

RECEIVED

MAR 15 2007

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DOC # 2007030018

FOR CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON

ADOPTING GROUND RULES FOR )  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ) RESOLUTION AND ORDER

WHEREAS the Board of Clatsop County Commissioners desires to establish ground rules for its interactions; and

WHEREAS on February 7, 2007, the Board of Commissioners discussed and identified certain ground rules;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby resolve that its ground rules are adopted as follows:

**Community's Interests come first.** Commissioners will represent the needs and interests of all of the people in the county - NOT just their districts.

**Don't spring surprises on other board members or the manager.** Nothing will be brought up unexpectedly at a meeting. We agree to ask to place an item on the agenda.

**Follow the chain of command.** The last stop, not the first, will be the Board. Inquiries will be referred to the manager who will take it from there. We agree not to meddle.

**Practice the governance role.** We will emphasize planning, policymaking and communication rather than becoming involved in management issues.

**Utilize manager input.** We will listen to our manager's recommendations, suggestions and proposals on matters that come before the Board.

**The Board will act as a body.** Individual board members do not have authority. When board members serve on various committees, the board will define their role as active participant or observer. The board chairperson will communicate the position of the board on matters.

**Practice efficient decision-making.** Board meetings are for decision-making, action and votes, not endless discussion. We agree to move the question when discussion is repetitive.

**The Board has only one employee.** For most official purposes the board has only one employee - the County Manager. The County Manager is responsible for the rest of the staff.

**The Board will cultivate positive relationships.** Board members will value and honor differences and diversity.

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON

  
Richard H. Lee, Chairperson