## FISCAL PROBLEMS FACING CURRY COUNTY

## What has brought us to this point?







#### **Historical Context**

- Historically, Southwestern Oregon (Coos, Curry, and Douglas counties), was one of the nation's most productive regions in terms of timber production and processing.
- Critical habitat area (CHA) designation has resulted in significantly reduced timber harvests on both public and private lands since the 1990s.

#### Lumber Output and Timber Harvest by Owner Group Western Oregon, 1970-2010



## Economic Effect on Curry County

- Mill Closures
- Loss of over 700 Timber Industry jobs
- Health related issues-substance abuse
- High Unemployment
- Lack of funding for schools-many
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Reduction of funds to Counties

dependent on Timber Revenues

Public Safety is compromised

#### Oregon Counties' Operating Mills 1990 vs. 2012



## Curry Lumber and Wood Product Employment 1976-2011



#### 2012 Health Outcomes - Oregon





## Can Economic Development in Curry County alone solve our financial problems?

The answer is no.



• New revenue must be realized in order to keep County Services functioning for our citizens

• An estimated \$4,525,000 is needed to have the minimal adequate levels of County Law Enforcement Services

#### Will Development Replace Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Payments?



• The median value home in Curry County has a real market value (RMV) of \$187,000 and an assessed value (AV) of \$168,000.

• How many new median valued homes would it take to generate \$4.525 million in property tax for Curry County.

• \$168,000 x \$0.5996/1000 (county tax rate)= \$101 Tax

\$4,525,000/101 = 44,800 New Homes

Number of New \$187,000 RMV (Real Market Value) Homes it would take to Generate \$4.525 Million

There are approximately 11,000 single family homes in Curry County today.



• \$2,000,000 RMV = \$1,600,000 AV

#### • \$1,600,000 x \$0.5996/1000 = \$960 tax

## \$4,525,000 / 960 = **4,714** New McDonald's Number of New \$2,000,000 RMV

McDonalds Restaurants to Generate \$4.525 Million

**Curry County currently has one McDonalds Restaurant** 



• \$100,000,000 RMV = \$80,000,000 AV

•\$80,000,000 x 0.5996/1000 = \$47,968 ax

\$4,525,000/47,968 = 94 New \$100 Million Golf Resorts

Number of New \$ 100,000,000 RMV Golf Resorts Required to generate \$4.525 Million

Proposed Golf Resort at Crook Point expected RMV \$25,000,000. 377 Golf Resorts of this value would be required to generate \$4.525 million.

Curry County currently has two Golf Courses with values less than \$10 million.

# What have we done to address the problem?

- Restructured County Government Combined departments and services
- Reorganized Commissioner's office, Economic Development and County Counsel offices
- Transferred County Services to private, nonprofit entities (Curry Community Health, Pennies for Pooches, Home Health and Hospice)
- Reduced County Services Layoff of employees
- Limited COLA Increases Since 2009
- Oitizen's Committee
- Oregon's Kitchen Table Project
- Revenue Ballot Measures such as Measure 8-71



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#### Curry County's Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Employment Rate

**Total FTE** 



#### **\$2.1 Million County General Fund Budget Proposal** Approx. 40+ FTE positions eliminated Jail could be closed/911 Communications Closed

Department	Elected	<u># FTE</u>	Cost to GF
Board of Commissioners	3-EO	.85-fte	\$ 330,454
Clerk-Elections/Recording	1-EO	2.85-fte	\$ 209,853
Treasurer	1-EO		\$ 109,110
Assessor and Taxation	1-EO	5.2-fte	\$ 252,487
Tax Collection			\$ 28,000
District Attorney, Victims Assist	1-EO	2-fte	\$ 188,068
Surveyor	1-EO		\$ 10,613
Sheriff	1-EO		\$ 151,271 (the Sheriff with
Patrol/Civil		2-fte	\$ -materials &services)
Incarceration	50000	DOC Funds	\$ 100,791 (3 beds in Coos
Marine Patrol		2-fte	\$ - County)
Parole & Probation		4-fte	\$ -
Juvenile		5.2-fte	\$ 320,779
Emergency Services		1-fte	\$ 49,183
Admin Services costs are not included in	the above numbers.		
County Counsel		.3 + .9-fte	\$ 74,657
Information Technology		1.5-fte	\$ 26,200
Telecom		0.3-fte	\$ 73,200
Accounting		1-fte	\$ 63,363
Payroll		1-fte	\$ 30,737
Occupancy -space utilities minor maint		1.5-fte	\$ 89,062
Bldg Repair & Const		.5-fte	\$ 66,614
Economic Development		1.25-fte	\$ -
Insurance			\$ 60,000
Total			\$ 2,184,442

What does this mean to our citizens and businesses in Curry County?

\*Further Reduction in Public Safety: Possible reduced Jail beds, 911 Dispatch, Layoff of Road Deputies, Reduction of Crime Investigation \*DA Office: Reduced/Eliminated Prosecution of Non Measure 11 Crimes \*Layoff up to 40 + County Employees – Further Economic Recession \*Decrease in Property Values – Increase in Homeowners Insurance \*Serious Decline in Tourism as a "Lawless County" Reputation Spreads \*Further Reduction of School Programs \*Reduced/Eliminated Juvenile Services \*Reduced for any other County Services

#### Thank You

