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Marion County 2009-10 Proposed Budget Presented Today

This morning, Marion County Chief Administrative Officer John Lattimer presented his budget message and 2009-10 Proposed Budget to the Marion County Budget Committee.

“The reduction in county revenues has become most acute in the last four months,” Lattimer said. “The national economic problems have changed the assumptions used to forecast revenues for the current year and future years,” he explained.

Lattimer is proposing a balanced budget of \$329,683,511, which is \$4,653,387, or 1.4 percent less than fiscal year 2008-09. This equates to 73 positions eliminated in the total budget and 33 layoffs. The general fund totals \$73,336,085, with a 5.3 percent decrease and a reduction of 31.5 positions. Reductions in the general fund account for \$4.1 million of the total budget decrease due to the dramatic drop in revenues projected for fiscal year 2009-10.

“I hope these reductions are as far as we have to go,” he said. “However, we have a large number of shared services and shared revenues with the State of Oregon. The state is facing such large shortfalls that we may face more reductions as the legislature adjusts the state's budget,” he added.

The full text of Lattimer’s message and budget outline can be found by going to Marion County home page: www.co.marion.or.us and click under “What’s New.”

Over the next few weeks, department heads will present and discuss their department budgets. The public is invited to view these live on CCTV or in person at Courthouse Square in the Senator Hearing Room, 555 Court Street, Salem. A schedule of these hearings is also posted, along with public comment opportunities.

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