

Coming in your November 4th ballot –

**YOUR VOICE, YOUR CHOICE,
YOUR CHARTER**

Your 2014 Coos County

Home Rule Charter

Urban Renewal taxes, Enterprise Zone property tax exemptions, and leasing out management of the Coos Bay Wagon Road timber lands will all go before the voters. These are major items in county revenue generating.

Selling, leasing, encumbering, etc any county asset worth \$165,000-plus including forests, waters, water rights, minerals, mineral rights, buildings, and equipment will also go to the voters. County assets are treasures. (6 x \$165,000 = almost a million dollars!)

Amending this Charter requires Your Vote. Unlike with their ordinances, Commissioners cannot just amend your Charter. Only you can.

None of the above should cause any “special elections”. Every year the State sets election days in March, May, September, and November. The election issues just need to be pre-planned.

**Home Rule Charter --
YES in November!**

PROPERTY ISSUES

Property Rights come first in Coos County.

Land Use – Property Restrictions including limitations and conditions will not be adopted except by a vote of the people.

Water – The county will not promote metering of natural water sources and will not accept any grants with mandated restrictions on water or water use.

“Green” policies in this county will be voluntary, not mandated. The county will not accept grants, awards, etc that mandate “Green” compliance; these remove the owner from the decision-making process.

Predator Control - The county will dedicate adequate funds to maintain two full time Wildlife Services Officers. The county will attempt to bill the State as it is the State that “owns” and protects these predators.

Nuisances are sometimes vaguely defined. In the Charter they are expressly defined as being identified in the statutes of the State of Oregon, or they are invalid.

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Vote YES on Home Rule Charter !

IT'S YOUR COUNTY!

TAKE CONTROL !

“VOICE OF THE VOTERS”

**Home Rule Charter
Coos County
2014**

A Home Rule charter is a constitution for the County that creates enforceable contracts between you and your elected officials.

The Charter, being a constitution, can only be amended by a VOTE OF THE PEOPLE. County Commissioners cannot change your Charter.

Nine of the 36 counties in the State of Oregon have Home Rule Charters.

The Charter Addresses:

County Resources. Veterans. Raises. Cost Savings. Urban Renewal taxes. Water Rights. Public Meetings. Preventative Maintenance. Voting. Management of the Coos Bay Wagon Road timber lands. Open bids. County Legal Costs. Bulk Procurement. Mineral Rights. County Forestry. Term Limits. Enterprise Zones tax exemptions. County Management.

YES on the Charter in November!

COST SAVINGS --

ARE YOU READY FOR THIS?

One Million Dollars per Year!

That's what they cost you, the voter, when they didn't maintain your Beaver Hill incinerator. You invested \$18,000,000 tax dollars. They ignored maintenance for 18 years & then tore it down. Do the math.

SECTION 16 'Preventative Maintenance' says that won't *ever* happen again. There *will* be Dedicated Funds for repair and replacement of *all* county buildings, facilities, and equipment and they *will* name a Chief Maintenance Officer to see to it. \$\$\$

OPEN BIDS: *No more calling Charlie and asking him if he wants to bid!* Bids will be publicized widely, open to all, submitted sealed, and opened in public. \$\$\$

This will greatly increase competitiveness which generally improves quality, lowers prices and may even increase jobs. \$\$\$

BULK PURCHASING: *No more employees driving to the store for labels!* A Procurement Officer will be named to coordinate with departments about what supplies are needed, and when. Information Technology supplies, which exist across departments, will be coordinated through the IT Director. \$\$\$
Result: more competitive bids, decreased costs, better equipment compatibility. ---->

YES! Home Rule Charter !

County Credit Cards – last known to be \$2,000/month - will be deactivated.
(Est \$72,000/yr.) \$\$\$

Raiding the Forestry Fund to balance the budget will require an OK from Voters. \$\$\$

Out-of-State trips (like to Washington, DC) will no longer be county-funded. \$\$\$

Existing Teleconferencing can be used to attend Salem meetings. \$\$\$

Elected County Officers Pay Raises will be decided by the voters. \$\$\$

Urban Renewal and Enterprise Zone Issues will be decided by the voters. \$\$\$

Maintaining the County Courthouse will provide years of serviceable use to the county. (*And save millions...* remember the incinerator...?) \$\$\$

Keeping the County Seat in Coquille precludes needing a new Courthouse. \$\$\$

And **VOTERS** will decide whether to fund **\$165,000-plus** county items. \$\$\$

Previous examples include:

\$200,000 for toilets at Riley Ranch;

\$300,000 for a county phone upgrade;

\$200,000 for a county lighting upgrade;

\$340,000 for a county computer upgrade;

Another Million Dollars Spent.....

And we're broke...?

2014 Home Rule Charter – YES !

Home Rule Charter Highlights:

Cost Savings.

County resources and land use will be monitored by the voters.

County revenue spent or invested will be available on the Coos County website, including all legal fees.

Elected officers will remain elected, not appointed.

Five commissioners will be elected at large, full paid, full time.

Commissioners will vote only at regularly scheduled Board meetings, and an “AYE” vote will require four commissioners.

Citizen comments will be allowed at all meetings.

The Coquille Veterans office will be open 8 to 5 every work day.

Commissioners can serve two terms but must sit out a cycle before running again.

Elected officials found three times guilty by the Courts of willfully violating your Charter will be removed from office.

Enterprise Zone tax exemptions and Urban Renewal taxes will go to a vote.

Vote YES in November!