

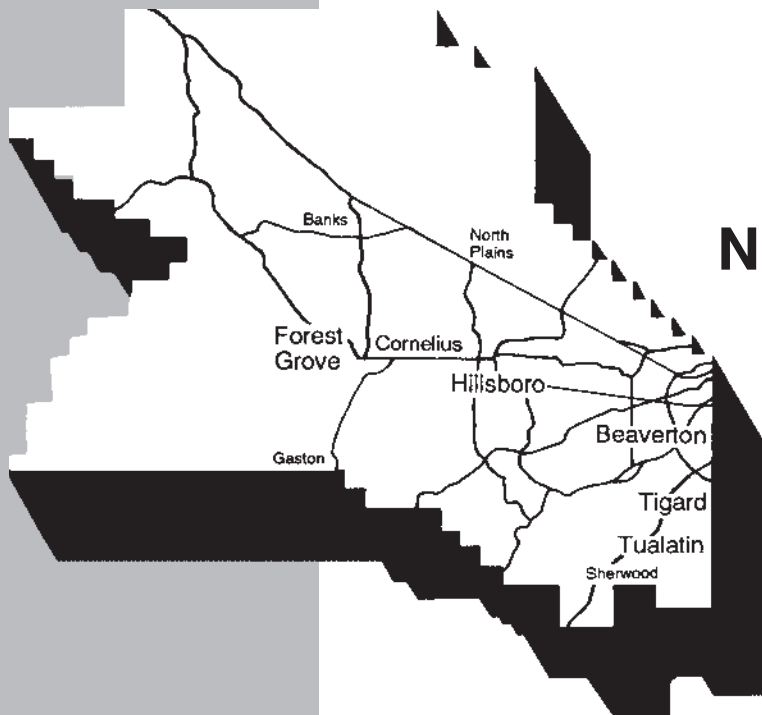


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Washington County

voters' pamphlet



**VOTE-BY-MAIL
ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2003**
To be counted,
voted ballots must
be in our office
by 8:00 pm on
NOVEMBER 4, 2003

Washington County Board of County Commissioners

Tom Brian, Chair
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Dear Voter:

This pamphlet contains information for several districts and there may be candidates/measures included that are not on your ballot. If you have any questions, call 503-846-5800.

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CITY OF NORTH PLAINS

Measure No. 34-71

BALLOT TITLE

CITY OF NORTH PLAINS, WASHINGTON COUNTY GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION

QUESTION: Shall the City issue general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding \$3,000,000 to finance capital construction and improvements? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout. If approved, this measure provides funds to the City to finance the costs of capital construction and capital improvements to replace a failing well surrounded by a chemical plume. The project includes, but is not limited to, providing funds for designing and constructing an approximately 17,500-foot waterline connecting to the Joint Water Commission transmission main, including associated engineering, permits, land acquisition, easements, and other related costs. The bonds will mature in 30 years or less from date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If approved, this measure would give the City the ability to issue \$3 million in general obligation (G.O.) bonds to finance costs related to the design and construction of an approximately 17,500 foot-long (3.31 miles) water line connecting the City's water system to the Joint Water Commission transmission main at NW Glencoe and Evergreen Road in Hillsboro. The new line is needed because the City's current water source is from wells located within the community and no longer suitable as the City's source for its drinking water.

If the measure does not pass, the City will still construct the water line but pay for it using money from increased water rates.

The City Council decided to replace the existing water well and reservoir for two reasons:

1. the water level has diminished such that the City is having difficulty keeping up with demand and needs of water users during the summer months every year; and
2. there is an underground chemical plume associated with the Dant and Russell Superfund site to the north of the city's well-site that is expected to intrude on the well site within the next two years possibly contaminating the drinking water supply.

The Council reviewed two alternatives to solve the water situation:

1. Connecting to the Joint Water Commission infrastructure.
2. Drilling a new well in another aquifer outside the city limits and then constructing another reservoir and transmission line back to the City.

The estimated cost for the new well and reservoir ranged from \$3 million to \$4.5 million and was also dependent on finding a well-site capable of providing the water volume and flow necessary to serve the City.

Connection to the Joint Water Commission infrastructure is estimated to be \$3 million and is not dependent on obtaining the necessary volume of water from a well.

The Council also reviewed various ways to pay for the water system from the perspective of the typical water user.

The Council determined the least costly approach from that perspective would be to issue the G.O. bonds. This allows the City to reduce the amount borrowed under the bonds if alternative money sources - such as system development or other new development charges - become available.

The authorized amount for the general obligation bond is \$3 million which means for a typical home with a market value of \$160,000 (the reported average in North Plains) the cost would be approximately \$225.00 per year or an average of \$18.75 per month.

If the project was funded totally by water rates, and rates had to be increased, those rates would go up an average of 57 per cent over the next two years. For the typical residential water user in North Plains that means an increase to their water bill of approximately \$22.00. The average monthly residential water charge is now \$39.00/month; it would go up to an average of \$61.00/month based upon water consumption of 870 cubic feet per day.

Submitted by:
Donald H. Otterman
City Manager

**NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

CITY OF SHERWOOD

Measure No. 34-72

Measure No. 34-73

BALLOT TITLE

ADVISORY VOTE: CITY STREET REVENUE

QUESTION: Do you support new City revenue sources to improve and maintain City streets?

SUMMARY: The City does not have sufficient revenue to maintain and improve City streets. The City Council is exploring options for raising additional revenue. Two options are a monthly fee for each water bill or a combination of a water bill fee and a City motor vehicle fuel tax. This would provide two sources of revenue at lower rates. All revenue would be dedicated to City street purposes.

NO EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

BALLOT TITLE

ADVISORY VOTE: CITY STREET WATER BILL REVENUE

QUESTION: Would you support a City monthly fee on water bills that dedicates the revenue to City streets?

SUMMARY: The City does not have sufficient revenue to maintain and improve City streets. The City Council is exploring options for raising additional revenue. The Council believes that a monthly fee of \$3.00 to \$5.00 on each water bill would raise the necessary funds. All revenue would be dedicated to City street purposes.

NO EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

CITY OF SHERWOOD

Measure No. 34-74

BALLOT TITLE

ADVISORY VOTE: CITY STREET WATER BILL AND FUEL REVENUE

QUESTION: Would you support both a City water fee and fuel tax that dedicates the revenue to City streets?

SUMMARY: The City does not have sufficient revenue to maintain and improve City streets. The City Council is exploring options for raising additional revenue. The Council believes that a combination of a monthly fee on each water bill and a City motor vehicle fuel tax bill could raise the necessary funds. This would provide two sources of revenue to support road maintenance. All revenue would be dedicated to City street purposes.

NO EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

BALLOT DROP SITES

**Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. Election Day,
November 4, 2003**



Washington County 24 hour drop slots

3700 SW Murray Blvd
Beaverton
Front Lobby (Murray & Millikan)

155 N 1st Avenue
Hillsboro
Rear entrance of the Public Services Building
(1st and Main)

or

Ballots for the November 4, 2003 Special District Election may be deposited at the following location. Phone number is provided to confirm the hours.

Sherwood City Hall
20 NW Washington Street
Phone: 503-625-5522