

## **Agenda Item Number 10.a.**

### **County Timber Money & Jail Beds**

**Presenter:** Mayor Phil Brubaker, Florence

**Action Recommended:** Discussion, Direction to Staff

**Background:**

Mayor Brubaker has asked that the Board of Directors consider this issue.

At a recent Board of County Commissioners' community dialogue about public safety in Florence, attended by over 100 people, Mayor Brubaker presented an analysis of the Sheriff's Capacity-Based Release (CBR) information, covering June 1, 2008 to December 10, 2008. His analysis disclosed that for the 127 beds currently available (excluding the 80 which Eugene bought back), there have been over 600 releases of persons arrested for serious felonies and serious misdemeanors. Of these, 143 were felony arrests, including 27 that were Measure 11 releases—all without bail (CBR's). For felony arrests, the average retention time, before the cutbacks last May, was 35 days. Since then, it has been 6 days, with the most being 0 to 3 days. These 143 felony-arrest releases were most commonly for robbery 1 and 2 and assault 1 and 2, and ten of these were for multiple arrests, i.e. persons (allegedly) re-offending for the very same crime, and re-released!

As a result of this review, the Mayor requested that the Commissioners dedicate just 15 percent of the \$120 million in timber payments to be received over the next 4 years to reopening beds at the County Jail to house the worst of the worst. He estimated this to be 60 beds.

The Board is encouraged to discuss these data.