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AGENDA COVER MEMORANDUM

AGENDA DATE: March 31, 2004

TO: LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Donald Hampton, East Lane County Commissioner

PRESENTED BY: Peter Thurston, Community and Economic Development Coordinator

AGENDA ITEM: ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING COMMISSIONER DONALD HAMPTON AS LANE COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FIBER SOUTH CONSORTIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE REGIONAL FIBER CONSORTIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I. MOTION

IT IS MOVED THAT THE ORDER BE ADOPTED IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING COMMISSIONER DONALD HAMPTON AS LANE COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FIBER SOUTH CONSORTIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE REGIONAL FIBER CONSORTIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Shall Lane County appoint Commissioner Donald Hampton as Lane County's representative on the Fiber South and Regional Fiber Consortia boards of directors?

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

Lane County is a member of Fiber South Consortium and Regional Fiber Consortium along with Klamath County, Coos County, and Lincoln County, and approximately 20 cities in the region. The consortia were formed as public intergovernmental organizations under Chapter 190 of Oregon Revised Statutes to promote broadband telecommunication in the region, including provisioning of improved distance learning services, wireless systems, high speed Internet access, economic development, public safety communications, medical, and public school services. The Consortia operate as a public-private venture, with a private-sector system operator maintaining and developing the regional system.

Lane County funded an economic development project in 2003 to light a fiber optic line between Eugene and Oakridge, which was accomplished in February 2004. In March 2004 the Fiber South Board of Directors elected Commissioner Hampton to be Chair of the

Consortium, subject to appointment to the Consortia board by the Board of County Commissioners.

B. Analysis

The Board of Commissioners may appoint anyone to represent the county. Typically, commissioners are the first choice for appointment to an outside agency.

Appointment of Lane County representative to the Consortia boards will insure formal involvement in current planning for use of the recently lit system. This action will also allow Commissioner Hampton to assume the Fiber South Chair role to which he was elected.

C. Alternatives/Options

The Board may:

- 1) Approve the ORDER directing the appointment of Donald Hampton to represent Lane County on the consortia boards of directors, or
- 2) Appoint another person to be Lane County's representative, or
- 3) Decide not to make appointments to the consortia boards.

D. Recommendations

Number 1 is recommended, appointing Donald Hampton to the consortia boards of directors.

E. Timing

It is important to complete appointment of a representative to the consortia boards as quickly as possible to maintain continuity and representation of the county's interests in broadband telecommunications.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP

Upon approval of the Board, the consortia will be advised on the appointments.

ATTACHMENTS

ORDER

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO.) IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING
) COMMISSIONER DONALD HAMPTON AS LANE
) COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FIBER
) SOUTH CONSORTIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS
) AND THE REGIONAL FIBER CONSORTIUM
) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, Lane County is a member of the Fiber South Consortium and the Regional Fiber Consortium with a voting position on each consortium board of directors, and

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners may at its discretion appoint a Commissioner to represent Lane County on these telecommunications consortia boards of directors, and

WHEREAS, East Lane County Commissioner Donald Hampton has extensive experience with telecommunications consortia activities and knowledge of Lane County's telecommunications interests; NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Commissioner Donald Hampton is hereby appointed to represent Lane County on the Fiber South Consortium board of directors and the Regional Fiber Consortium board of directors. Said term expires December 31, 2004.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2004.

Bobby Green Sr., Chair
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 3/23/04 lane county
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OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL