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**CITY OF CENTRAL POINT  
SPECIAL  
City Council Meeting Agenda  
July 11, 2016**

Next Res. 1470  
Next Ord. 2028

**I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PUBLIC HEARING, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS**

A. Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, A Resolution Approving a Jackson County Order to Initiate Formation of the Rogue Valley Heritage Special District and Consenting to the Inclusion of City Territory within the Boundaries of the District (Clayton)

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

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Si necesita traductor en español o servicios de discapacidades (ADA) para asistir a una junta publica de la ciudad por favor llame con 72 horas de anticipación al 541-664-3321 ext. 201

# OUR HERITAGE MATTERS

OUR HERITAGE PAC

2 North Oakdale, Medford OR 97501

(541) 800-0002

OURHERITAGEPAC@GMAIL.COM

UNITING TO CREATE THE ROGUE VALLEY HERITAGE DISTRICT

May 21, 2016

The Board of County Commissioners last week agreed to consider placing the question of heritage district<sup>1</sup> formation on the November, 2016 ballot. Should voters approve, the district would operate under Oregon special district law, specifically ORS 358.442 *et seq.* The district, governed by a five-person board of directors elected county-wide, will support programs of museums and heritage societies on behalf of all district residents and have authority to operate and maintain heritage sites and structures, acquire and preserve historical objects and materials and maintain programs of heritage societies operating within the district.

Sponsors are the 15 museums and heritage societies in the county (see list at bottom of the letter). The cities of Eagle Point and Jacksonville, which operate museums in city-owned buildings are associated with the sponsoring organization. Every city within the county will be asked to pass a resolution supporting a county-wide district.

Providing financial assistance to our museums can increase the hours they are open, giving incentive for visitors to stay longer within the county. If every visitor stayed one more day, tourist spending would increase by 30 percent - a \$133 million-a-year gain as estimated by the 2012 Oregon Travel Impacts research report.

We have a heritage of supporting our museums. County voters approved a continuing levy for history in 1948<sup>2</sup> and public support continued through 2007. Community museums flourished during those years. With loss of public support, the non-profit organizations stepped-up their fund-raising and increased use of volunteers. Despite these efforts, many of these organizations are on financial hard times. Southern Oregon Historical Society, with the largest collection of artifacts and documents, is in debt,

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<sup>1</sup> The Heritage District, authorized by 2007 Oregon law (now ORS 358.442 to ORS 358.474), provides a vehicle to create a county-wide special district dedicated to establishing and supporting programs for the heritage societies within the county [ORS 358.466 4. (c)]. Cities within the proposed district must act to join it.

<sup>2</sup> The enabling law passed by the 1947 Legislature, ORS 358.171 *et seq.*, remains on the books. The continuing levy, however, was rolled into the tax base for Jackson County government as a result of amendments to the state Constitution passed in 1996 and 1997 (Oregon Constitution, Art 11 Sec 11 (3) (d)).

Members of the **Jackson County Heritage Association** are Applegate Valley Historical Society, Big Butte Historical Society, Eagle Point Museum (part of the city government), Gold Hill Historical Society and Museum, Historic Jacksonville, Inc., Lake Creek Historical Society, McKee Bridge Historical Society, Phoenix Historical Society, Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society, Southern Oregon Historical Society, Talent Historical Society, Upper Rogue Historical Society, Woodville Museum, and Buncom Historical Society. The City of Jacksonville (Beekman House and Bank museums) is associated with the Heritage Association through Historic Jacksonville, Inc.

struggling to survive. Giving voters a chance to again consider support of history is the right thing to do.

The Jackson County Heritage Association proposes first year distribution of an historical levy to support operating expenses of its members, to finance a grant program for special history-related projects and to establish a restoration/preservation fund. It is assumed that district directors will carry forward the restoration and preservation fund for at least two years to allow investment in a significant project, and that allocation to qualified museums and heritage societies will increase by 3 percent annually after the initial year. The grant program will be used for needs not anticipated when this estimate was prepared. The uncollected tax estimate is based on 94 percent payment in the first year with 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the unpaid amount realized from delinquent taxes in subsequent years.

## 2017 Heritage District estimates

Rogue Valley Heritage District  
Three year budget projections

	Fiscal years		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
Materials and Services*	668,800	688,864	709,530
District Grant Fund	146,795	100,000	75,000
Restoration and preservation fund (capital outlay)	50,000	125,000	200,000
Unappropriated ending fund balance	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>\$870,595</b>	<b>\$918,864</b>	<b>\$989,530</b>
Resources other than property taxes	0	64,262	138,546
Property taxes required to balance	870,595	854,602	850,984
Estimated taxes not received	55,570	51,276	51,059
<b>TOTAL TAX LEVY</b>	<b>\$926,165</b>	<b>\$905,878</b>	<b>\$902,043</b>
<b>#DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE</b>			
Applegate Valley Historical Society	\$4,400		
Big Butte Historical Society	\$6,000		
Buncom Historical Society	No support requested		
Eagle Point Museum	\$26,000		
Gold Hill Historical Society	\$20,500		
Historic Jacksonville, Inc	\$13,300		
Lake Creek Historical Society	\$11,500		
McKee Bridge Historical Society	\$5,300		
Phoenix Historical Society	\$5,500		
Rogue Valley Genealogical Society	\$38,200		
Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society	\$13,000		
Southern Oregon Historical Society	\$485,000		
Talent Historical Society	\$13,300		
Upper Rogue Historical Society	\$8,000		
Woodville Museum	<u>\$18,800</u>		
<b>Total assistance</b>	<b>\$668,800</b>		

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UNITING TO CREATE THE ROGUE VALLEY HERITAGE DISTRICT

May 22, 2016

Hon. Hank Williams, mayor  
City of Central Point  
140 S 3rd St  
Central Point, OR 97502

RE: FORMATION OF ROGUE VALLEY HERITAGE DISTRICT

We have the opportunity to let voters decide if they wish to form a Heritage District in support of our museums and heritage organizations. Formation of a special district requires the consent of the City Council if city territory is to be included within the boundaries of the district. The process is the same as that which recently placed Library and Extension district formation before county voters.

Your council passed a similar Heritage District formation resolution a couple of years ago, when an unsuccessful initiative petition drive was carried out. This time around, the Board of County Commissioners has said it will act to place the question on the November ballot, pending receipt from the cities of their resolutions for inclusion.

Please, as quickly as is possible, schedule the attached draft resolution for consideration by your City Council. Time is short for action by cities because the county has several legal procedures to go through in getting the district formation question ready for placement on the ballot.

I am coordinating the campaign to get the resolutions passed and forwarded to the county. You can reach me by calling (541) 944-1600 or by email at [awdb@aol.com](mailto:awdb@aol.com). Attached are a brief fact sheet on the proposed district including a recommendation of how support to our museums and heritage organizations would be distributed, a draft city resolution and a copy of the proposed Board Order which would launch the county's legal process.

FOR OUR HERITAGE PAC

ALAN DeBOER

✓ cc: Chris Clayton, city manager

Attachments: Fact Sheet

Draft Resolution

Proposed Board Order

Jackson County Heritage Association brochure

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### 13 TALENT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Since 1994, Talent Historical Society has taken an active part in preserving and documenting the history of Talent and the surrounding area. The museum includes extensive files on the area's families, businesses, schools, photographs, the famous Welborn Beeson diaries, and is home of the annual Talent Tomato Sale.

Hours: Fri-Mon: 1-5 pm  
105 North Market Street, Talent, OR 97540  
[talenthistory.org](http://talenthistory.org) | (541) 512-8838



### 14 UPPER ROGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Come explore the Trail Museum. A once bustling timber town, it was named for the path along the creek that local Native Americans used. Several displays in the main building depict early life in the area, focusing on logging. A variety of outdoors displays includes a 1800s oxen drawn log wagon, located on three acres.

Hours: Apr 14-Oct 1, Thu-Sun: 12:30-4:30 pm  
144 Old Highway 62, Trail, OR 97541  
(541) 621-4462



### 15 WOODVILLE MUSEUM

The turn of the century Hatch House features items used by local pioneers, household furnishings, and tools. The bandstand is a replica of one located on Main Street. A brick-by-brick relocation of the old jail from its original location was completed in 1990.

Hours: Tue-Sat: noon-4 pm  
First and Oak Street, Rogue River, OR 97537  
(541) 582-3088

## JACKSON COUNTY MAP

- 1 Applegate Valley Historical Society
- 2 Big Butte Historical Society
- 3 Buncom Historical Society
- 4 Eagle Point Museum
- 5 Gold Hill Historical Society
- 6 Historic Jacksonville, Inc.
- 7 Lake Creek Historical Society
- 8 McKee Bridge Historical Society
- 9 Phoenix Historical Society
- 10 Rogue Valley Genealogical Society & Jackson County Genealogy Library
- 11 Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society
- 12 Southern Oregon Historical Society
- 13 Talent Historical Society
- 14 Upper Rogue Historical Society
- 15 Woodville Museum



# JACKSON COUNTY HERITAGE ASSOCIATION



The Jackson County Heritage Association is a group of heritage nonprofits dedicated to the collection, preservation, and interpretation of Southern Oregon's cultural history.

[www.jcheritage.org](http://www.jcheritage.org)



### 1 APPLIGATE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This rural museum honors those who settled in the Applegate Valley. The Perroll Grange Store is probably the oldest commercial log structure in Jackson County and was constructed from hand-hewn logs and without nails. The building was part of Jacksonville's Pioneer Village before moving to its present location in 1989.

*Currently Closed*  
15050 Hwy #238, Applegate, OR 97530



### 4 EAGLE POINT MUSEUM

Originally the Long Mountain School, the museum is run by the city and has the largest collection of artifacts on display in Jackson County. The newest addition features Native American artifacts supplied by the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians.

Hours: October-May, Fri-Sun: 11-4 pm  
May-October, Thu: 12-4 pm; Fri-Sun: 10-5 pm  
202 N. Royal Avenue, Eagle Point, OR 97524  
[guardiansofeaglepointmuseum.org](http://guardiansofeaglepointmuseum.org) | (541) 826-4166



### 7 LAKE CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Established in 1990, this museum is a committed to bringing local history to life and to recording Lake Creek's past. Beginning with the restoration of the Lake Creek Pioneer Hall, the Charley Cabin, and the Lost Creek Covered Bridge (Southern Oregon's oldest and smallest); LCHS has been a consistent energetic element of this rural community.

Hours: Wed, Fri, Sat: 10-3 pm; June - Sept, also Sun: 12-4 pm  
1739 S. Fork Little Butte Creek Road, Eagle Point, OR 97524  
[lakecreekhistoricalsociety.org](http://lakecreekhistoricalsociety.org) | (541) 826-1513



### 10 ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY & JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY

Founded in 1966, the RVGS promotes family history research by providing educational and research opportunities at the Jackson County Genealogy Library (JGCL). The mission is to inspire interest in genealogy, inform the public, and maintain a growing sustainable library with a strong online presence.

Hours: Mon, Wed-Sat: 10-4 pm; Tue: 10-9pm  
3405 South Pacific Highway, Medford, OR 97501  
[rvgsociety.org](http://rvgsociety.org) | [rvgslibrary.org](http://rvgslibrary.org) | (541) 512-2340



### 2 BIG BUTTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This museum tells the story of Butte Falls through highlighting the lives of E. W. Smith and Bill Edmondson. Smith photographed the history of Butte Falls, while Edmondson created artistic wood carvings. The museum has grown extensively, beginning in an 1890's Medco train caboose and expanding into its current location in the mid-1990s.

*Open by appointment*  
432 Pine Street, Butte Falls, OR 97522



### 5 GOLD HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Beeman-Martin Home was built by Mr. Beeman in 1901 with wealth from his "Lucky Bart" gold mine on Sardine Creek. At the museum, an outdoor mining exhibit features a five stamp mill built in 1892 at the Beeman Mine. The Gold Hill Historical Society also manages the Galls-Hayes cemetery.

Hours: Thu-Sat: 12-4 pm  
504 First Ave, Gold Hill, OR 97530  
(541) 855-1182



### 8 MCKEE BRIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The McKee Covered Bridge was built in 1917 and closed to vehicles in 1956, although it remains open to pedestrians today. In 1999, the McKee Bridge Historical Society formed to oversee the structure. They seek to educate the public about the history of the bridge and the surrounding Applegate area.

Hours: Open during daylight hours  
Upper Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530  
[mckeehistoricalcoveredbridge.org](http://mckeehistoricalcoveredbridge.org) | (541) 499-6132



### 11 SOUTHERN OREGON RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Based at the Medford Railroad Park, the collection includes a Southern Pacific Railroad tool shed, Medford Corporation (Medco) #4 Willamette geared steam locomotive, Southern Pacific caboose #1107, and much more. The Medco #4 locomotive is currently being restored and is the last of the Oregon built locomotives still in the state.

Hours: Apr-Oct, 2nd and 4th Sun: 11-3 pm  
2222 Table Rock Road, Medford, OR 97501  
[soc-nrhs.org](http://soc-nrhs.org) | (541) 944-2230



### 3 BUNCOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Buncom is the last standing ghost town in Southern Oregon. Three buildings remain from the town's 1850s Gold Rush heyday, when miners built as many as 1,500 shanties and searched for gold. The buildings include a Post Office and General Store (closed in 1917), bunkhouse, and cookhouse.

*Currently Closed*  
3232 Little Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530  
[buncom.org](http://buncom.org)



### 6 HISTORIC JACKSONVILLE, INC.

Historic Jacksonville, Inc. brings the history of Jacksonville and Southern Oregon to life through tours, activities, performances, and events that share the stories of the pioneers who settled the region following the discovery of gold in 1852.

Hours: Seasonal - see website for more information  
P.O. Box 783, Jacksonville, OR 97530  
[historicjacksonville.org](http://historicjacksonville.org)  
(541) 245-3650



### 9 PHOENIX HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Phoenix Historical Society was organized in August 1998 and the museum is situated in the old city hall/library building. In 2002 the building was moved to the front of Phoenix Pioneer Cemetery and a new room was added making more room for displays and meetings.

Hours: Mon-Fri: 1-4 pm  
607 N. Church Street, Phoenix, OR 97535  
(541) 846-6617



### 12 SOUTHERN OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SOHS operates Historic Hanley Farm near Central Point and the Research Library in downtown Medford. Exceptional collections tell stories about early settlers and their encounters with the Native people who populated the area; railroads and the commerce they brought with them; and the stories of the people of this region.

Hours: Research Library: Tue-Fri: 12-4 pm; 4th Sat: 12-2pm  
Hanley Farm: Thu: 4-7 pm and events - see website  
106 N. Central Avenue, Medford, OR 97501  
[sohs.org](http://sohs.org) | (541) 773-6536

**MEASURE 5 GAP  
ESTIMATE  
FY 15-16**

Taxes Subject to \$10/1000 Local Government Limitation											
CITY ( tax code)	CITY/LED	COUNTY	LIBRARY	4-H	VECTOR	RVTD	FIRE DIST	SOIL/WATER	LOC LEVY	UR CITY	TOTAL
CENTRAL POINT (4949)	4.4700	2.0099	0.52	0.0388	0.0429	0.1772	3.1194	0.05	0	0	10.4282
WHITE CITY (924)	2.3711	2.0099	0.52	0.0388	0.0429	0.1772	3.1194	0.05	0	0	8.3293
TALENT (2206)	2.7440	1.6827	0.4354	0.0325	0.036	0.1484	2.6764	0.0419	0	3.8446	11.6419
BUTTE FALLS (9101)	7.2494	2.0099	0.52	0.0388	0.0429	0	0	0.05	0	0	9.9110
GOLD HILL (601)	1.6792	2.0099	0.52	0.0388	0.0429	0	3.1194	0.05	0	0	7.4602
EAGLE POINT (922)	2.4584	2.0099	0.52	0.0388	0.0429	0.1772	3.1194	0.05	0	0	8.4166
PHOENIX (419)	3.3758	1.8608	0.4815	0.036	0.0398	0.1641	2.9604	0.0463	0	1.0809	10.0456
MEDFORD (4901)	5.1048	1.9376	0.5013	0.0375	0.0414	0.1709	0	0.0483	0	0.9452	8.7870
ROGUE RIVER (3501)	3.1492	2.0099	0.52	0.0388	0.0429	0	1.9313	0.05	0.75	0	8.4921
SHADY COVE (915)	0.5474	2.0099	0.52	0.0388	0.0429	0	2.0181	0.05	0	0	5.2271
ASHLAND (501)	4.1972	2.0099	0.52	0.0388	0.0429	0.1772	0	0.05	1.29	0	8.3260
JACKSONVILLE (102)	1.6847	1.8386	0.4757	0.0355	0.0393	0.1621	0	0.0458	0	0.9146	5.1963

CITY ( District ID)	M5 VALUE	M5 Limit	TAV	M50 Limit	Gap	TOTAL LOSS DUE TO COMPRESSION
CENTRAL POINT (220)	1,387,362,586	13,873,626	1,143,484,738	12.1328	1.7046	\$45,463.63
WHITE CITY (140)	812,186,986	8,121,890	701,788,158	11.5731	3.2438	\$35.81
TALENT (300)	457,953,342	4,579,533	365,116,826	12.5427	0.9008	\$27,327.17
BUTTE FALLS (210)	17,466,036	174,680	16,071,842	10.8687	0.9577	\$34.69
GOLD HILL (240)	89,904,982	899,050	71,355,116	12.5997	5.1395	\$2.99
EAGLE POINT (230)	739,983,920	7,399,839	604,425,784	12.2428	3.8262	\$9.07
PHOENIX (270)	377,730,780	3,777,308	306,281,122	12.3328	2.2872	\$3,227.51
MEDFORD (260)	8,303,569,654	83,035,697	6,730,022,814	12.3381	3.5511	\$115.44
ROGUE RIVER (280)	183,101,713	1,831,017	147,878,262	12.3819	3.8898	\$1.76
SHADY COVE (290)	268,077,466	2,680,775	241,306,781	11.1094	5.8823	\$0.00
ASHLAND (200)	3,485,210,915	34,852,109	2,445,873,117	14.2494	5.9234	\$2.74
JACKSONVILLE (250)	558,431,500	5,584,315	404,052,239	13.8208	8.6245	\$0.00
Jackson County	23,727,895,632	237,278,956	18,515,896,872	12.8149		\$39,334.00

M5 Value = RMV less adjustments for specially assessed property.

RMV = Real Market Value

MAV = Maximum Assessed Value

TAV = Taxable Assessed Value

TAV is lower of M5 Value or MAV

M5 Limit = \$10 x (M5 value/1000)

M50 Limit = (M5 Limit / TAV) x 1000

Gap = M50 Limit - Total

VCTR = Value to Compute the Tax Rate (TAV less adjustments)

This is an estimate based on total values for each city. Actual calculations are performed on each tax lot individually by the Assessor's office.

Total loss due to compression from SAL Table 4A

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY  
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF INITIATING )  
FORMATION OF THE ROGUE VALLEY ) ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
HERITAGE SPECIAL DISTRICT IN )  
JACKSON COUNTY )

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners recognizes the value in celebrating and preserving our local heritage and history; and

WHEREAS, a citizens group has asked the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to initiate the formation of a heritage special district in Jackson County, with a permanent property tax rate limit, to assure the museums, historical societies and heritage organizations in Jackson County will have stable funding to continue providing various services, programs and activities that are important to our community; and

WHEREAS, stable funding for the museums, historical societies and heritage organizations in Jackson County is important for the following reasons:

- A stable revenue stream will allow museums, historical societies and heritage organizations in Jackson County to continue providing the following services, programs and activities that are important to our community:
  - Heritage societies and museums in Jackson County preserve and are responsible for over 3 million unique and priceless artifacts, documents and photos reflecting the history of the region;
  - Heritage societies and museums in Jackson County operate two research libraries used by students, researchers, writers and the general public. The historic books and records preserved by the heritage societies and museums provide important resources for citizens and scholars, making available to the public materials that are not maintained by the County library system or university libraries; and
  - The educational activities and programs of the heritage societies and museums enhance the curriculum of public and private schools and institutions of higher learning; and
- A stable revenue stream will allow museums in Jackson County to increase the hours these facilities are open, giving incentive for visitors to stay longer in the County and

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increase tourism spending on local goods and services, such as food, lodging and incidentals; and

Now, therefore,

The Board of Commissioners of Jackson County (Board) ORDERS:

1. The Board intends to initiate formation of a heritage special district to serve Jackson County pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 198.705 to 198.955 and 358.442 to 358.474, which is the principal act governing the formation of a heritage special district; and
  2. The name of the proposed special district is the “Rogue Valley Heritage District” (hereinafter “District”); and
  3. The boundaries of the District shall include all territory within Jackson County, less the territory within any incorporated city that chooses not to be part of the District; *[If any city opts out, the following language would be inserted into the final order – “The city or cities choosing not to be included within District territory are: list.”]*; and
  4. As required by ORS 198.835(3), certified copies of City Council Resolutions of each city approving this Initiation Order and formation of the District, and consenting to the inclusion of city territory within the boundaries of the District, are attached; and
  5. The District will have the general powers granted to heritage districts by ORS 358.442 to 358.474 (the “Principal Act”) and the specific powers granted by ORS 358.466 including, without limitation: operating and maintaining heritage sites and structures; acquiring and preserving property of historical interest, historical objects, and materials and documents of historical importance; and establishing and maintaining programs for heritage societies within the District. The District will provide heritage district services, programs and activities for all District residents as permitted by ORS 198.010(25) and the Principal Act; and
  6. The governing body of the District shall be a board of five members to be elected by the electors of the District as required by ORS 358.448, and the board members shall be elected at large by position number as allowed by ORS 358.456(1)(b); and
  7. Jackson County voters will be asked to establish a permanent property tax rate limit of \$.05 per \$1,000 for the District’s operations as authorized by ORS 358.466(4) and 358.468. The District will have authority to levy and collect general property taxes up to the approved rate limit to fund its operations.
  8. Pursuant to ORS 198.800 and 198.835, a public hearing on the formation of the Rogue Valley Heritage District shall be held at the Board’s regular meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, *[a tentative, flexible date]* beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the auditorium of the Jackson County Courthouse, 10 S. Oakdale, Medford, Oregon 97501. All interested persons may appear and be heard. At this hearing, the Board will hear testimony and receive written comment on the proposed formation of this District, including information about the programs, activities and
- PROPOSED ORDER INITIATING HERITAGE DISTRICT FORMATION – Page 2 of 3*

services provided by museums, historical societies and heritage organizations that are located in Jackson County; economic feasibility; and the permanent tax rate limit. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board shall determine, in accordance with criteria described in ORS 198.805 and 199.462, whether Jackson County could be benefited by the formation of the heritage district and whether the County should continue with the formation process.

9. Notice of the hearing shall be provided to interested persons in accordance with ORS 198.800(2) and 198.730.

DATED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Dyer, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Doug Breidenthal, Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Colleen Roberts, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Counsel

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A JACKSON COUNTY ORDER TO INITIATE  
FORMATION OF THE ROGUE VALLEY HERITAGE SPECIAL DISTRICT AND  
CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF CITY TERRITORY WITHIN THE  
BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT**

**RECITALS:**

- A. The Jackson County, Oregon, Board of Commissioners intends to form a county heritage special district under the authority of Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 198.705 to 198.955 and 358.442 to 358.474. The name of the proposed special district is the "Rogue Valley Heritage District" (hereinafter "District"). The proposed District would have the powers generally identified in ORS 358.442 to 358.474 and the powers listed in ORS 358.466, including, without limitation: operating and maintaining heritage sites and structures; acquiring and preserving property of historical interest, historical objects, and materials and documents of historical importance; and establishing and maintaining programs for heritage societies within the District.
- B. The governing body of the District shall be a board of five members to be elected by the electors of the District as required by ORS 358.448, and the board members shall be elected at large by position number as allowed by ORS 358.456(1)(b).
- C. The Jackson County Board of Commissioners may initiate the formation of the District by adopting an order under authority of ORS 198.835. The Board proposes to include all county territory within the boundaries of the proposed District.
- D. Jackson County voters will be asked to establish a permanent property tax rate limit of \$.05 per \$1,000 for the District's operations as authorized by ORS 358.466(4) and 358.468.
- E. Pursuant to ORS 198.835(3), the territory of the City may only be included within the boundaries of the District if the City Council adopts a resolution approving the proposed County order initiating the formation of the Rogue Valley Heritage District. The proposed County order is attached hereto.
- F. Currently, funding sources for the various museums, historical societies and heritage organizations within Jackson County are not stable and are declining. Formation of a heritage district will secure a permanent source of funding for the services, programs and activities provided by these entities to the citizens of Jackson County and the City.
- G. The City Council believes creation of a Jackson County heritage district will benefit all City residents for the following reasons:

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- A stable revenue stream will allow museums, historical societies and heritage organizations in Jackson County to continue providing the following services, programs and activities that are important to our community:
- Jackson County heritage societies and museums preserve and are responsible for over 3 million unique and priceless artifacts, documents and photos reflecting the history of the region;
- Jackson County heritage societies and museums operate two research libraries used by students, researchers, writers and the general public. The historic books and records preserved by the heritage societies and museums provide important resources for citizens and scholars, making available to the public materials that are not maintained by the County library system or university libraries; and
- The educational activities and programs of the heritage societies and museums enhance the curriculum of public and private schools and institutions of higher learning; and
- A stable revenue stream will allow museums in Jackson County to increase the hours these facilities are open, giving incentive for visitors to stay longer in the County and increase tourism spending on local goods and services, such as food, lodging and incidentals.

THE CITY OF CENTRAL POINT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The City of Central Point, Oregon, hereby consents to the inclusion of all the territory of the City within the boundaries of the proposed Rogue Valley Heritage District, and approves the Jackson County Board of Commissioners' proposed order initiating the formation of that District in substantially the form attached hereto.

Passed by the Council and signed by me in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2016.

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Mayor Hank Williams

ATTEST:

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City Recorder Deanna Casey, MMC

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