IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Approving the County’s Commitment to Sustainability and Framework for Future Program and Policy Development ) RESOLUTION AND ORDER ) No. _____________________

This matter having come before the Washington County Board of Commissioners at its meeting of November 3, 2009; and

It appearing to the Board that sustainability means meeting current economic, social, and environmental needs while ensuring that future generations can meet their needs; and

It appearing to the Board that the County’s strategic plan recognizes that a healthy and sustainable environment is intertwined with the health, balance, and prosperity of residents and the livability of neighborhoods and communities; and

It appearing to the Board that healthy urban and rural communities are an integral part of a sustainable Washington County; and

It appearing to the Board that local government actions taken to reduce carbon footprint and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, businesses, and residents; and

It appearing to the Board that the County is committed to demonstrating sustainable stewardship that yields savings to taxpayers by reducing operating costs, providing healthy work environments for staff and visitors, protecting, conserving, and enhancing the County’s resources, and establishing best practices for sustainable business operations; and

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It appearing to the Board that the County plays an essential role in promoting,
educating, and implementing best practices through 1) the management of internal operations;
and 2) policy development in a wide range of areas including land use and transportation,
greenspace preservation, public safety and justice, housing, health and human services, and
general government; and

It appearing to the Board that the County is committed to designing, constructing, and
operating facilities to minimize environmental impacts and operating costs by incorporating
energy efficiency and renewable energy, conservation of materials and resources, water
conservation, waste reduction, pollution prevention; and

It appearing to the Board that sustainable development can bolster a community’s future
by creating family-wage jobs, celebrating diversity, improving the environment and quality of life,
and strengthening the economy; and

It appearing to the Board that community awareness, personal responsibility, participation,
and education are key to creating and maintaining a sustainable community; and

It appearing to the Board that community-based solutions will be critical to the success of
these plans; and

It appearing to the Board that for sustainability to be successfully integrated into
Washington County, commitment to action is required at all levels; now, therefore, it is
RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners desires
to establish a framework of sustainability to help inform County policy and management now and in
the future, and communicate its commitment to employ best practices to support and enhance
sustainability within County operations and throughout the larger community; and, it is further
RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the County will use a collaborative approach to
develop and implement action plans; and, it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the County Administrator’s office will provide
oversight for this effort and report to the Board of Commissioners periodically on the status of
these efforts; and, it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that sustainability strategies will be integrated into key
County processes and plans, to include the Strategic Plan, capital planning, budgeting, and training.
The County’s sustainability framework, principles, and objectives are further detailed in
Attachment “A.”

DATED this ______ day of __________________, 2009

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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CHAIRMAN

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RECORDING SECRETARY