



LANE COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Date/Time: Thursday, June 8, 2023 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Location: Board of County Commissioners' Conference Room
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Steve Cornacchia
Kevin Cronin
Sarai Johnson

Jenny Jonak
Morgan Munro
Stefan Ostrach

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order and Introductions
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2023
- 4) Staff Input on Potential Charter Revisions
 - a. Cliff Harrold, Sheriff
 - b. Mary Vuksich-Shafer, Tax Assessor
 - c. Review Tracking Rubric
- 5) Charter Provisions Discussion (*as time allows*)
 - a. Section 33. EAST ALTON BAKER PARK (vote only, previously discussed)
 - b. Section 4. COUNTY SEAT (vote only, previously discussed)
 - c. Section 7. LOCAL SERVICES
 - d. Section 8. LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
 - e. Section 35. CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
- 6) Review and Discussion of Community Survey Results to Date
- 7) Planning for Community Meetings
- 8) Future Meeting Schedule Adjustments; if none:
Next Meeting: Friday, June 23rd, 10am-11:30am



CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes – May 11, 2023, 3:00 PM

Goodson Room

Public Works Campus, 3040 North Delta Highway, Eugene
and virtually, via Microsoft Teams

Regular Members:			
x	Morgan Munro; Chair		Kevin Cronin (Absent)
x	Stefan Ostrach; Vice Chair		Sarai Johnson (Absent)
x	Steve Cornacchia		Jenny Jonak (Absent)
x	Ben Clark		

Present: In Person: Chair Morgan Munro, Vice Chair Stefan Ostrach, Steve Cornacchia, Ben Clark.

Online: No committee members were present online.

Staff: Jenna Cusimano, Judy Williams.

Guests: Jeremy A. Sherer

1. Call to Order:

Chair Munro called the Lane County Charter Review Committee (CRC) meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

2. Introductions:

Everyone in attendance stated their name.

3. Public comment:

Jeremy A. Sherer, a licensed county surveyor, spoke about a proposed amendment to the Lane County Charter to establish an appointed, non-paid Lane County Surveyor position. He stated that Lane County was one of a handful of counties that did not have an independent County Surveyor, elected, or directly appointed. In the Lane County Charter, the County Surveyor functions were conducted by an employed manager under the authority of the Public Works Division Manager and the County's Engineer. The jurisdiction of this position was dependent on superiors and subject to budget decisions only partially under the county surveyor's control. No licensed surveyors in the county have taken the oath to protect and defend the Oregon Constitution and State Survey and Platting Laws. An independent Lane County Survey Office was essential in the shared responsibility with other offices to protect and defend property and ensure Oregon's cadastral system remained stable.

There were no other comments made.

4. Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2023

MOTION: Committee members approved the minutes from April 28, 2023, as presented. **The motion passed unanimously, 4:0:0.**

There were no other comments or questions.

5. Continued Discussion of Draft Community Survey and Analysis of Results

Mr. Clark concurred with most of the comments provided by the Lane County Public Information Officer. He agreed that having less detailed questions would be easier for the public to understand. He referenced the voting question and said the average person would not understand that language. Therefore, many people may not answer that question. Regarding the questions that asked about adding or removing elected positions, the survey needed to be clear about the status quo. Regarding the occupation question, he suggested multiple choice answers, i.e., hourly employee, or salaried employee, instead of leaving the question open ended. He noted that would help define the characteristics of survey respondents.

Vice Chair Ostrach expressed his concern about releasing the survey in a timely manner. He did not want to do an extensive revision of the draft survey.

Chair Munro said regarding the comments made on question four–a, she suggested the survey ask if the current district names and descriptions should be retained or amended and why. She also suggested adding links to the assessor and sheriff questions that would direct survey respondents to those webpages, and open in a new tab. A link could also be added to question four–a that took respondents to the district names and descriptions currently listed in the charter.

Ms. Williams noted it may be harder to open new tabs for respondents using mobile devices.

Mr. Clark said regarding asking about employment status, the current language assumed respondents had a job. He suggested multiple choice options that included employed, unemployed, retired, or student, and a few that would describe the industry respondents worked in, i.e., private, public, or entrepreneurial / family business. He noted that asking how many jobs respondents had may not be necessary, but asking if respondents worked full or part time would be informative.

Ms. Cusimano suggested taking into consideration how personal information would be used could help formulate the questions.

Chair Munro noted if those questions were open-ended, they would share people's private information. Multiple choice answers would help manage that.

Vice Chair Ostrach said whether respondents worked for hourly wages, or a salary was important.

Mr. Clark clarified that the draft survey did not ask respondents about their income. He said a question that asked about the type of occupation respondents had could indicate their salary without asking what their salary was. He noted that Mr. Cronin mentioned including identifying

questions to help determine if respondents were homeowners, which was why the committee would be interested in knowing the respondent's occupation.

Vice Chair Ostrach said in the interest of moving things along, those elements did not need to be included.

Chair Munro said if the committee could finalize the survey at this meeting, it would be great.

Mr. Clark said it would be enough to ask respondents if they were full-time, part-time, retired, student, salaried, or paid hourly.

Chair Munro asked if the question would be, "What is your employment status."

Mr. Clark said yes. It would be a multiple-choice question. The choices would be full-time, part-time, retired, student, or unemployed. If the answer indicated they were employed, he suggested a second question asking if they were paid hourly or by salary.

Chair Munro noted that would replace question c. Regarding district names and representation, question four-a, she asked the committee if they wanted to change it or keep it as written.

Mr. Clark said there were no comments notated on that question by the public information officer.

Ms. Cusimano noted the public information officer said the question did not have enough context.

Mr. Clark was in favor of adding a link to that question, as Chair Munro previously suggested.

Chair Munro said the districts could be listed in order one through five, with links that take the respondent to each specific district description. The question would be, "Should the current district names and descriptions be retained or changed."

Mr. Clark suggested that the question be more specific, i.e., "Should the district names and descriptions stay as they are, yes or no."

Ms. Cusimano suggested breaking it up into two questions.

Mr. Clark said the district descriptions were overly specific as written. The question would be, "Would you like to keep the descriptions as written or change them." The question would link to the current descriptions.

Mr. Clark said another question could be, "Should the district descriptions remain in the charter, yes or no." The next question would be why?

Ms. Williams said the question could read as, "View the district descriptions as described in the charter, and should we keep the descriptions of districts in the charter, yes or no."

Mr. Clark was in favor of asking whether the district descriptions should remain in the charter.

Chair Munro said this process was slow going especially since the sub-committee that created the draft survey was not in attendance. She asked if committee members would like to continue moving forward, or table the discussion until the next meeting.

Mr. Clark was in favor of moving forward.

Mr. Cornacchia agreed with Mr. Clark.

Ms. Cusimano said she would incorporate all the changes as soon as she could and send the revised survey to committee members for review and further feedback. She suggested that the survey could be finalized at the next meeting.

Mr. Cornacchia said absent committee members could not complain about what took place in their absence.

Chair Munro asked Ms. Williams to read question four-a.

Ms. Williams read the following:

"See here the boundaries described in the charter. Should we keep the descriptions of districts remaining in the charter, yes or no."

Vice Chair Ostrach said he did not think the term boundaries should be used.

Chair Munro suggested it read, "See here the names and descriptions of county commissioner districts in the charter. Should we retain these names and descriptions, yes or no."

Committee members agreed to move forward with Chair Munro's suggestion.

Vice Chair Ostrach said he was in favor of the proposed change regarding the question of electing the county chair. Regarding question six, he said all the different voting systems were confusing and people may not know what they were.

Mr. Clark said there needed to be a simpler starting point to determine if people were happy with run-off elections or not.

Mr. Cornacchia said instead of trying to direct the survey response, why not ask respondents if they thought the current voting system needed to be changed and why. The question should determine if the system was working for them or not. The committee could take that information and offer a different voting alternative to be included in the charter. He would prefer to keep the question simple.

Mr. Clark said the question should be more specific because it could be interpreted incorrectly, i.e., would you prefer to vote in person, or by mail.

Mr. Cornacchia suggested including the words majority rules in the question.

Mr. Clark said if a majority was not reached, a run-off election was required.

Chair Munro said the question may not lend itself to this survey.

Mr. Cornacchia said he was not interested in an academic exercise, and he did not understand what the committee hoped to get out of this survey. He was in favor of a survey that would offer usable information.

Vice Chair Ostrach said the county adjacent to Lane had two different ways of voting. He believed community members may be interested in that.

Mr. Cornacchia asked why the question would specify an alternative.

Vice Chair Ostrach said because if the question described the current system as majority rules, other systems were also majority rules so the answer to that question would not provide good information.

Mr. Cornacchia suggested the words, *current voting system* should be used instead of majority rules. Most of the respondents had voted enough to understand how the current voting system worked. He said he was not in favor of leading respondent down a rabbit hole by the hand. He noted the survey was trying to determine the outcome rather than giving the respondent the opportunity to say what they wanted to say based on their own perceptions. He was not in favor of prompted questions.

Chair Munro asked if there was a resource that described the voting alternatives.

Mr. Clark said he was sure one existed but was not sure what it was.

Mr. Cornacchia said if the issue were strong enough within the community, it would be established and well known. He said he was not sure the reason for the question. All the question needed to determine was whether there was dissatisfaction with the current way in which we vote.

Chair Munro said if the committee wanted to vote on approving the draft survey today, they could remove question six entirely now, and work on it when there was more time.

Mr. Cornacchia said this issue could be reintroduced at a different meeting.

Chair Munro said the level of complexity regarding this question did not suit the committee's wordsmithing abilities at this time.

Ms. Williams said this question could be a good topic for discussion at one or more of the planned community meetings.

Mr. Clark said the survey could introduce the topic as a simple yes or no question on regarding whether community members were satisfied with the current voting system. It could include a simple description that outlined the current voting system and how run-off elections worked.

Mr. Cornacchia suggested including the words, *the way we determine the outcome of elections*.

Chair Munro said regarding the questions and concerns surrounding election security nationwide, this question could prompt a wide range of people's interpretation of the question.

Vice Chair Ostrach suggested keeping it on the table for future committee discussion.

Regarding question eight–a, Chair Munro suggested a link that directed respondents to the Lane County Tax Assessor webpage on the county website. The question would ask if that should be an appointed position and allow a brief explanation for the reason behind their answer. She also suggested a link to the sheriff page, to educate the public about both positions. Links should open in a new tab. Allowing a brief explanation for their answer should also be added to question four–a.

Mr. Cornacchia was in favor of adding an area for brief explanation to each question.

Chair Munro asked if a brief explanation box should also be added to question four–a.

The committee was in favor of that.

Mr. Cornacchia said you would get more information from knowing the reason for a respondent's answer than you would by asking what a person's job situation was.

Chair Munro said an area for brief explanation was already included on the county name change question, and clarified adding that to the second question four, question five, and question seven. It was currently included on question eight, and nine. Question 10 was an open-ended question. She clarified the following:

- Remove Question Two–c / Replacing it With Employment Status, Salary or Hourly
- Make an Adjustment to Second Question Four, Per Ms. Williams Suggestion
- Remove Question Six Entirely
- Add Links to Assessor and Sheriff Questions
- Add Briefly Explain the Reasoning for Choice to Second Question Four, Five, and Seven.

MOTION: Vice Chair Ostrach moved, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve the revised draft community survey as presented. **The motion passed unanimously, 4:0:0.**

Ms. Cusimano said she would make the approved changes and release the survey to the public.

Chair Munro said regarding how the committee would analyze results, they could be emailed to committee members as they came in. She asked for input on that.

Mr. Cornacchia suggested accumulating the survey results before discussion and analyzation took place. He would make note of them individually as they came in and take them into consideration with the committee when the time was appropriate.

Mr. Clark said he would prefer a simple spreadsheet that displayed yes, no, or unsure for each question. He noted that would give the committee a good platform to work from instead of a high-level data analysis. He noted that Survey Monkey had the capability of producing a simple spreadsheet and it would not require additional work.

Ms. Cusimano asked how long the survey should remain open.

Chair Munro suggested four weeks.

The committee agreed on the four-week period.

Mr. Clark noted that multiple waves of the survey should be sent out, not just a single wave.

Chair Munro said the committee could analyze and discuss the survey results as they came in if anyone wanted to at that time.

There were no other comments or questions.

6. Determine Process for Reviewing Specific Charter Revisions

Chair Munro proposed reading the charter, addressing any ideas that committee members had, and referring to the previous CRC report if applicable. If there was community input, that could be taken into consideration too, and then the committee could draft potential recommended actions, and decide what action to take.

Mr. Cornacchia said it seemed as if the committee believed a large outpouring of responses would occur from the survey. Therefore, he asked if members should review individual sections of the charter before community input was received, and then review it again after the fact. Doing so would mean reviewing the charter twice.

Vice Chair Ostrach said a lot of the decisions would be tabled until public feedback was received. He noted the topic of East Alton Baker Park was not included in the survey and a decision about that could be made on that today.

Mr. Clark said the committee could agree collectively on the areas of the charter that did not warrant public input and the areas where input from commissioners could be utilized.

Chair Munro said some topics may need to be reviewed twice, particularly in areas that required guidance from counsel. She said if everyone were in general agreement, the committee could move on to agenda item seven.

There were no other comments or questions.

7. Charter Provision Discussion

Mr. Cornacchia said Jerry Rust felt that the eastern portion of Alton Baker Park as it remained today, was underutilized and behaviors were occurring in that area that were not acceptable. Mr. Rust suggested a golf course to utilize the open space. His disposition was not entrepreneurial, and a municipal course with reduced fees was proposed. The movement was going strong. Nobody cared until the discussion of a request for proposal (RFP) came up and the idea of developers coming in occurred. The newspaper was all over it, and it became enough of an issue that it went on the ballot. Much of Lane County voted on it. The proposed development did not pass. He mentioned this because despite most of Lane County voting on it, it seemed as though it had been forgotten. At the same time, he believed it was important to maintain it in the institutional memory. For him, it was not a matter of right or wrong and he would hate to leave it to the collective memory of the community, only to be forgotten. There is value in that memory.

Mr. Clark recommended removing East Alton Baker Park from the charter, no disrespect to the past.

Vice Chair Ostrach said he agreed but acknowledged Mr. Cornacchia's comments. He said to keep something in the charter despite the county not owning it did not make sense.

Mr. Cornacchia said if the committee started deciding to remove sections of the charter, he would prefer if the whole committee were present. Committee work should include the committee in its entirety.

Vice Chair Ostrach noted that was contradictory to what he stated earlier. He suggested getting the motion on record and voting to table the discussion until the next meeting.

Mr. Cornacchia said regarding the need for committee members being present, there was a distinction between administrative tasks and fundamental changes to the charter.

MOTION: Mr. Clark moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ostrach to remove section 33, East Alton Baker Park, from the charter.

MOTION: Mr. Cornacchia moved, seconded by Chair Munro to table the discussion regarding the removal of Lane County Charter Section 33, East Alton Baker Park, until the entire committee was present. **The motion passed unanimously, 4:0:0.**

There was no motion to adjust any portion of section four of the charter.

Vice Chair Ostrach asked if section four would be removed from the rubric.

Chair Munro said if the committee did not want to make fundamental decisions about the charter until the full committee were present, than they should table discussion about section four until the full committee were present.

Ms. Cusimano noted there had not been a full committee present for several meetings.

MOTION: Mr. Cornacchia moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ostrach to table the discussion of Lane County Charter Section Four until a later date. **The motion passed unanimously, 4:0:0.**

Ms. Cusimano noted Mr. Clark had to leave the meeting at 4:30 PM, which was in ten minutes. At that time, a quorum would no longer be present.

Chair Munro said there was nothing else on the agenda that required a quorum.

There were no other comments or questions.

8. Staff Input on Potential Charter Revisions

- a. Discussion of Prior Presentations
- b. Review Tracking Rubric

This item was tabled until a later date.

9. Future Community Meetings – Logistics

This item was tabled until a later date.

10. Board of County Commissioners Update – Tuesday, July 11th at 10:00 AM

Chair Munro noted a presentation on CRC progress was on the commissioner's agenda for July 11, 2023. Per the timeframe shared with commissioners previously, she would like to have a high-level list of proposed amendments to present at that meeting. The last CRC meeting scheduled in June 2023, would take place on the 23rd. It would be the last opportunity for committee members to get a list formulated and a presentation prepared. She noted that board packets needed to be done two weeks in advance of the meeting. So far, the committee was on track with the timeline initially presented to Lane County Commissioners.

Ms. Cusimano noted that the survey would be completed by then.

Vice Chair Ostrach mentioned things discussed at the last meeting were not yet added to the rubric He asked if it could be added by the next meeting.

Chair Munro said yes.

Mr. Cornacchia said regarding the question that came up at a prior meeting of whether districts could be noncontiguous, the answer was yes.

Chair Munro said regarding which charter provisions would be discussed at future meetings, Vice Chair Ostrach and herself could use the information from today's meeting, and the rubric to determine what would be discussed at the next meeting. She asked for committee approval on that.

The committee agreed.

There were no other comments or questions.

11. Rescheduling of Friday, May 26th Meeting

Chair Munro was hesitant to discuss the next meeting date without the other committee members.

Ms. Cusimano said she had responses from four committee members regarding that. There was not a date and time that all four members could attend collectively. She had not heard from Mr. Cronin, or Ms. Johnson.

Chair Munro said Mr. Cronin recently noted a schedule change at his work and proposed changing the meeting time to 4 PM to 6 PM.

Mr. Clark noted he would have to attend online during that time.

Mr. Cornacchia said he was okay with 4 PM to 6 PM.

Ms. Cusimano said she would not be available from 4 PM to 6 PM. She noted the schedule options for the May 26th meeting would be 1 PM to 2:30 PM or 3 PM to 4:30 PM.

Mr. Clark said he had a schedule conflict for the proposed meeting at 1 PM.

Chair Munro suggested Ms. Cusimano ask committee members about their availability to determine if a quorum would be present at that meeting.

There were no other comments or questions.

12. Adjournment

Chair Munro adjourned the meeting at 4:15 PM.

(Minutes recorded by Diana Pamir Tisdale, LCOG)

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Potential Charter Revisions Tracking Rubric

Topic	Applicable Section(s) in Charter	Presentations (name, date)	Housekeeping or Substantive	Recommendations	Notes	Committee Vote
Lane County Name	Chapter 1 (Section 1)	Latiffe Amado, 2/9/2023		To keep name of Lane County until further community is engaged in process.		
Local Improvements	Chapter 2 (Section 8)	Latiffe Amado, 2/9/2023		To add the use of our lenses to make local improvement decisions. Stewardship of Resources, Equity, Collective Impact. And to use our equity lens toolkit in the Charter		
Charter Review Committee Membership	Chapter 7 (Section 35)	Latiffe Amado, 2/9/2023		To consider different ways to staff our Charter Review Committee and to give access (consider mandatory training on laws, mentor programs, universal application process, staggered terms, a range of size instead of fixed size,		
Spending Limitation	Chapter 7 (Section 32)	Christine Moody, 2/24/2023		Eliminate or clarify as desired by the Committee	As noted, this is not a current critical issue, but has the potential to create an issue in the future if additional necessary discretionary general fund revenues were found to fund County services.	
District Definitions	Chapter 3 (Section 10)	Judy Williams, 3/24/2023			Staff reaching out to Association of Oregon Counties and County Counsel for input and feedback.	
Redistricting Timeframe	Chapter 3 (Section 10)	Judy Williams, 3/24/2023			Staff reaching out to Association of Oregon Counties and County Counsel for input and feedback.	
East Alton Baker Park	Chapter 7 (Section 33)	Steve Adams, Dan Hurley (email)		Remove section 33. East Alton Baker Park in its entirety as the property has been transferred to the City of Eugene.	Mr. Clark moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ostrach to remove section 33, East Alton Baker Park, from the charter but the vote was ultimately table until the whole committee was present.	5/11/2023 - Mr. Cornacchia moved, seconded by Chair Munro to table the discussion regarding the removal of Lane County Charter Section 33, East Alton Baker Park, until the entire committee was present. The motion passed unanimously,
County Seat	Chapter 1 (Section 4)				There was no motion to adjust any portion of section four of the charter. Vice Chair Ostrach asked if section four would be removed from the rubric. Chair Munro said if the committee did not want to make fundamental decisions about the charter until the full committee were present, than they should table discussion about section four until the full committee were present.	5/11/2023 - Mr. Cornacchia moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ostrach to table the discussion of Lane County Charter Section Four until a later date. The motion passed unanimously, 4:0:0.
Local Services	Chapter 2 (Section 7)					
Board Chair	Chapter 3 (Section 14)				Should chair be elected by the people?	
Administrative Functions	Chapter 4 (Section 18)				Should housing be added?	
Elective Administrative Officers	Chapter 4 (Section 19)				Should the Assessor / Sheriff be elected or appointed?	

Potential Charter Revisions Tracking Rubric

Merit System	Chapter 5 (Section 26)					
Effective Date	Chapter 7 (Section 31)					
Income Tax	Chapter 7 (Section 34)					
Redistricting Committee	Chapter 7 Add Section					
General Charter Structure	N/A	Steve Adams, 2/24/2023		Keep the charter as simple, high level, and flexible as possible.		4/28/2023 - CRC voted 5:0:0 to revise the current charter and not rewrite the charter in its entirety.

[HOME RULE CHARTER FOR LANE COUNTY, OREGON -
Approved by the voters at the November 6, 1962, General Election]

CHARTER FOR LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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PREAMBLE

We, the people of Lane County, Oregon, in order to avail ourselves of self determination in county affairs to the full extent permissible under the constitution and laws of the state, by this charter confer upon the county the following powers, subject it to the following restrictions, and prescribe for it the following procedures and governmental structure:

CHAPTER I: NAME, NATURE, BOUNDARIES, COUNTY SEAT

Section 1. NAME. The name of the county as it operates under this charter shall continue to be Lane County.

Section 2. NATURE AND LEGAL CAPACITY. From the time that this charter takes effect the county shall continue to be

- (1) an agency of the state and
- (2) a body politic and corporate

Section 3. BOUNDARIES. The boundaries of the county as it operates under this charter shall be the boundaries now or hereafter prescribed for the county by the laws of the state.

Section 4. COUNTY SEAT. The seat of government of the county as it operates under this charter shall continue to be in the city of Eugene.

CHAPTER II: POWERS

Section 5. GENERAL GRANT OF POWERS. Except as this charter provides to the contrary, the county shall have authority over matters of county concern to the full extent granted or allowed by the law of the United States and of the state of Oregon, as fully as if each power comprised in that general authority were specifically granted by this charter, including power to levy and collect taxes, to create and incur indebtedness, and to exercise any and all other powers conferred upon counties and their governing bodies by the statutes of the state.

Section 6. CONSTRUCTION OF POWERS. In this charter no mention of a particular power or enumeration of similar powers shall be construed to be exclusive or to restrict the authority that the county would have if the particular power were not mentioned or the similar powers not enumerated. The charter shall be liberally construed, to the end that, within the limits imposed by the charter or by the law of the United States and of the state, the county have all powers necessary or convenient for the conduct of its affairs, including all powers that counties may assume under the statutes of the state and under the provisions of the state constitution concerning county home rule. The powers shall be construed to be continuing powers.

Section 7. LOCAL SERVICES.

- (1) The board of county commissioners,
 - (a) upon the petition of 25 per cent of the legal voters of any area in the county or of 100 legal voters in the area, whichever number is the lesser, and
 - (b) upon the approval of a majority of the voters in the area, may establish the area as a local service district for the purpose of providing a county service of special benefit to persons and property in the area. The board shall prescribe by ordinance one or more methods for establishing such a district and for enlarging such a district already established. The ordinance shall prescribe one or more procedures by which legal voters in the territory proposed to be included in the district are afforded notice and hearing of establishment and enlargement of the district.
- (2) The board shall fix the boundaries of each such district on the basis of the territorial extent of the special benefit derived from the service.
- (3) The board shall be the governing body of the district.
- (4) A county service of special benefit to persons and property in an area established as a local service district pursuant to this section may be financed only by taxes, assessments, and charges specially levied in the area and by funds specially allocated by the state or the United States for one or more purposes of the district.
- (5) Legislative action that the board takes as governing body of a local service district shall be subject to the referendum upon petition of 10 per cent of the legal voters of the district. The board shall prescribe by ordinance one or more methods for exercising this power of referendum.

Section 8. LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

- (1) Subject to the requirements of the other paragraphs of this section, the procedure for making, altering, vacating, or abandoning an improvement of the county shall be governed
 - (a) by the general ordinances of the county, or,
 - (b) to the extent not so governed, by the applicable general laws of the state.
- (2) To the extent that the board of county commissioners finds that a local improvement specially benefits property in the vicinity of the improvement, the cost of the improvement shall be defrayed by special assessments levied on the property, and to the extent that the board finds that a local improvement is of benefit to the county generally, the cost of the improvement may be defrayed by revenue derived from other sources.
- (3) An order for action regarding a local improvement of the county shall indicate
 - (a) the extent to which the cost of the action is to be defrayed by special assessments on property to be specially benefited by the action and
 - (b) the extent to which the cost of the action is to be defrayed by revenues of the county derived from other sources.
- (4) Action by the board of county commissioners on a proposed local improvement to be financed in whole or in part by county revenues not derived from special assessments shall be subject to the referendum in the same manner as ordinances of the board.
- (5) Action by the board of county commissioners on a proposed local improvement to be financed in whole or in part by special assessments shall be suspended for six months upon a remonstrance thereto by the owners of two-thirds of the land to be specially assessed for the improvement, provided written notice of the remonstrance is delivered to the board within 15 days after the action is ordered. After the suspension the board may proceed with the action. The word "owner" shall mean the record holder of legal title, except that if there is a purchaser of the land according to a recorded land sale contract, the purchaser shall be regarded as the owner.
- (6) The procedure for levying, collecting, and enforcing the payment of special assessments to be levied against real property on account of local improvements or other services shall be governed by general ordinance.

Section 9. WHERE POWERS VESTED. Except as this charter provides to the contrary, and subject to the initiative and referendum powers residing in the people of the county, all powers of the county, both legislative and administrative, shall be vested in the board of county commissioners. The administrative power of the board shall be exercisable by it or by persons under its authority.

CHAPTER III: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Section 10. MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION AND TENURE

- (1) The board of commissioners shall consist of five county commissioners.
- (2) Except as this charter provides to the contrary, each commissioner shall be elected by district for a four-year term.
- (3) The board of county commissioners shall be elected as follows.
 - (a) At the November general election the commissioners shall be elected as provided for in this charter. Commissioner position numbers 3 and 4 shall be elected at the November general election of presidential election years and commissioner position numbers 1, 2, and 5 shall be elected at the November general election of non-presidential election years.
 - (b) At the election the candidate for each position who receives the highest number of votes cast shall be entitled to a certificate of election to office.
 - (c) The following election districts shall be established from which the commissioners shall be elected:
 - (i) The West Lane County District, generally comprised of western Lane County outside the metropolitan area. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the commissioner elected from this district shall fill Position No. 1.
 - (ii) The Springfield District, generally comprised of the Springfield metropolitan area. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the commissioner elected from this district shall fill Position No. 2.
 - (iii) The South Eugene District, generally comprised of the southern Eugene metropolitan area. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the commissioner elected from this district shall fill Position No. 3.
 - (iv) The North Eugene District, generally comprised of the northern Eugene metropolitan area. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the commissioner elected from this district shall fill Position No. 4.
 - (v) The East Lane County District, generally comprised of eastern Lane County outside the metropolitan area. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the commissioner elected from this district shall fill Position No. 5.
 - (d) In accordance with Federal, State, or County census figures, the boundaries of the five districts shall be drawn by the board of commissioners so as not to deny any person equal protection of the law. The board of commissioners shall, not less than every 10 years, initiate review of the population densities of each district and modify boundaries when necessary. No boundary creation, position designation or boundary change shall disqualify a commissioner from completing the term of office to which that commissioner was elected or appointed.
 - (e) The board of commissioners shall adopt by ordinance the district boundaries as required by subsection (d) above. District boundaries shall

be finally adopted at least six months prior to any election for which they are to be effective.

Section 11. FULL-TIME RESPONSIBILITY OF COMMISSIONERS. While serving as a member of the board of county commissioners, a county commissioner shall devote full time to the office.

Section 12. QUORUM. Three commissioners of the board of county commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the board's business.

Section 13. MEETINGS.

- (1) The board of county commissioners shall adopt rules for the government of its members and meetings.
- (2) The rules shall prescribe one or more modes of compelling the attendance of commissioners at board meetings.
- (3) The board shall meet regularly and publicly in the county at least twice each month at times and places designated in the rules governing the meetings of the board.
- (4)
 - (a) The chair of the board may, by giving notice thereof to all members of the board then in the county, and
 - (b) three members of the board may, by giving notice thereof to the other two commissioners provided they are in the county, call a special meeting of the board. Notice of any special meeting shall be consistent with state law.
- (5) No action by the board may have legal effect unless the motion for the action and the vote by which the motion is approved or rejected take place at proceedings open to the public.

Section 14. BOARD CHAIR.

- (1) At its first regular meeting each year the board of county commissioners shall designate one of its members chair of the board for the year.
- (2) The chair shall
 - (a) Preside over the meetings of the board,
 - (b) Have a vote on all questions before it, and
 - (c) Have authority to
 - (i) preserve order at board meetings,
 - (ii) enforce the rules of the board, and
 - (iii) determine the order of board business under the rules of the board.
- (3) At the time the chair is designated in paragraph (1) above, the board shall also designate a vice chair, who shall have identical authority as the chair, in calling and conducting meetings when the chair is absent from the county.

Section 15. RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS. The board of county commissioners shall cause a public record of its proceedings to be kept. Upon the request of a member of the board that the individual votes on a question before the board be recorded in the record, the votes shall be so recorded. The final votes on all ordinances before the board shall be so recorded.

Section 16. VOTE NECESSARY FOR BOARD ACTION. Except as this charter provides to the contrary, the concurrence of three members of the board of county commissioners shall be necessary to decide any question before the board.

Section 17. ORDINANCES.

- (1) The enacting clause of an ordinance enacted by the board of county commissioners and not referred to the voters shall read, "The board of county commissioners of Lane County ordains as follows:". The enacting clause for ordinances initiated and adopted by the voters of the county shall read: "The People of Lane County ordain as follows:".
- (2) Except as this section provides to the contrary, before an ordinance is enacted, it shall be fully and distinctly read in regular meeting of the board on two different days at least 13 days apart. The board may direct that either or both of the readings be by title only
 - (a) If a copy of the ordinance is provided for each member of the board when the ordinance is introduced and
 - (b) If, throughout the business hours after the ordinance is introduced and before it is enacted, a copy of it is available for public inspection in the office of the board.

An ordinance enacted after being read by title only may have no legal effect if any section incorporating a substantial change in the ordinance as introduced is not read fully and distinctly in regular meeting of the board at least 13 days prior to the adoption of the ordinance.
- (3) Upon enactment of an ordinance by the board
 - (a) The chair of the board and
 - (b) The person who serves as recording secretary of the board at the session at which the board finally approves the ordinance shall sign the ordinance and indicate the date of its enactment.
- (4) An ordinance enacted by the board of county commissioners in the exercise of its police power and for the purpose of meeting an emergency may take effect immediately upon being so enacted. An ordinance approved by the voters shall take effect immediately upon being so approved. An ordinance of any other character shall take effect on the 30th day after being enacted.

CHAPTER IV: ADMINISTRATION

Section 18. ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS.

- (1) For purposes of carrying out the policies of the county and administering its affairs, the County shall perform administrative functions which shall be within the limitations of this charter:
 - (a) finance and auditing functions, which shall include the functions of the county treasurer under state law and the functions of the county clerk under state law;
 - (b) records and elections functions, which shall include the functions of the county clerk under state law regarding elections, recording, filing, and the courts;
 - (c) health and sanitation functions, which shall include the requirements prescribed by state law for the county health officer, the county sanitarian, and the county board of health;
 - (d) public works functions, which shall include the functions of the county surveyor and county engineer under state law and all road and highway functions of the county;
 - (e) public safety functions, which shall include the functions of the constable and the sheriff under state law, except the functions of the sheriff regarding the collection of taxes;
 - (f) assessment and taxation functions, which shall include the functions of the assessor under state law and the functions of the sheriff under state law that pertain to the collection of taxes;
 - (g) general administration functions, which shall include whatever functions the board of county commissioners prescribes for it; and
 - (h) youth services (juvenile) functions which shall include all functions required under state law for juvenile delinquency and dependency cases.

Section 19. ELECTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS.

- (1) The elective administrative officers of the county shall include, in addition to the county commissioners, the sheriff and the assessor.
- (2) The sheriff shall have charge of the function of public safety, and the assessor shall have charge of the function of assessment and taxation. The terms of office for sheriff and assessor shall be four years.

Section 20. APPOINTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. Except as this charter provides to the contrary,

- (1) each administrative function of the county shall include whatever offices and positions the board of county commissioners or their designee establishes in that department;
- (2) all administrative officers and employees of the county other than elective administrative officers shall be appointed by the board or pursuant to its authority;

- (3) the functions of administrative officers and employees of the county shall be whatever functions the board of county commissioners or their designee prescribes for them.

Section 21. CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS.

- (1) Except as this charter provides to the contrary, the board of county commissioners may establish, combine, separate, or abolish any administrative functions except for the functions of public safety, criminal prosecution, or assessment and taxation.
- (2) Any action combining, changing or abolishing the functions of public safety, the district attorney's office or the department of assessment and taxation or any action, taking away any of the roles or duties of those functions may have no legal effect until approved either
 - (a) by the head of the department or
 - (b) by the legal voters of the county at a regular or special county election.
- (3) A function of a county officer or agency prescribed by state law but not allocated to any county officer or agency by this charter shall be allocated to whatever department of the county the county administrator determines.

CHAPTER V: PERSONNEL

Section 22. QUALIFICATIONS.

- (1) To qualify for an elective office of the county, a person
 - (a) shall be a legal voter of the state,
 - (b) shall be a resident of the county, and
 - (c) shall have resided in the county two years immediately preceding the beginning of the term of office.
 - (d) shall meet any other qualifications required by the State for such positions.
- (2) To qualify for an appointive office or position of the county a person shall have whatever qualifications the board of county commissioners prescribes for the office or position.
- (3) To qualify for the position of county commissioner, a person shall reside within the district from which said person is elected or appointed and shall have so resided for a period of not less than two months prior to appointment or any primary or general election in which said person is a candidate. A district boundary change shall not disqualify a commissioner until that commissioner's term of office has expired.

Section 23. VACANCIES IN OFFICE. An office shall be deemed vacant

- (1) Upon the incumbent's
 - (a) death,
 - (b) adjudicated incompetence, mental illness or insanity,
 - (c) conviction of a felony, or unlawful destruction of public records, or of other criminal offense pertaining to the office,
 - (d) resignation,
 - (e) recall from office, or
 - (f) ceasing to possess the qualifications for the office;
- (2) Upon the failure of the person elected or appointed to the office to qualify therefor within 10 days after the time for the term of office to begin, or
- (3) with reference to a county commissioner,
 - (a) upon absence from the county for 30 days without the consent of the other commissioners or upon absence from meetings of the board of county commissioners for 60 days without a like consent and
 - (b) upon a declaration by the board of the vacancy.

Section 24. FILLING OF VACANCIES.

- (1) A vacancy in an elective office of the county shall be filled in the manner prescribed by state law.
- (2) A vacancy in an appointive office of the county shall be filled by the board of county commissioners or pursuant to its authority.
- (3) During

- (a) the temporary disability of an elective officer or
- (b) the absence from the county temporarily for any reason the office may be filled pro tem by the board of county commissioners.

Section 25. COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES. The compensation for the services of a county officer or employee shall be whatever amount the board of county commissioners fixes, but no increase in the compensation of a member of the board may take effect prior to the first odd-numbered year after the first general election after the increase is authorized.

Section 26. MERIT SYSTEM.

- (1) Each office and position in the government of the county shall be included in the classified or unclassified service of the county.
- (2) The unclassified service of the county shall include the offices and positions of
 - (a) elective officers of the county,
 - (b) the heads of county departments,
 - (c) members of county boards and commissions,
 - (d) persons employed by the county
 - (i) for special or temporary purposes and
 - (ii) for not longer than three months during any fiscal year,
 - (e) persons employed by the county to render professional, scientific, technical or expert services of occasional or exceptional character,
 - (f) persons employed jointly by the county and some other governmental agency,
 - (g) unskilled workers employed by the county less than half time,
 - (h) part-time employees of the county paid by the hour or day,
 - (i) persons employed by the county as independent contractors for temporary or part-time service, and
 - (j) uncompensated volunteers.
- (3) The classified service of the county shall include all offices and positions in the government of the county not included in the unclassified service.
- (4) The board of county commissioners shall maintain a system of personnel administration, including appeal procedures,
 - (a) in which
 - (i) the appointment of persons to
 - (ii) the promotion, transfer, demotion, and suspension of persons in, and
 - (iii) the dismissal of persons from the classified service shall be effected solely on the basis of merit and fitness, and
 - (b) in which each person in that service shall receive equitable compensation fixed on the basis of
 - (i) competence in the position with the county,
 - (ii) record of service there and elsewhere,
 - (iii) the range of compensation paid others by public and private employers for comparable service
 - (iv) the county's financial condition and policies, and
 - (v) other factors relevant to the determination of what is fair compensation for the individual.

CHAPTER VI: ELECTIONS

Section 27. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICERS. Except as this charter provides to the contrary, the manner of nominating and electing candidates for elective county offices shall be the manner now or hereafter prescribed by the laws of the state for the conduct of nonpartisan nominations and elections.

- (1) No petition, declaration, primary or general ballot for an elective county office shall make reference to any political party ballot or to a political party affiliation or designation.
- (2) When there is only one person as a candidate for nomination to an elective county office, (except sheriff or to fill a vacancy) that person's name shall not be placed upon the primary ballot but only on the November general election ballot.
- (3) A primary or general ballot, as the case may be, shall be delivered to each registered elector, regardless of party affiliation.
- (4) When a candidate for nomination for an elective county office receives a majority of all votes cast at the primary election, that person's name alone shall appear on the ballot for the general election.
- (5) If no candidate at the primary election receives a majority of all votes cast, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be placed on the general election ballot.

Section 28. RECALL. An elective officer of the county may be recalled in the manner, and with the effect, now or hereafter prescribed by the constitution and laws of the state.

Section 29. ELECTIONS ON COUNTY PROPOSITIONS. Except as

- (1) This charter or
- (2) Legislation enacted pursuant to it provides to the contrary, the manner of conducting an election on a proposition concerning the county shall be the manner prescribed by the laws of the state for an election in the county on the proposition.

CHAPTER VII: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 30. EXISTING LEGISLATION CONTINUED. All legislation of the county

- (1) Consistent with this charter and
- (2) In force when it takes effect shall remain in effect until amended or repealed.

Section 31. EFFECTIVE DATE. This charter shall take effect January 3, 1963, the charter amendment of November 2, 1976, shall take effect on January 1, 1977, the charter amendment of May 18, 1982, shall take effect on May 18, 1982, the charter amendment of November 6, 1984, setting a general fund spending limitation shall take effect for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1985, and the remaining charter amendments of November 6, 1984, shall take effect on November 23, 1984.

Section 32. SPENDING LIMITATION. A limit on the total amount of general fund general operation spending by the county in any fiscal year is established.

- (1) Spending limitation. The annual county expenditures from discretionary revenues for general fund general operations shall not exceed \$24,250,000 except as it increases by the sum of the annual percentage changes in the cost-of-living and population, as provided in subsection 2 below.
- (2) On or about January 1 of each fiscal year, the 12 month percent change in the cost-of-living index shall be added to the 12 month percent change in total Lane County population. The sum of these two percent change figures shall thus determine the allowable growth factor that shall annually be applied to the prior year's general fund general operating spending limit, or to the reserve funds as described in subsection 3 below, to determine the maximum allowable amount of such limit or funds for the following year.
- (3) Reserve funds. General fund discretionary revenues exceeding the limitation set forth in subsection 1 above shall be distributed to various funds in amounts as directed by the board of county commissioners after review by the budget committee. These funds shall include:
 - (a) A revenue stabilization fund. The revenue stabilization fund shall not exceed \$10,000,000 except as it increases by the sum of the annual percentage changes in the cost-of-living and population, as provided in subsection 2 above. Transfers from the revenue stabilization fund to the general fund in any fiscal year shall not exceed 50% of the revenue stabilization fund's balance at June 30th of the prior fiscal year, except that if transfers have been made for two consecutive years, the entire remaining amount may be transferred during the third year if transfers are required.
 - (b) An employee benefits liability fund. The employee benefits liability fund shall not exceed the value of accrued employee vacation and sick leave as recorded in the general purpose financial statements and auditor's report for the prior fiscal year.

- (c) A capital improvement fund. The capital improvement fund shall not exceed \$1,000,000 except as it increases by the sum of the annual percentage changes in the cost-of-living and population, as provided in subsection 2 above. This limit does not preclude establishment of a separate fund for construction of a new county facility.
- (d) A self-insurance fund. The self-insurance fund shall not exceed the value of all outstanding claims liabilities as recorded in the general purpose financial statements and auditor's report for the prior fiscal year. Income earned on these funds shall accrue to the funds.
- (4) Excess revenues. For any fiscal year, the excess revenues over expenditures, except as provided in subsection 3 above, shall be used for a reduction or rebate in real property taxes.
- (5) Emergency. The limitation imposed by subsection 1 above may be exceeded only upon the declaration of an emergency and approval by the board of county commissioners. The board shall set forth the amount of the cost of the emergency and the method by which it shall be defrayed. Funds from the revenue stabilization fund shall be available for the emergency. The limitation imposed by subsection 1 above may be exceeded only for the year in which the emergency is declared. In no event shall such emergency expenditures be included in the computation of the limitation imposed by subsection 1 above for any other year.
- (6) Mandated and shifted costs. Where costs are transferred from one unit of government to another unit of government or are imposed on the county, either by law or court order, the limitation imposed by subsection 1 above shall be adjusted accordingly.
- (7) Severability. If any expenditure category or revenue source shall by law or court order be exempted from this section, the expenditure limitation imposed by subsection 1 above shall be adjusted accordingly and all remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- (8) Implementation. The board of county commissioners shall adopt orders consistent with and as may be necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this section. This section shall take effect for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1985.
- (9) Definitions.
 - (a) "Cost-of-living" means the 12 month percent change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers, U.S. city average occurring between July 1 and June 30, as computed by the Department of Commerce, or any successor agency.
 - (b) "Population" means the 12 month percent change in the number of people residing in the county occurring between July 1 and June 30, as computed by Portland State University, Center for Population Research and Census, or any successor agency.
 - (c) "Discretionary revenues" means revenues available for any county services and not otherwise restricted or dedicated by law to specific purposes.

Section 33. EAST ALTON BAKER PARK.

- (1) Findings. The people find that East Alton Baker Park, which contains open public land in a relatively natural state and is easily accessible by county residents,

should continue to be a place where diverse passive recreational activities can occur and no single use dominates others.

(2) Definitions. As used in this section:

- (a) "East Alton Baker Park" means that area of land within Alton Baker Park that is owned by Lane County. It comprises the approximately 237 acres east of the City of Eugene Equipment yard and Bike Path to the eastern border of Alton Baker Park.
- (b) "Board" means the Board of Lane County Commissioners.
- (c) "Golf Course" means any facility of any type that uses any portion of land for the purpose of activity of golf.
- (d) "Passive recreation" means those pastimes, diversions, or forms of exercise in which the relaxation and/or enjoyment experienced by the participant is dependent on the natural landscape in which the activity occurs. Examples include, but are not limited to hiking, boating, jogging, biking, plant study, picnicking, kite flying, frisbee throwing, bird watching, nature photography, swimming, nature classes, model boating, wheelchair racing, fishing, dog walking, feeding of water fowl, sun bathing and those group activities deemed appropriate.

(3) Conditions for the Development of East Alton Baker Park.

- (a) The Board shall not sell, alienate, lease or in any other way convey any real or personal property interest in East Alton Baker Park to any private or public entity for the purpose of developing a golf course.
- (b) The Board shall not expend any funds to study, promote, develop, construct, approve or in any way aid any private or public development of a golf course in East Alton Baker Park.
- (c) By March 1, 1993, the Board shall appoint a Citizens Planning Committee, (CPC), composed of fifteen (15) individuals who have demonstrated an interest in maintaining and enhancing the passive recreational qualities of East Alton Baker Park. At least 45 days prior to making appointments to the CPC, the Board shall advertise and provide applications for the CPC positions to park user groups, community organizations, and any concerned citizens who have submitted letters or testimony regarding Alton Baker Park. The CPC members shall be chosen from the applications the Board receives.
The CPC shall initiate a public hearing process to determine the appropriate mix of passive recreational uses of East Alton Baker Park. The CPC shall then develop and adopt a final Plan for East Alton Baker Park, (EABP) which is consistent with this Act and with the general and specific criteria for the area set forth in the Alton Baker Park Master Plan. In the EABP Plan, the watercourses, bike paths and running trails that existed in East Alton Baker Park on September 1, 1991 shall be maintained or improved and shall not be reduced in size or altered in configuration. Following the adoption of the EABP Plan, the CPC shall continue to meet as needed to monitor its implementation.

- (d) Any user fees charged for the use of East Alton Baker Park shall be used solely for Alton Baker Park consistent with the Alton Baker Park Master Plan.
 - (e) Ownership of East Alton Baker Park shall not be transferred until the plan described in subsection 3, paragraph (c) is adopted. If ownership of East Alton Baker Park is transferred to a public or private entity, the transfer shall include appropriate conditions or covenants to insure consistency with this section and the goals set forth in the Alton Baker Park Master Plan.
- (4) Effective Date. The effective date of this section shall be March 3, 1993.
 - (5) Severance Clause. If any subsection, portion, clause or phrase of this section is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining subsections, portions, clauses and phrases shall be unaffected and shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this section are severable.

Section 34. INCOME TAX CAP.

- (1) Rate Limitation. Any Lane County income tax is limited to a tax rate not exceeding two percent (2.0%) of net income unless approved by an affirmative vote of the residents of Lane County.
- (2) Dedication for Public Safety. The revenue from any Lane County income tax, less costs of collection and administration, shall be dedicated for public safety purposes. Public safety purposes are defined for any income tax as those programs designed to protect citizens from the effects of, or to reduce, criminal activity. They include preventive and reactive public safety services, such as adult and youth corrections, crime prevention, prosecution, detention, supervision, mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment, victim services, drug court, interagency narcotics enforcement, patrol, investigation and arrest, and related support services. They also include the programs and services provided by the departments of the Sheriff, District Attorney and Youth Services.
- (3) Special Dedicated Fund, Audit and Reserves.
 - (a) The County shall create and maintain a Public Safety Dedicated Fund. All revenue collected from any Lane County income tax shall be credited to the Public Safety Dedicated Fund, after payment of expenses of collection and administration. Interest earned on the Fund shall be credited to it.
 - (b) Performance audits shall be conducted on a regular basis to validate the appropriate use of the income tax revenues for the defined public safety purposes. The cost of these audits shall be treated as a cost of administration.
 - (c) Beginning not later than two years after enactment of any income tax, the County shall provide for adequate reserves within the Fund of at least 10% of annual income tax revenues to provide a cushion against unforeseen events and economic downturns. The County shall also establish policies for use of the reserves during such events or downturns and for replenishing them within a reasonable period.

Section 35. CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE. Every ten years, beginning in 2011, the Board of County Commissioners shall convene a Charter Review Committee to review the

existing charter and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding suggested changes to the Charter.

- (1) Membership. Each member of the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a member to the Charter Review Committee by July 1, 2010. The appointees to the Charter Review committee shall nominate additional persons to fill two at-large positions. At-large appointees shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners as a whole. The members of the Committee shall serve at the will of the appointing Commissioner(s), but for no longer than two (2) years from the date of appointment, or until the assigned tasks have been accomplished. Subsequent Charter Review Committees will be appointed in the same manner every 10 years.
- (2) Timeframe. Members shall immediately begin meeting to review the current Charter, and shall report back to the Board of County Commissioners with recommendations for any suggested changes no later than July 1, 2011 and every ten (10) years thereafter.

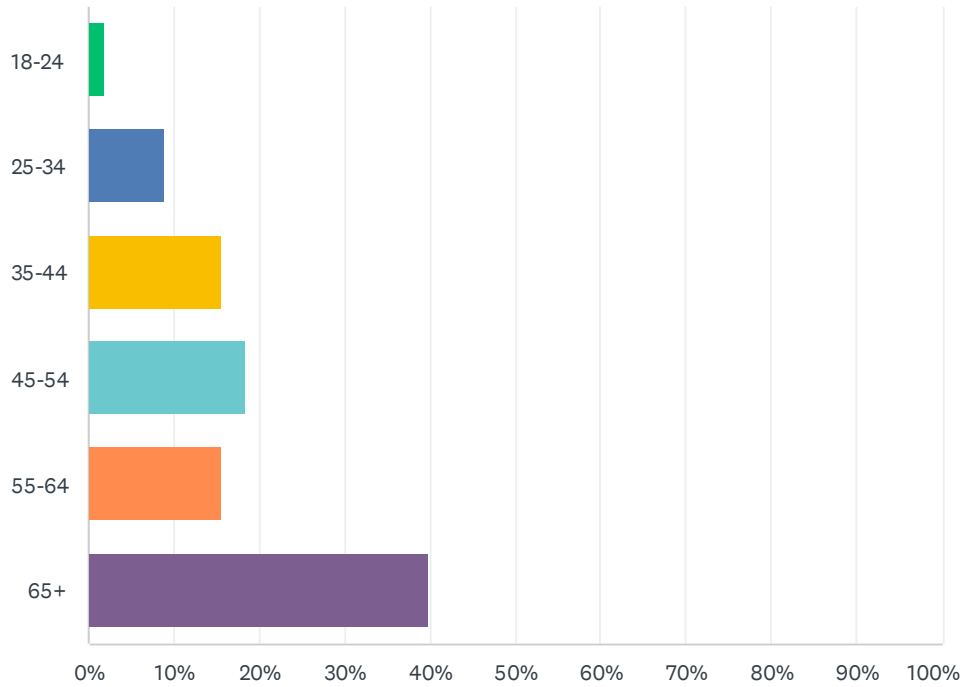
AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER FOR LANE COUNTY, OREGON

1. Amendment referred by Board of County Commissioners' Order 72-2-16-1 and approved by majority of legal voters of Lane County at the primary election held May 23, 1972, decreased term of County Commissioners from six years to four years, excluding terms of incumbents.
2. Amendment referred by Board of County Commissioners' Order 76-7-21-16 and approved by majority of legal voters of Lane County at the general election held November 2, 1976, provided for a five-member Board of County Commissioners.
3. Amendment referred by Board of County Commissioners' Order 76-7-28-12 and approved by majority of legal voters of Lane County at the general election held November 2, 1976, required that all elections to county office be nonpartisan.
4. Amendment referred by Board of County Commissioners' Order 82-1-13-9 and approved by majority of legal voters of Lane County at the primary election held May 18, 1982, made Commissioner District descriptions general.
5. Amendment referred by Board of County Commissioners' Order 82-1-13-10 and approved by majority of legal voters of Lane County at the primary election held May 18, 1982, required review of Commissioner District boundaries every 10 years.
6. Amendment referred by Board of County Commissioners' Order 84-6-27-3 and approved by majority of legal voters of Lane County at the general election held November 6, 1984, set a general fund spending limit.
7. Amendments referred by Board of County Commissioners' Order 84-6-27-16 and approved by majority of legal voters of Lane County at the general election held November 6, 1984, established Vice Chair position and authority, deleted Chair Pro Tem position, provided that three members of the Board of County Commissioners may call a special meeting deleted implementing language to Section 19 (County Departments) and Section 28 (County Merit System) and deleted male pronouns and, where necessary, replaced them with gender neutral terms.
8. Amendment referred by initiative petition of the people and approved by majority of legal voters of Lane County at the General Election held November 3, 1992, restricted County's use of, and transfer of, East Alton Baker Park.
9. Amendment referred by Board of County Commissioners' Order 07-3-14-14 and approved by majority of legal voters of Lane County at the primary election held May 15, 2007 capped income tax increases without voter approval and dedicated revenues from income taxes for Public Safety.

10. Amendment referred by Board of County Commissioners' Order 09-12-16-2 and approved by majority of legal voters of Lane County at the primary election held May 18, 2010 established a Charter Review Committee which shall be convened every 10 years beginning July 2010.
11. Amendment referred by Board of County Commissioners' Order 09-12-16-2 and approved by majority of legal voters of Lane County at the primary election held May 18, 2010 amended nomination and election of officer proceedings to make them consistent with state elections law.
12. Amendment referred by Board of County Commissioners' Order 09-12-16-2 and approved by majority of legal voters of Lane County at the primary election held May 18, 2010 added state requirements to the qualifications requirements for elective office.
13. Amendment referred by Board of Commissioners' Order 10-7-14-9 and approved by a majority of legal voters of Lane County at the general election held November 2, 2010 amended the Charter to allow more flexibility in County structure by identifying the functions to be performed, but not requiring specific departments to perform the identified functions.
14. Amendment referred by Board of Commissioners' Order 10-7-14-9 and approved by a majority of legal voters of Lane County at the general election held November 2, 2010 amended the Charter to allow for more flexibility in County structure by allowing the Commissioners to delegate to the County Administrator the authority granted under Section 21.
15. Amendment referred by Board of Commissioners' Order 10-7-14-9 and approved by a majority of legal voters of Lane County at the general election held November 2, 2010 amended Section 22 to clarify the intent and language.
16. Amendment referred by Board of Commissioners' Order 12-08-01-09 and approved by a majority of legal voters of Lane County at the general election held November 6, 2012 amended Sections 5, 6, 9, 18, 19, 20, 22, 28 and 33 to clarify the intent and language.
17. Amendment referred by Board of Commissioners' Order 12-08-01-09 and approved by a majority of legal voters of Lane County at the general election held November 6, 2012 repealed Section 8 to rely on state law; and the remainder of the Charter is renumbered accordingly.
18. Amendment referred by Board of Commissioners' Order 12-08-01-09 and approved by a majority of legal voters of Lane County at the general election held November 6, 2012 repealed Sections 31 and 32 to consolidate commissioner election dates; and the remainder of the Charter is renumbered accordingly.

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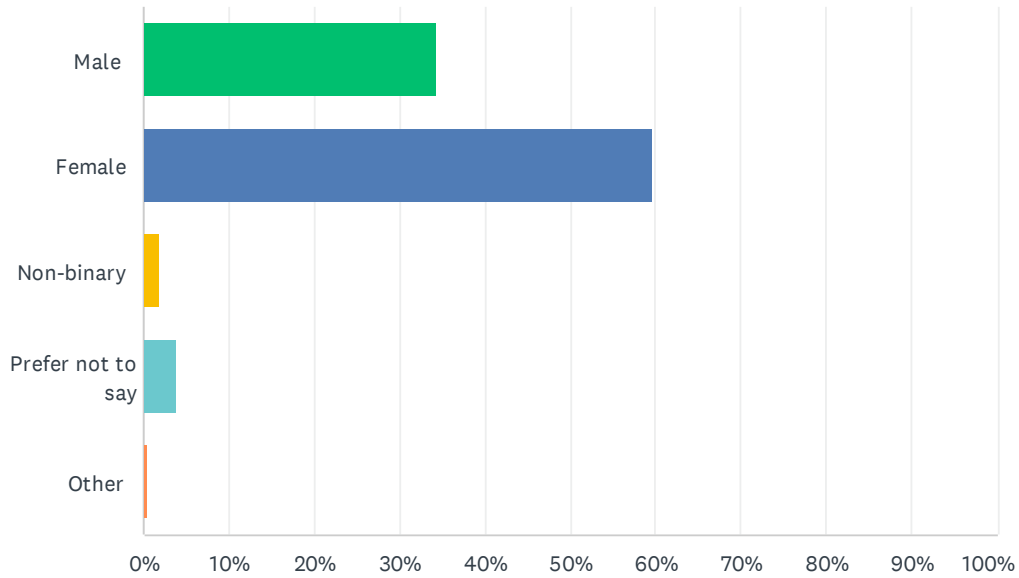
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
18-24	1.88% 4
25-34	8.92% 19
35-44	15.49% 33
45-54	18.31% 39
55-64	15.49% 33
65+	39.91% 85
TOTAL	213

Q2 Please select your gender.

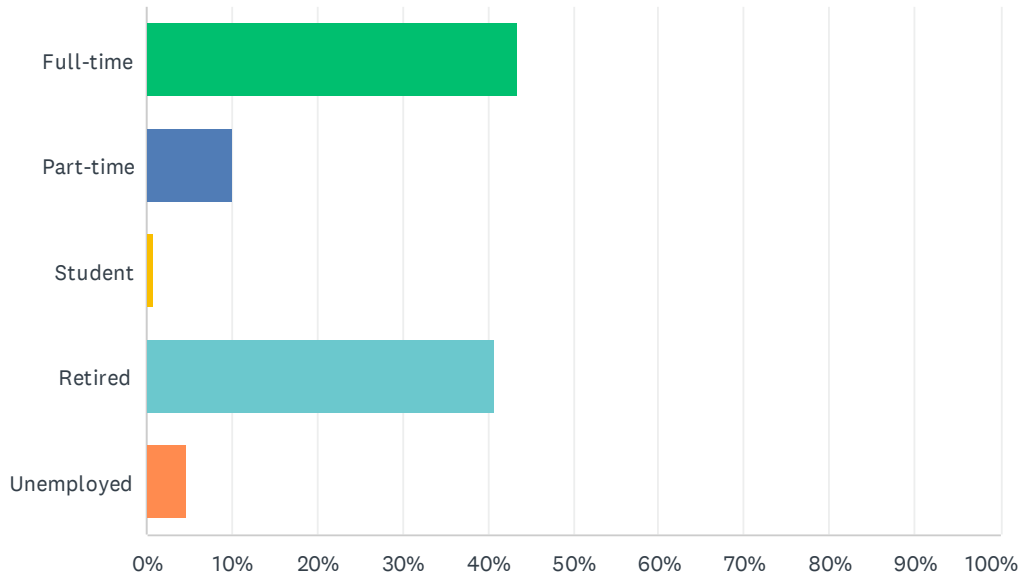
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	34.27%	73
Female	59.62%	127
Non-binary	1.88%	4
Prefer not to say	3.76%	8
Other	0.47%	1
TOTAL		213

Q3 What is your employment status?

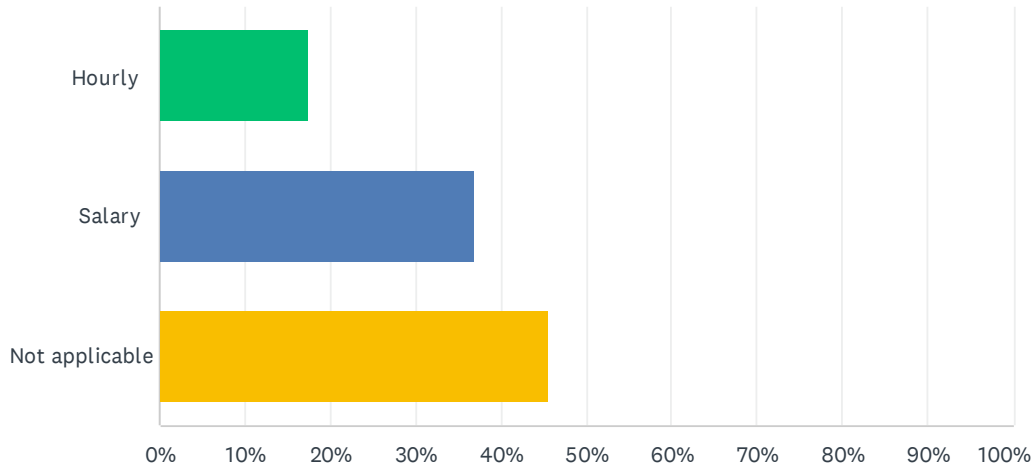
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full-time	43.60%	92
Part-time	9.95%	21
Student	0.95%	2
Retired	40.76%	86
Unemployed	4.74%	10
TOTAL		211

Q4 If you are employed full-time or part-time, are you paid hourly or salary?

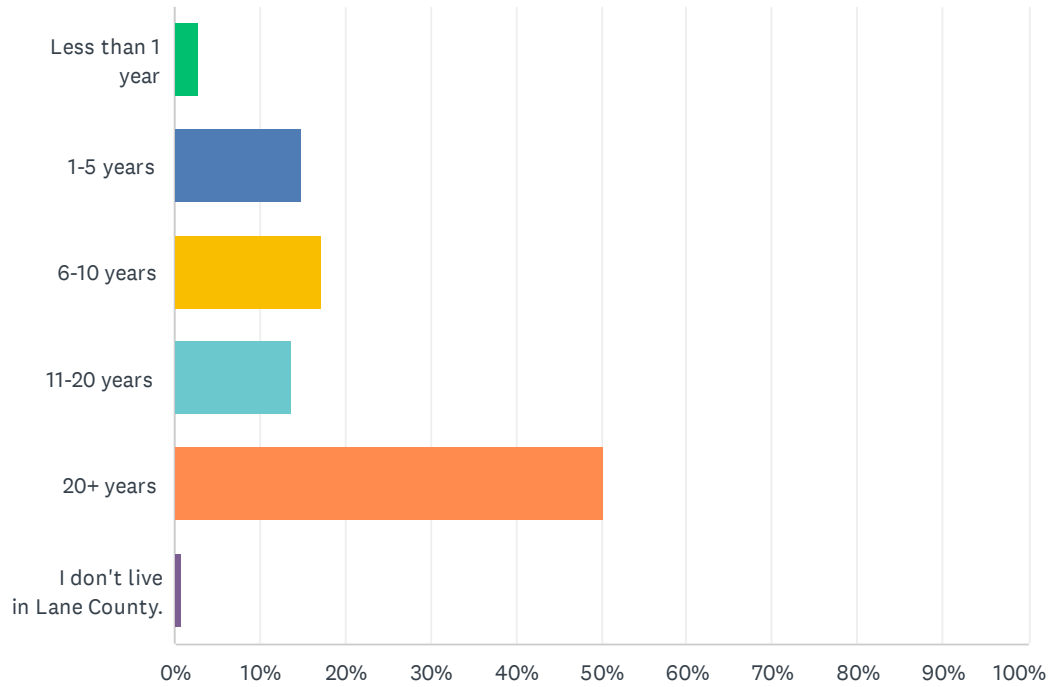
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hourly	17.39%	32
Salary	36.96%	68
Not applicable	45.65%	84
TOTAL		184

Q5 How long have you lived in Lane County?

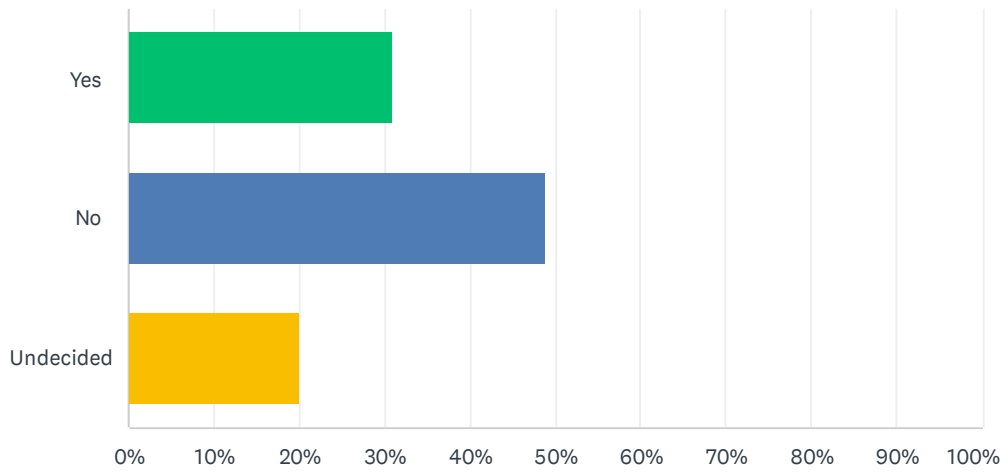
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	2.82%	6
1-5 years	15.02%	32
6-10 years	17.37%	37
11-20 years	13.62%	29
20+ years	50.23%	107
I don't live in Lane County.	0.94%	2
TOTAL		213

Q8 Are you in favor of changing the name of Lane County?

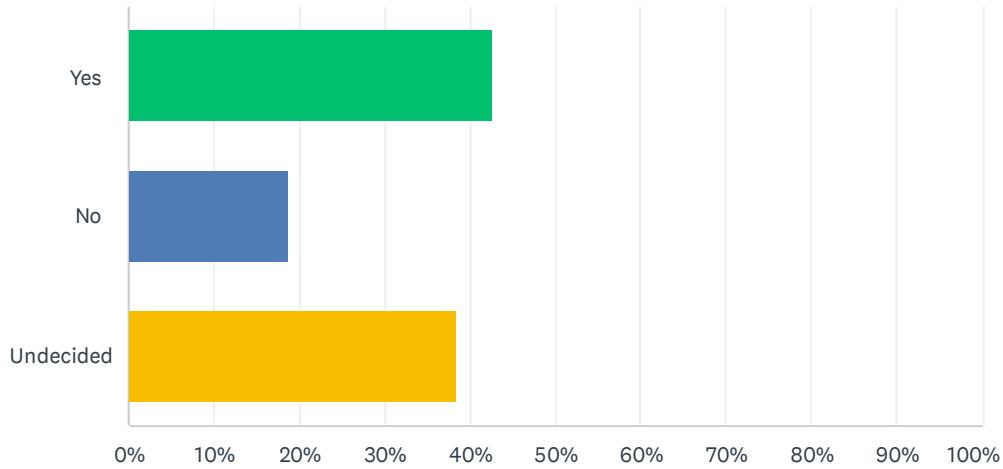
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	30.94%	43
No	48.92%	68
Undecided	20.14%	28
TOTAL		139

Q11 Should the names and descriptions of the county commissioner districts remain as is in the Charter? (see page 8 of the charter)

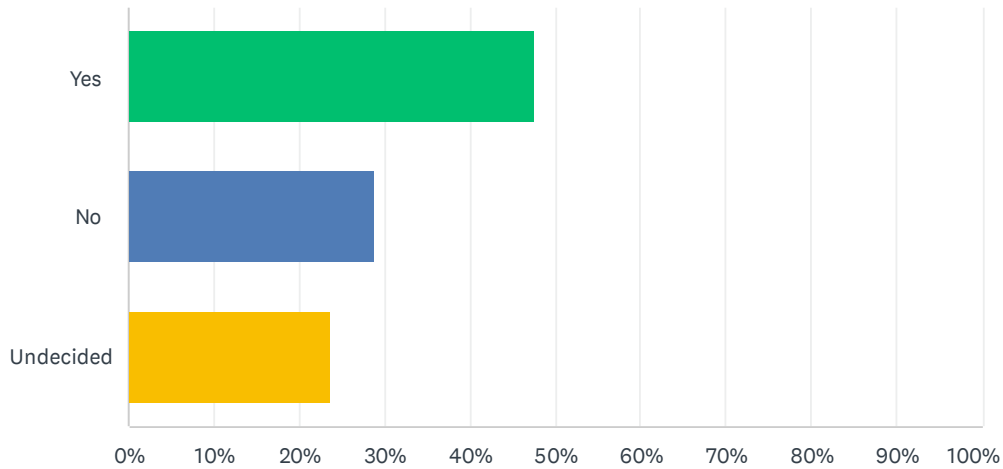
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	42.74%	50
No	18.80%	22
Undecided	38.46%	45
TOTAL		117

Q13 Do you believe the Board of County Commissioners Chair should continue to be determined by commissioners themselves, rather than be elected by the voters?

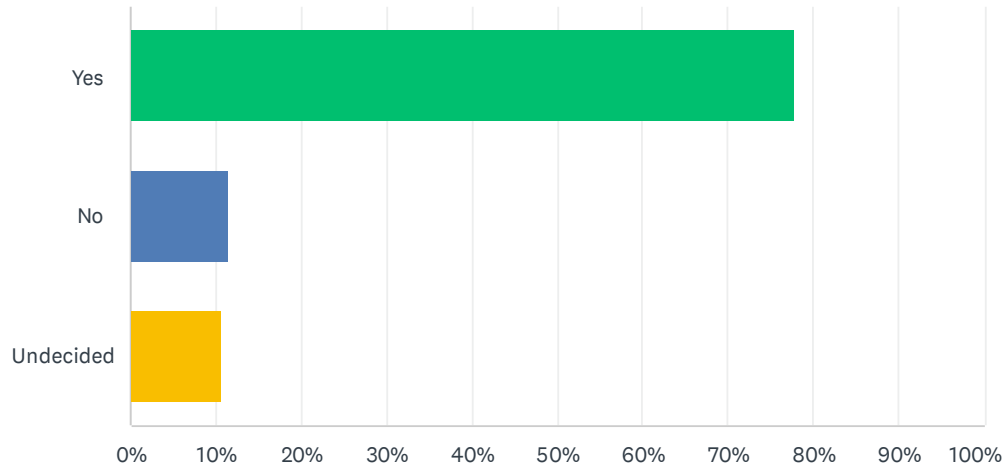
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.54%	58
No	28.69%	35
Undecided	23.77%	29
TOTAL		122

Q15 Do you support implementing campaign finance limits for local elections in Lane County?

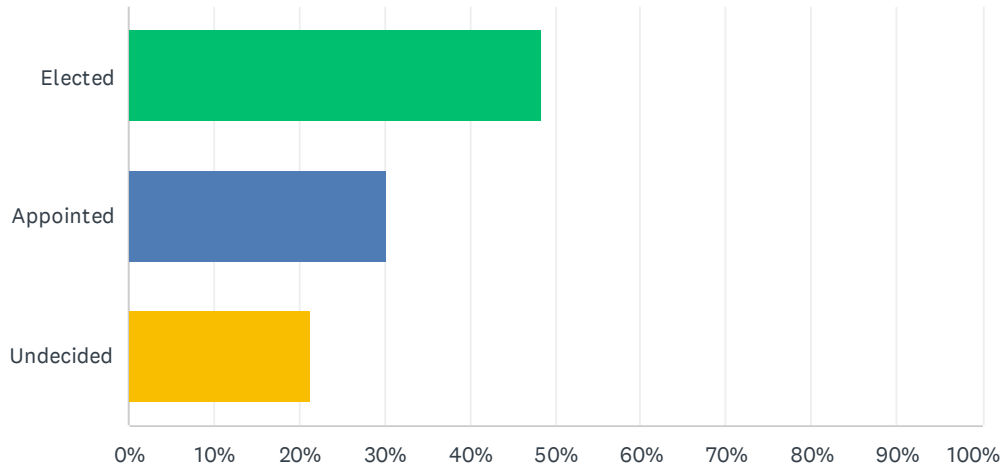
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.87%	95
No	11.48%	14
Undecided	10.66%	13
TOTAL		122

Q17 Do you believe the Lane County Tax Assessor should continue to be an elected position, or should this be an appointed position?

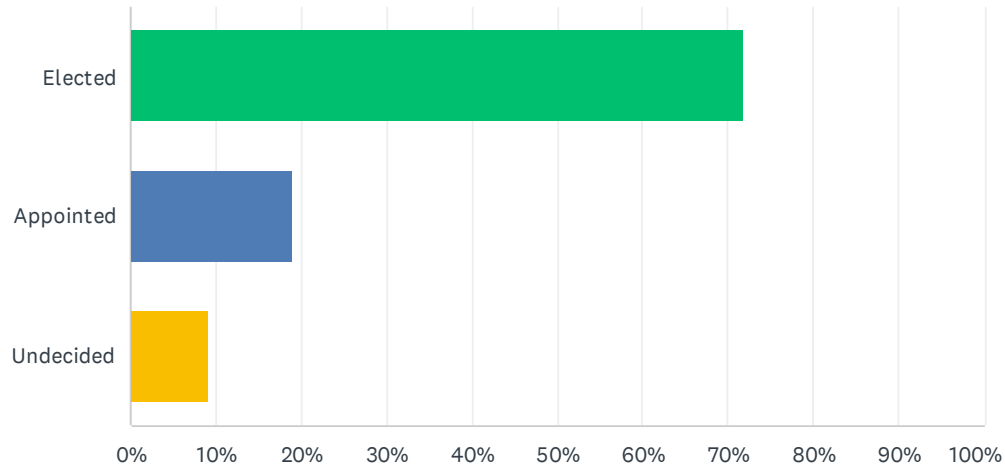
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Elected	48.36% 59
Appointed	30.33% 37
Undecided	21.31% 26
TOTAL	122

Q19 Do you believe the Lane County Sheriff should continue to be an elected position, or should this be an appointed position?

Answered: 121 Skipped: 93



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Elected	71.90% 87
Appointed	19.01% 23
Undecided	9.09% 11
TOTAL	121