



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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At its regular meeting on July 10, 2012, a majority of the Coos County Board of Commissioners voted to direct Commissioner Cam Parry to work in conjunction with Interim County Counsel Josh Soper to draft an ordinance that would, if enacted, make several changes to the current County governance structure. Those changes are based on the recommendations two citizen advisory committees developed over the course of the past year, and include: expanding the Board of Commissioners from three members to five, elected at large; providing each Commissioner with a stipend of \$1,000 per month in lieu of current salary and benefits; and hiring a County Administrator to oversee the day-to-day operations of the County.

Parry and Soper have since been working to prepare a draft ordinance, which will be completed by July 25, 2012. At that time, the draft ordinance will be posted to the County website and copies will be made available to anyone who requests one from the Commissioners' Office in the Coos County Courthouse, located at 250 N. Baxter, Coquille, OR 97423, or by phone at 541-396-3121 ext. 225.

The Board scheduled two hearings to consider the ordinance, as required by law, at its regular meeting on July 17, 2012. The first will be held on August 1, 2012 beginning at 1:30 p.m. in Salmon Room West at The Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont Ave., North Bend, Oregon, 97459. During that hearing, the Commissioners will discuss the draft ordinance and take comments from the public, and may also make amendments to the ordinance.

On August 15, 2012, the Commissioners will hold a final hearing on the ordinance beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Owen Building, 201 N. Adams, Coquille, OR 97423. During the final hearing, the Commissioners will again discuss the ordinance and take comments from the public, and may also make further amendments to the ordinance. At the conclusion of the final hearing, the Commissioners will vote on the issues of adopting the ordinance and referring it to a vote of the electors of Coos County in November.