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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

ORDER AND) IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING \$2,000
RESOLUTION) FROM THE GENERAL FUND OPERATIONAL
06-10-18-1) CONTINGENCY FOR THE FOOD FOR LANE
) COUNTY GARDENS PROGRAM GRASS
) ROOTS GARDEN BIG BOY GREENHOUSE

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners supports local volunteer efforts to aid all citizens of Lane County; and

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of freshly grown food year round in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the role of the GrassRoots Garden with the FOOD for Lane County Gardens Program in providing freshly grown food for the community in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners has funded a greenhouse in the past and intended to fund a large greenhouse each year, but through a breakdown in communication, failed to do so last year.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that \$2,000 be authorized from the Board of Commissioners' Contingency Fund for FOOD for Lane County Gardens Program for the Big Boy Greenhouse in the GrassRoots Garden to cover the cost of the greenhouse for 2005 and 2006.

DATED this 18th day of October, 2006.

Bill Dwyer, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 10/18/06 Lane County


OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

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Commissioner Bobby Green
Lane County Board of Commissioners
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Dear Commissioner Green,

On behalf of FOOD for Lane County (FFLC) and the GrassRoots Garden, I want to thank you, Commissioner Morrison, and the County Administration Office staff for volunteering at the Garden on Thursday, September 28. It was a wonderful *Day of Caring*, and your efforts and energy with the Ridgeline Montessori School were a marvel throughout the morning. Working together, you succeeded in permanently solving a chronic problem at the Garden – the profusion of weeds, especially bindweed that clogged the Garden entrance and made it an eyesore. We've tried to keep this area attractive as one way of thanking the church for its generous sponsorship of the Garden, but the effort has always required time and energy that could be better spent growing food.

I also want to convey our enormous appreciation for the Board of Commissioners' financial support of the Garden in past years through the Adopt-a-Plot Program, and to request continued support. The Board's adoption of our Big Boy Greenhouse through generous gifts of \$1,000 each in 2003 and 2004 was a tremendous help. FFLC and all of us in the GrassRoots Garden community are very grateful. Big Boy continues to be a center of Garden activity; used for creating seedling starts on potting tables in the early spring, and growing vegetables on the ground beds the remainder of the year. Big Boy also houses the carrot harvest festivities in December, one of the highlights of our season.

Following up on your conversation last Thursday with Master Gardener Volunteer Lynn Negus, I would like to formally request that the Board of Commissioners continue its sponsorship of the Big Boy Greenhouse. The last remittance we received from the Board for sponsorship of the greenhouse was \$1,000 on November 4, 2004. We would be delighted if the Board could sponsor the Big Boy Greenhouse again this year, and make its sponsorship continuous from 2004 by donating a total of \$2,000.



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I hope this letter will serve as a formal request for the Board's consideration. I would be happy to provide additional information about GrassRoots Garden to justify or explain this request, or meet with Board members in person, at your convenience. In the meantime, as a token of our appreciation, I enclose a CD with photos of you, Commissioner Morrison, and the office staff working at the Garden on the *Day of Caring*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Merry Bradley".

Merry Bradley

FFLC GrassRoots Garden Coordinator