance</b>	1. Building public trust through good government
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**BACKGROUND**

Residents of the former City of Damascus voted to disincorporate on May 17, 2016. Formal disincorporation occurred on July 18, 2016.

Beginning July 18, 2016, the total funds transferred to Clackamas County equaled \$8,398,558. These funds were used and distributed per Oregon House Bill 3086 as follows: \$3,000,000 was placed in a special County account and used to pay certain obligations related to transitioning Damascus employees to the County payroll (for up to one year), the continuation of law enforcement, and other services that were integrated into the County's structure, \$2,854,339 (remaining fund balances for the road and street funds at time of disincorporation) was designated for exclusive use on roads within the former City, and \$2,544,219 was set aside to distribute back to taxpayers who met certain criteria.

Now that all financial obligations have been realized and satisfied, and in accordance with Oregon House Bill 3086, unspent money will be distributed back to property taxpayers (who meet certain criteria outlined below) based on previous property taxes paid.

According to Oregon House Bill 3086, excess moneys transferred to Clackamas County shall be distributed by the County to each person that:

- Owned taxable property as of June 30, 2016
- For which property taxes were paid in full to the City of Damascus for the property tax year beginning on July 1, 2015

- In an amount determined by multiplying the amount of all excess moneys to be distributed by the ratio of the cumulative amount of ad valorem property taxes certified by the City and paid with respect to the property owned by the person for the property tax years beginning on July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016
- To the cumulative amount of ad valorem property taxes certified by the City and paid with respect to property owned by all persons eligible for the distribution for the property tax years beginning on July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2016

Please note, a distribution is not required if the amount of the distribution is \$10 or less.

Preliminary figures show the dollars to be distributed back to property taxpayers will equal \$3,752,140.20. This figure is comprised of the original \$2,544,219, interest earnings of \$94,090.37, miscellaneous credits of \$62,657.77 and the County efficiently needing to spend only \$1,948,826.94 of the \$3,000,000 that had been set aside to pay obligations.

After the commission presentation the following will occur in order between June 21 and June 26:

- Web update to Damascus page <https://www.clackamas.us/damascus>
- Home page block on the website will be added that links to the content on the Damascus page
- Press release
- Targeted Facebook post to 97055 (the Damascus zipcode) linking to the web content
- Targeted Nextdoor post to 97055 (the Damascus zipcode) linking to the web content

A letter explaining the money distribution will accompany the check on or around July 23, 2018. Questions will be directed to Assessment & Taxation at (503) 655-8671 or [damascusrefund@clackamas.us](mailto:damascusrefund@clackamas.us).

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

No recommendation is needed.

Respectfully submitted,



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