

I am Kay King. My family has a timber harvesting business, employing 100 hard- working people in Lane County. We work hard every day to supply timber for **structural lumber**, and **5000 other products** that we all use in our daily lives. We have **more trees growing now** than when Columbus discovered America.

The United States Constitution was formulated long ago. But the impact and intentions that the authors of this document had on and for our country are as relevant today as they were long ago.

Likewise, Over 80 years ago a **plan was developed for the O&C forest lands**. They were earmarked to ensure a **guaranteed supply of revenue** into perpetuity, for **schools and public services in the 18 O&C counties**. The plan was a good one then and is still is. Unlike **other forest lands**, which are earmarked for wilderness or **multiple-use**, the O&C forest lands were designated for timber production only.

Although every approach to undermine the original designation of the O&C lands has been tried, the original purpose for those lands continues to be timber harvest for the county coffers. The group responsible for keeping these lands, for what they were originally designated, falls in a large part on the shoulders of the Association of O&C Counties and you as commissioners!

The O&C Act established a harvest plan that would remain sustainable into perpetuity. In other words no more could ever be harvested than could be grown simultaneously, in other words a “sustainable yield”. This plan was developed by foresters who practiced good science. The plan is still sound, but in the early 1990’s the courts and Congress started being used as a way to unravel the plan of the O&C lands. Now legal issues are back in court and are ripe for resolution.

The anti-logging community is fully aware that a sustainable harvest of these designated forests could be back on the table very soon and they are willing to do whatever necessary to fight to keep this from happening. **They want all forests locked up to harvest, and that is why they are pushing for this board to longer participate in the Association of O&C Counties.** That's what's really happening here. And it's not what's best for the forest or our county coffers—especially for our ailing schools. **Lock up of the forest** is a prime way to **increase fire danger** as well. That's why I urge Lane County to **renew your membership in the Association of O&C Counties.** You need to **stand up and fight for this sustainable supply of revenue, for the long term financial stability of Lane County. That's your job!!**

Lane County has the most to gain with a sustainable harvest on the O&C Lands—and likewise the most to lose. It is only **costing Lane County \$79,400** to remain a part of this important association. But the **financial return to our county is great** if we fight to **keep the lands for timber production.** **It's your job to see this happens. You need to work hard to see that these forests are open for business.** The **federal government cannot afford continuing to give O&C counties handouts to not harvest timber.** Lane County residents have a lot to lose without your participation.

Please fix your bad vote, and **vote to reinstate your membership in the Association of O&C Counties. It's the right thing to do.**

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**Consideration for the Lane County Council to Accept Local Access Road Collard Lake Road
as a County Road**

6/18/2019

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Introduction

First, I want to thank our representative, Commissioner Bozievich, for becoming an advocate for addressing the issues concerning Collard Lake Road. I also want to thank the other Commissioners for their interest and support for examining the Local Access Road (LAR) issue.

On several occasions, residents of the Collard Lake Road system have attempted to get Lane County to accept Collard Lake Road as a County road. Recently, the County Commissioners have taken a renewed interest in the issue and engaged Public Works to study LARs in the County. This new examination provides us with hope that problems with Collard Lake Road can be repaired and that an approach can be designed and implemented to change the current designation.

I request that the Commissioners move quickly to accept Collard Lake Road as a County road before a comprehensive plan for all county LARs is created, accepted and implemented. Such action is consistent with the AGENDA COVER MEMO Memorandum Date: May 24, 2019, C. Board Goals section. In the interim, I request that the Commissioners allocate funds and resources to repair the problem areas on Collard Lake Road identified by the Public Works team.

Health and Public Safety

A primary consideration for accepting Collard Lake Road as a County road is related to public health and safety. I am a double lung transplant recipient. In the event of a health emergency, my wife and I require a safe and reliable road for EMT responders to come and take me to the hospital or for us to leave to get immediate medical care. For me, this is a matter of life and death. Collard Lake Road is the only way in and out. Many other retirees who use Collard Lake Road have similar needs for medical help.

As the Coast experiences hotter and drier summers, fire dangers are increasing. Collard Lake Road must provide safe and reliable access to local Fire and Rescue responders and their equipment.

Community Growth in the Collard Lake Road System

Recently, several properties have been subdivided or sold for additional home construction. The community is growing with a large portion of home owners being retirees. If these new homes are approved by the County, then it is incumbent on the County to provide safe and reliable road access. Growth is good for the community and the County. In order to make the greater Florence area more livable and viable, Collard Lake Road should become a County road.

What is Fair and Just

The concept of a LAR inflicts an unfair burden on the property owners. Therefore, it is unjust. Private roads are owned and maintained by the property owners. They control road access. We as taxpayers pay for state and county roads. As residents on LARs, we are responsible for road maintenance, yet we receive no tax money for maintenance while the public has full access. We receive no

compensation from any industrial activity or damage caused by heavy trucks in logging or other commercial operations. Since road infrastructure is intended for the public good, LARs cannot be justified since the public does not contribute to the maintenance or repair, except in an emergency situation or specific directive from the Commissioners or the county road official.

It is an undue burden for the existing homeowners to bear the cost of road repairs or upgrades, especially for the many retirees living on fixed incomes. Many residents cannot afford to pay for major road repairs. I cannot see any way to get 100% participation of the residents to create and fund a road maintenance association for Collard Lake Road and the connecting roads. Furthermore, I do not believe that there is any incentive that can be provided by Lane County that will get all property owners to participate.

LARs, with the maintenance burden without benefit, can harm property values and can negatively impact the ability of property owners to sell at fair market value in a timely fashion. This, in turn, would harm community viability and reduce state and county tax revenue.

Comments Concerning Road Repair or Upgrades

Since many roads in Lane County do not meet current standards, including Collard Lake Road and other LARs, perhaps the Commissioners and Public Works would consider an incremental, cost effective approach for incorporation and maintenance. For example, a possible scenario might include:

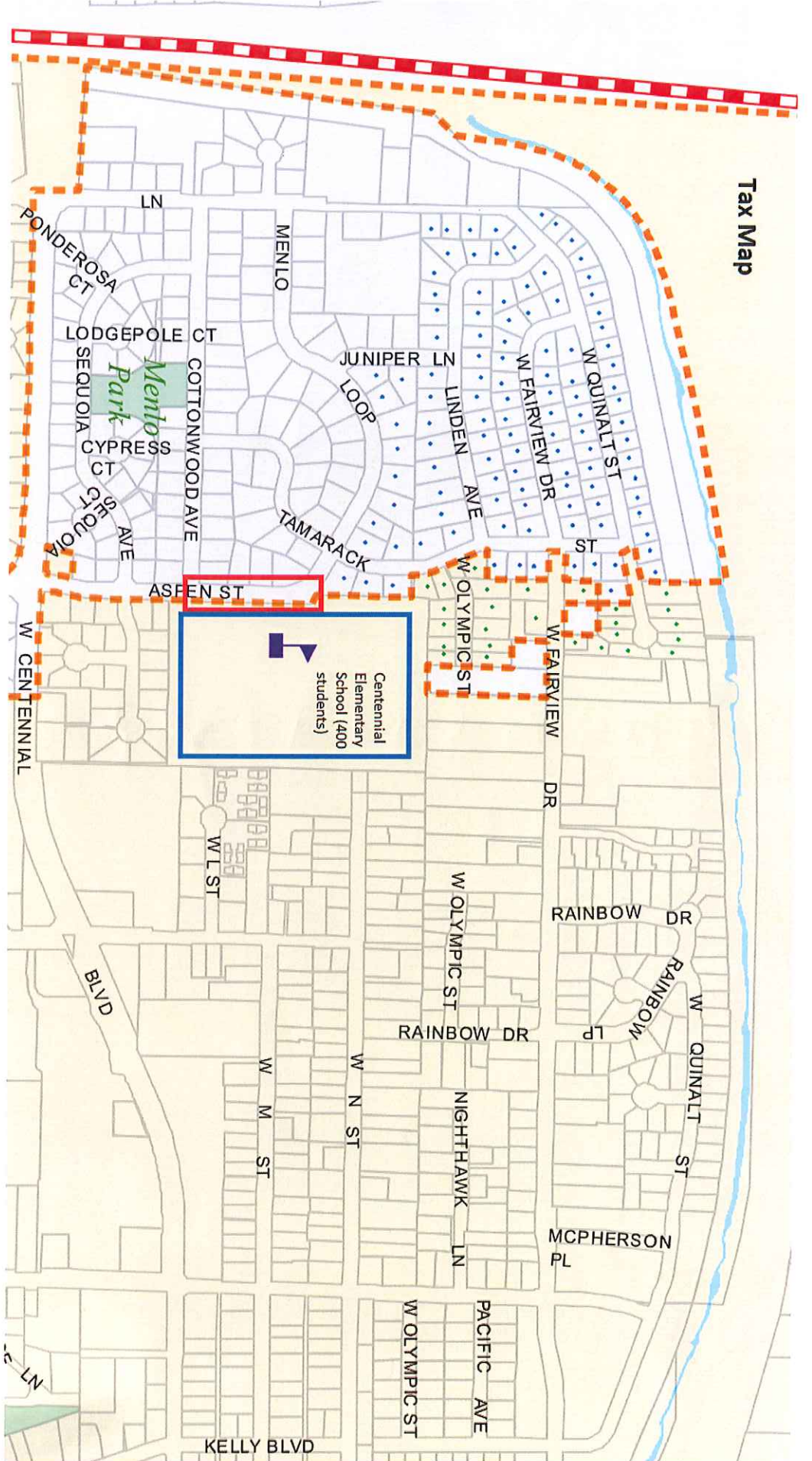
- 1) Accept Collard Lake Road in its current state as a County Road.
- 2) Make essential repairs on the road defects identified by Public Works.
- 3) Maintain and repair Collard Lake Road with its current roadbed on an as needed basis.
- 4) Create a long-term plan, if necessary, to upgrade Collard Lake Road to meet County standards. Perform the work when funding is available via a comprehensive infrastructure upgrade program to meet Board Goals Key Strategic Initiatives.
- 5) As part of a long-term plan, feeder roads, such as View Road, could be considered for addition as Country roads.

Time is of the essence

A comprehensive examination of the LAR situation in Lane County and subsequent decisions, planning, funding procurement and implementation will take a significant amount of time, maybe years. Collard Lake Road is degrading rapidly in the areas identified by the Public Works team, due to repeated and long-term travel by heavy equipment and hauling from logging operations and degrading environmental conditions as indicated by leaning trees, road separation, depressions, etc. As time passes and the problems become worse, the complexity and cost of repairs will grow. Thus, an interim solution is needed for Lane County to initiate repairs as soon as possible. This can be authorized as non-emergency repairs by Council or the per the AGENDA COVER MEMO Memorandum Date: May 24, 2019, B. Policy Issue (2).

Reference: AGENDA COVER MEMO Memorandum Date: May 24, 2019 issued by Dan Hurley, et al.

Tax Map



Orange outline without coloring on the inside is outside of Springfield City Limits. These lots fall in Lane County jurisdiction only.

- 26 are City of Springfield taxlots
- 111 are Lane County taxlots

Centennial Elementary School is directly in front of the LAR. This school and property serves the entire community through it educational opportunities and sports fields.

June 18, 2019

To the Lane County Board of Commissioners:

I listened online to the discussion about Collard Lake Way at your May 21st meeting and was very glad to hear that funding was approved for emergency maintenance of Collard Lake Road, because there are at least a couple of emergencies there right now. In one place, between Collard Lake Loop and Collard Lake Way, a tree at the edge of the road has fallen over, and its root ball has tipped up, taking a section of the road with it and creating a hole a couple of feet deep, extending well into the driving lane. This is a bad accident waiting to happen, so thank you for the emergency funding.

But the fact is that without on-going maintenance, there are quite a few similar emergencies well on their way to taking place all along Collard Lake Road. You don't need me to tell you that regular preventive maintenance is going to save money in the long run, as well as prevent dangerous road conditions from recurring where a lot of citizens drive back and forth daily.

For dwellings along Collard Lake Road, Collard Lake Loop, and Collard Lake Way, Collard Lake Road is the main way in and out – for many, the only way in and out – for every day, and also in case of any emergency. If there ever needs to be an evacuation of this area, Collard Lake Road is the lifeline for the many lots the County has been approving over the last 40 years while the status of the road has remained pending.

Collard Lake Road is not some little gravel lane running back to one or two farmhouses. At last month's meeting Commissioner Bozievich mentioned 128 residential lots approved so far. There are more and more houses planned and under construction right this minute. It's just good sense for the County to complete the process begun in 1976 to make Collard Lake Road a county road, and bring it under regular maintenance before it sustains further damage.

Thank you.

Dorothy Attneave

owner of property at 6050 Collard Lake Way



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Community Alliance of Lane County

Educating and mobilizing for peace, human dignity and social, racial and economic justice.

June 18, 2019

Dear Commissioners:

I'm Michael Carrigan and I'm representing Community Alliance of Lane County and 350 Eugene today.

Thank you, for providing me the chance to speak today. It's an honor to be here. I'm urging you to vote to withdraw from the Association of O&C Counties (AOCC). Commissioners Sorenson, Buch, Berney and Farr I understand that you have stated publicly that you are supportive of Lane County withdrawing from AOCC, and I urge you to stand by that statement today.

Since I arrived in Oregon 1980 I have worked to protect our ancient forests and other natural areas-these are what make Oregon special and a wonderful place to live.

So I do not want Lane County to pay timber lobbyists to shrink protection measures for our outstanding public lands. Lets keep Oregon-Oregon.

Stemming the affects of climate change is also critically important to me. One of the best things we can do to combat climate change, so there is a future for my daughter and other children, is to protect our beautiful forests here in Oregon. Forests' play a crucial role in limiting climate change by locking up and storing carbon. Nothing does that better than our Ancient Forests.

I'm sure you all have received some pressure to stay in the AOCC. Please resist that pressure and do the right thing for Oregon's future and the future of our world by withdrawing from the AOCC.

Thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,

Michael Carrigan

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Mora Dewey, public comment 6-18-19 re: AOCC membership

Lane County's Intergovernmental Relations Manager Alex Cuyler drafted the 2009 Lane Cty Board Order that stipulated that AOCC treat their meetings as public according to Oregon open meeting laws. Unfortunately this did not come to pass – AOCC meetings remained private and secretive. Mr. Cuyler still, however, feels that Lane County's membership in AOCC is acceptable. He said in an email to me that this county belongs to other groups which advocate for federal forest issues, not just AOCC. In a later email he allowed that the private organizations Lane County belongs to do *not* consist of county commissioners. He did mention the National Association of Counties, to which Lane belongs, which does consist of county commissioners; however, that organization is a public, governmental organization. It posts its agendas, minutes, bylaws, calendar and budget summary on its website, along with the dates and locations of its board meetings and its downloadable annual meeting report. AOCC, on the other hand, does none of the above. We don't know anything about AOCC's finances and it takes many days to weeks to pry loose information about where and when meetings are held from our own commissioners. Apparently none of them even have this information except for Commissioner Bozievich, who is our AOCC representative.

Lane County has no business spending public funds on membership in AOCC. Please do not approve the dues expenditure to this organization.

Today I heard testimony from those who spoke about the many Lane County residents and farmers who support and rely on AOCC. I would remind the commissioners of the Pew Trust survey on the O&C lands I cited last week, which shows that a nearly 2-to-1 majority of Oregonians favor an ecological forestry approach over a plan which generates more revenue for counties. Even the southern timber counties favor the ecological plan. When respondents were asked which were their top priorities in a forest plan, they were rated in this order: 1) protecting old growth, water and wildlife; 2) protecting hunting and recreation areas; 3) ensuring logging jobs; and 4) stabilizing funding for local governments.

Mora Dewey

Cottage Grove



June 17, 2019

Lane County Board of County Commissioners,

I'm writing to express concern among the Springfield Chamber community regarding Lane County's consideration to withdraw its affiliation with the Association of O&C Counties (AOCC). We encourage a thorough and well-reasoned assessment of the complex implications that any move away from AOCC affiliation could pose, including unintended and adverse outcomes on our community at large.

The AOCC is viewed as one that ensures O&C lands are sustainably managed, and that the county receives the revenues it deserves to sustain vital services without the need to raise taxes on local residents. There is concern among our members and leadership that by not participating in AOCC we risk losing a voice and a connection to critical conversations that promote a healthy and sustainable economy, alongside sound and sustainable forest management policy.

I'm confident you appreciate how Lane County's forest sector employers have shaped our local and regional economy for over a century, and continue to provide traded sector revenues, and added value impact reaching far beyond the 7400 jobs and 23 wood processing operations. The collective health of our small and medium-sized businesses – supply chain vendors, equipment dealers and mechanics, construction workers, health care providers, food and beverage producers, transportation, technology, energy, and professional services – relies heavily on a robust and healthy forest sector economy.

It is our hope that you will support continuation of Lane County's established and valuable affiliation with AOCC, and welcome the first opportunity for healthy dialogue around this and any future policy having impact on our business community.

Finally, I'd like to express sincere thanks to Commissioner Berney for the time and consideration he has given to better understand the complex issues and concerns of his constituents.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Mikkelsen", written in a cursive style.

Vonnie Mikkelsen, President and CEO

cc: Nancy Bigley, Chair, Board of Directors, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce
Charlie Kimball, Chair-Elect, Board of Directors, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce
Steve Mokrohisky, Lane County Administrator

