

RESOLUTION NO. 6451

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A \$25 MILLION BOND MEASURE TO REPLACE THE BENTON COUNTY JAIL

WHEREAS, the Benton County Jail was built as a temporary structure 38 years ago adjacent to the Benton County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the jail regularly runs out of space for housing inmates and must close while new offenders are released back into the community; and

WHEREAS, the facility is too small to house many inmates pending trial and serving sentences; so they must be housed in rented space in jails in other Oregon counties, separating them from family, timely legal representation, and critical support services; and

WHEREAS, the current jail does not meet current safety and health standards or fire code and is in continual disrepair; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Commissioners has placed a \$25 million general obligation bond measure on the November 4, 2015, general election ballot to acquire property and build a new jail at an estimated cost of 26 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value to county taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new jail would have 110 inmate beds, a 20-bed work release center, and services for medical care, training, and rehabilitation; and

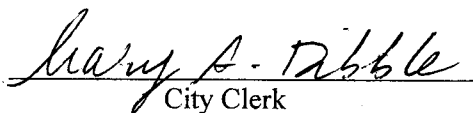
WHEREAS, a new jail could be cost-effectively maintained, would eliminate a bottleneck in the criminal justice system, and would help local law enforcement provide the services Benton County needs to keep residents safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council supports approval of the jail bond measure and encourages Albany residents of Benton County to exercise their voting privileges on November 4, 2015.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST 2015.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk