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Memorandum Date: September 26, 2006

Order Date: October 25, 2006

TO:

**Board of County Commissioners** 

**DEPARTMENT:** 

Public Works, Land Management Division

PRESENTED BY:

Bill Robinson, Lane County Surveyor

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** 

IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF LAMB

ROAD, CO. RD. #517 (ORIGINALLY DEMMING ROAD), LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE

WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON,

WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF

FACT (17-05-07)

### I. MOTION

TO VACATE A PORTION OF LAMB ROAD, CO. RD. #517 (ORIGINALLY DEMMING ROAD), LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON (17-05-07)

### II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Board is being asked to approve the vacation of a portion of Lamb Road, Co. Rd. #517 (originally Demming Road), said portion being approximately 1872 feet in length with a variable width.

### III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

### A. Board Action and Other History

The Surveyor's Office of the Department of Public Works has received a valid petition signed by primary petitioners Michael J. Harrison and Felicity J. Van Runkle, together with landowners of 15 other parcels adjoining the proposed vacation, said landowners representing 100% of the property abutting the proposed vacation of Lamb Road.

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satisfy their request. The other agencies and landowners either had no objection to the vacation or did not respond to the referral.

### B. Policy Issues

Lane Manual 15.300 allows for consideration of vacation of County Roads where little need exists for the road. The portion of road herein considered for vacation falls into this category, as a full 60 feet of right of way will remain after the vacation.

### C. Board Goals

Part of Lane County's Strategic Plan is to contribute to appropriate community development in the area of transportation and land development (Lane County Strategic Plan, Goals, P. 13). The vacation of this portion of obsolete right of way will be in conformity with this part of the Strategic Plan.

### D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

Vacation of this portion of unused right of way will return a marginal portion of land to the tax rolls as taxable land.

### IV. ANALYSIS

The vacation of this portion of Lamb Road will have no adverse effects on transportation patterns in the area, and the portion to be vacated is not needed by the Lane County Transportation system. No property will be denied legal access by this vacation.

The public interest will be served and not prejudiced, as vacating this portion of Lamb Road will provide for more full utilization of petitioners' property, while adding a marginal portion of land to the tax rolls.

### V. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

The Board of County Commissioners has the option to:

- 1. Approve the vacation of this portion of Lamb Road, Co. Rd. #517 (originally Demming Road), as petitioned for.
- 2. Deny the vacation of this portion of Lamb Road, Co. Rd. #517 (originally Demming Road), as petitioned for.
- 3. Continue the matter for further consideration.

### VI. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

Timing of this matter is important since final approval of primary petitioners' application for partition depends upon approval of this vacation.

#### VII. RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director's Report recommends that the Board support Option Number 1, to approve the vacation of the portion of Lamb Road, as petitioned for. The public interest will be served and not prejudiced, as vacating this portion of Lamb Road will provide for more full utilization of petitioners' property and add a marginal portion of land to the County tax rolls, while having no adverse effects on transportation patterns in the area.

It is further recommended that an easement be retained for existing public utilities.

All statutory procedures necessary for a vacation without a public hearing of the above mentioned right of way have been complied with, including a report by the Director of Public Works who recommends approval of the vacation as described in the petition.

### VIII. FOLLOW-UP

If the Board of County Commissioners approves the Order to Vacate this portion of Lamb Road, it is to be forwarded to the Lane County Clerk for filing and recording, after which copies are to be forwarded to the County Surveyor and County Assessor for appropriate action. If the Order to Vacate is not approved, an Order to Deny will be presented to the Board at a later regularly scheduled meeting.

### IX. ATTACHMENTS

Order w/attachments:

Petition to Vacate Director's Report - Exhibit "A" Findings of Fact - Exhibit "B" Attachment - Vicinity Map

Contact Person: Bill Robinson x-4198

# IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY STATE OF OREGON

**FILE NO. 4140** 

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COUNTY, OREGON, WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING, AND	)	
ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT (17-05-07)	)	

WHEREAS, this matter now coming before the Board upon a petition received by the Surveyor's Office of the Lane County Department of Public Works requesting, under authority of ORS Chapter 368.341, the vacation of a portion of Lamb Road, Co. Rd. #517 (originally Demming Road), more particularly described as follows:

An area of land in the Southwest One Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 7, Township 17 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, being more particularly described as follows:

All that portion of County Road No. 517 (Demming Road), more commonly known as Lamb Road, lying North of the Section line common to Sections 7 and 18, Township 17 South, Range 5 West, Willamette Meridian and also lying West of the North-South centerline of said Section 7, all in Lane County, Oregon.

WHEREAS, the petition complies with the provisions of ORS Chapter 368.351 in that the petitioners, who are the landowners of 100% of the property abutting the proposed vacation, request that the vacation be approved as proposed; and

WHEREAS, ORS Chapter 368.351 provides for the vacation of public roads and rights of way without a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the primary petitioners, Michael J. Harrison and Felicity J. Van Runkle, are requesting this vacation in order to remove the burden of unused right of way along the southerly line of their property, which will in turn satisfy Lane County Land Use Planning minimum acreage requirements related to their final partition plat approval; and

WHEREAS, this portion of roadway is not within any incorporated city limits; and

WHEREAS, Qwest Communications, Blachly-Lane Electric Cooperative, Northwest Natural Gas, various other agencies including Transportation Planning and Lane County Planning sections of the Lane County Department of Public Works, and the adjoining and other nearby landowners were notified by mail regarding the proposed vacation. Qwest Corporation responded stating they have facilities in the area of vacation, and requested that their rights be retained. An easement will

be retained in this Order to Vacate to satisfy their request. The other agencies and landowners either had no objection to the vacation or did not respond to the referral; and

WHEREAS, the petitioners have paid a vacation fee of \$650 and will pay recording fees upon final approval of the vacation; and

WHEREAS, no property will be denied access to a public road by this vacation; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works has provided a written report in support of the proposed vacation, as required by ORS 368.351, marked as Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, by this Order; and

WHEREAS, all statutory procedures under ORS 368.351 necessary for this vacation have been complied with; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is of the opinion that approving the vacation as petitioned for is in the best interest of the public; now, therefore, it is hereby

**ORDERED,** that the above described portion of Lamb Road, Co. Rd. #517 (originally Demming Road) is hereby vacated; and it is further

**ORDERED,** that an easement is hereby retained for any and all existing public utilities to preserve, maintain, repair, replace, remove or reinstall any public utility that may now exist within the bounds of the portion of Lamb Road herein described by these proceedings as vacated; and it is further

**ORDERED,** that in support of this action, the Board hereby adopts the Findings of Fact, marked as Exhibit "B", attached hereto and made a part hereof by this Order; and it is further

**ORDERED,** that this Order be entered into the Lane County Board of Commissioners Journal of Administration, and be further recorded in the Lane County, Oregon Deed Records.

DATED this	day of	, 2006.
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Attachment: Vicinity Map

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PURSUANT to the procedures set forth in ORS Chapter 368, we the undersigned Petitioners, as owners of the adjacent real property, hereby petition for the vacation of the portion of the County Road #517 Right of Way that is on the north side of Lamb Rd., which area to be vacated is described as follows:

An area of land in the Southwest One Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 7, Township 17 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, being more particularly described as follows:

All the dedicated right of way of County Road No. 517 (Demming Road), more commonly known as Lamb Road, lying North of the Section line common to Sections 7 and 18, Township 17 South, Range 5 West, Willamette Meridian and also lying West of the North-South centerline of said Section 7, all in Lane County, Oregon.

WHEREAS, the undersigned petitioners are the owners of 100% of all the real property adjacent to the above described area to be vacated; and

### WHEREAS, petitioners allege as follows:

- 1). The Purpose of this vacation request is to eliminate what remains of the old right of way on the North side of Lamb Road. This section of the original right of way serves no useful purpose as most of the original right of way has, over the years, been replaced by other improvements on what is now know as Lamb Road. This vacation would return the property to the adjoining property owners who have been paying taxes on this property even though it did not legally belong to them at the time that they were being charged property taxes on this land.
  - 2). An appropriate easement shall be reserved in the vacation for existing public phone utilities.

WHEREAS, no portion of the area to be vacated is located within the boundaries of an incorporated city or town; and

WHEREAS, the public interest will be served and not prejudiced by vacation of the above described area; and

WHEREAS, petitioners, separately and collectively, have no objection to Lane County proceeding under the authority of ORS Chapter 368.326, for vacation without a hearing; and

**THEREFORE**, the petitioners request an Order of the Board of Commissioners for Lane County as follows:

- 1. Setting a date for vacation of the above described portion of road, with or without a hearing before the Board of Commissioners of Lane County, pursuant to ORS Chapter 368.
- 2. Upon review of this matter, to direct the vacation of the above described road, and direct that title to the vacated area revert and vest in accordance with ORS 368.366.

DATED this 7 day of Sept., 2006

PETITIONERS:
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Michael Harrison
Felicity Van Runkle Map# 17-05-07, TL1001
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State of Oregon) County of Lane) ss.
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On $9-12-$ , 2006, personally appeared the above
named Michael Harrison & Felicity Van Runkle and
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AMY WEST-HERR NOTARY PUBLIC-OREGON COMMISSION NO. A373780 COMMISSION
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Addr: 25415 Lamb Rd.	
Elmira, Oregon 97437  State of Oregon) County of Lane ) ss.	
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September 22-2006, personally appeared the above
named Emma M. Howard and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be a voluntary act before me:

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It is therefore recommended that this portion of Lamb Road, as described in the Order, be vacated as petitioned for. It is further recommended that the vacation be allowed without a public hearing.

DATED this 5th day of October, 2006

Oliver P. Snowden, Director Department of Public Works

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WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADOPTING FINDINGS	)	
OF FACT (17-05-07)	)	

The Department of Public Works has received a valid petition signed by the landowners of 100% of the abutting property to vacate a portion of Lamb Road, Co. Rd. #517 (originally Demming Road). The primary petitioners, Michael J. Harrison and Felicity J. Van Runkle, are requesting this vacation in order to remove the burden of unused right of way along the southerly line of their property, which will in turn satisfy Lane County Land Use Planning minimum acreage requirements related to their final partition plat approval. The subject portion of right-of-way proposed for vacation is approximately 1872 feet in length with a variable width.

## Findings of Fact (Public Interest)

The Board takes notice and finds:

- 1. That, pursuant to ORS 368.326 to 368.366, a county governing body may vacate public roads or easements based upon the determination that the vacation is "in the public interest".
- 2. That, pursuant to ORS 197.175 (2) (d), after acknowledgment of a county's comprehensive plan and implementing ordinances, the plan and ordinances, not the Statewide Planning Goals, control land use decisions.
- That, Lane County's Rural Comprehensive Plan and implementing ordinances were originally acknowledged to be in compliance with the Statewide Planning Goals on September 13, 1984, and reacknowledged on February 14, 1992.
- 4. That, neither the Lane County Comprehensive Plan nor any land use regulation within the Lane Code establish mandatory standards for the vacation of public easements.

### **Conclusion of Law (Public Interest)**

Based upon the above findings of fact, the Board concludes, as a matter of law, that neither the Statewide Planning Goals nor the Lane County Rural Comprehensive Plan and related land use regulations are an applicable measure of the "public interest", as it pertains to this vacation.

### Findings of Fact (Impacts and Process of Vacation)

The Board takes notice and finds as follows:

- 1. That, the Surveyor's Office of the Department of Public Works has received a valid petition signed by the owners of 100% of the property abutting the proposed vacation requesting, by the authority of ORS 368.351, a vacation without a public hearing. Said property is further identified as Tax Lots 1100, 1001, 1000, 1002, 901, 900, 902, and 502 of Assessor's Map 17-05-07 and Tax Lots 2501, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, and 3200 of Assessor's Map 17-05-18.
- 2. That, pursuant to ORS 368.326 to 368.366, a county governing body may vacate roads or rights-of-way based upon the determination that the vacation is "in the public interest".
- 3. That, this portion of Lamb Road was originally established as Demming Road, Co. Rd. #517, in 1902 with a width of 40 feet. The original survey began at a point in the present day Territorial Highway (then Co. Rd. #165, now a State Highway) 30 links south of the section line between Sections 7 and 18, Township 17 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian. It then ran westerly to 0.30 chains westerly of the one quarter (¼) corner between said sections 7 and 18, with said section line specifically noted as the north line of the road. At said point 0.30 chains westerly of the ¼ corner the survey jogged 0.30 chains to the north and thenceforth noted said section line between sections 7 and 18 as the center of the road, implying an approximate 20 feet of road width lying to the north of the section line from the ¼ corner westerly 27.76 chains (1832.2 feet), at which point the course of the survey departed the section line and angled southwesterly.
- 4. That, In 1947 an additional 60 feet of roadway was dedicated to the public and labeled "County Road" in the plat of Colonial Park Subdivision (Book 13, Page 11, Lane County, Oregon Plat Records), said road being adjacent to and south of the section line between sections 7 and 18, said section line thus being the northerly margin of this road, now commonly known as Lamb Road. It extended from a point in Territorial Road and ran westerly to approximately the same point at which the original Demming road as described above angled southwesterly. Thus, this additional dedication partially overlapped the original Demming Road right of way, but only on the south side of the section line. No portion of this 60 feet of right of way is affected by the proposed vacation.
- 5. That, in 1975 an additional 30 feet of dedication (Reel 765-R, #7546030, LCODR) adjacent to and north of the section line was made, described as the southerly 30.0 feet of the East ½ of the West ½ of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 7. This dedication lies along the southerly boundaries of present day tax lots 1000 and 1002 of Assessor's Map 17-05-07, and is intended to be included as part of this proposed vacation.
- 6. That, in 1976 another dedication (Reel 798-R, #7628032, LCODR) adjacent to and north of the section line was made, this one being 5 feet wide and 327.59 feet in length along what is the southerly boundary of present day tax lot 900, Assessor's Map 17-05-07. This dedication apparently overlooked the already existing 20 feet of right of way north

of the section line that was established as the original Demming Road in 1902, and thus this 5 feet wide dedication underlies that original 20 feet dedication, and is intended to be included as part of this proposed vacation

- 7. That, a drawing provided by private surveyor Daniel Baker of Baker and Associates shows the full width of the present day traveled way of Lamb Road to be well south of the section line between sections 7 and 18. The proposed vacation will be entirely north of the section line, effectively leaving a full 60 feet of dedicated right of way to the south of the section line.
- 8. That, Qwest Communications, Blachly-Lane Electric Cooperative, Northwest Natural Gas, various other agencies including Transportation Planning and Lane County Planning sections of the Lane County Department of Public Works, and the adjoining and other nearby landowners were notified regarding the vacation. Qwest Corporation responded stating they have facilities in the area of vacation, and requested that their rights be retained. An easement will be retained in the Order to Vacate to satisfy their request. The other agencies and landowners either had no objection to the vacation or did not respond to the referral.
- 9. That, this vacation will not deny any property legal access to a public road.
- 10. That, pursuant to ORS 368.351, a county governing body may make a determination about a vacation of property without a public hearing if:
  - (1) The county road official files a written report stating that the vacation is in the public interest.
  - (2) The proceedings were initiated by petition indicating the approval of 100% of the adjoining property owners.

Items (1) and (2) have been complied with.

### Conclusions of Law (Impacts and Process of Vacation)

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board concludes, as a matter of law, that this vacation will not have any predictable negative impact on present or future land use, either in terms of allowable uses or actual development. The Board further concludes that statutory procedures necessary for making a determination on this vacation, without a public hearing, have been met.

**ATTACHMENT** 

Lamb Rd, Co. Rd. 517 (aka Demming Rd)
Vacation

