

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

**In the Matter of a Resolution to Request        )     RESOLUTION R2014-023  
Carbon Pricing by the State of Oregon        )**

The Benton County Commissioners:

- A. Are compelled by the scientific consensus that carbon dioxide emissions are the primary cause of global climate change and appreciate that carbon is the not the only contributor to global warming.
- B. Agree that climate change is a crisis demanding immediate measures to reduce its negative effects.
- C. Find that climate change is a threat to public health, national security, food security, and business supply chains. These threats have cost to our society that are not reflected in the price of fossil fuels.
- D. Find that the 2013 *Carbon Tax and Shift: How to make it work for Oregon's Economy* (Portland State University, Northwest Economic Research Center) and the 2014 *Environmental Tax Reform in California: Economic and Climate Impact of a Carbon Tax Swap* (Regional Economic Models, Inc.) indicate a revenue neutral carbon fee would stimulate economic growth and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

THEREFORE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, BENTON COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF OREGON, CALLS ON THE OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE TO:


- 1. Craft legislation carefully to impose a carbon tax relying on modeling described in the reports above and the experience of British Columbia.
- 2. Take into account the predicted results of reduced carbon emissions and an improved economy.
- 3. Request that unintended collateral consequences be explored and evaluated.

This resolution shall be sent to Governor Kitzhaber, Senators Wyden and Merkley, Congressman DeFazio, our local state legislative delegation.

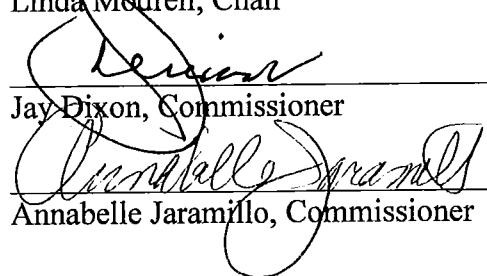
Adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

Signed this 7th day of October, 2014.

Board of County Commissioners

  
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Linda Modrell, Chair

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