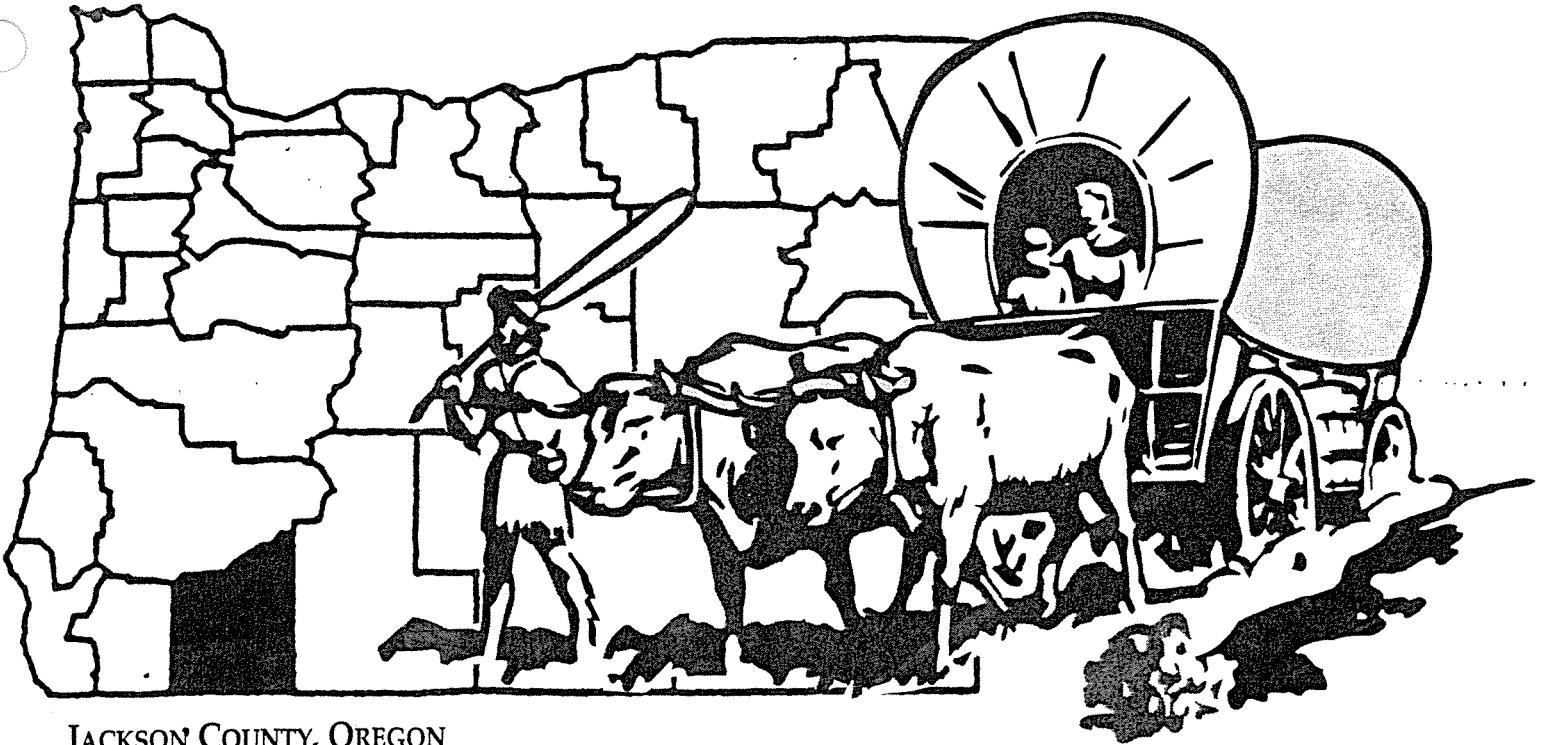


Complete the Transition From Pioneer Days!



JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON

In 1852, the Territorial Legislature appointed a Jackson County board of 3 commissioners to do such things as setting tolls for Rogue River ferries (example, 25 cents for an unloaded yoke of oxen), and declaring which trails were to be public highways for the several hundred county residents (743 Jackson County citizens voted in 1854 on admission of Oregon to the U.S. as a "free state").

Nearly 150 years later we still have 3 commissioners, but they represent a population approaching 200,000, govern a county larger than Delaware, control a budget of over \$200 million and oversee programs from mental health to airports. The board must determine the purpose and scope of services, tax levels, constitutional issues, pass ordinances, approve new projects and programs, ratify budgets, handle complaints, oversee administration, review organizational performance, and hire and fire the county administrator.

After 150 years, it's time to increase the number of commissioners to better represent the interests, concerns and equities of the 180,000 county residents in such matters. "A quorum of 2 won't do!"