

Chapter 563

Agricultural Experts

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563.010 Employment of experts by county court; investigation of agricultural questions. The county court of any county in this state may employ and pay any competent and suitable expert or experts for the investigation of all agricultural or horticultural questions, under the direction of the county court.

563.020 Petition; tax levy; special fund; use of fund. (1) Upon petition of not less than 25 resident agriculturists or horticulturists, the county court of any county in this state may, in its discretion, assess, levy and collect, annually, in the manner provided for the assessment, levy and collection of other taxes for county purposes, in addition to other taxes provided for by law, a tax not to exceed one-half mill on each dollar of the assessed valuation of the taxable property of such county. Such tax is to be assessed, levied and collected in the same manner as other county taxes.

(2) Such taxes, when assessed, levied and collected, shall be set aside as a special fund and shall be used for no other purpose than the employment of an expert or experts to study and investigate any phase of any agricultural problem or problem which may affect the agricultural or horticultural interests of the county.

563.030 Separation of fund; report to county court; warrants against fund. The county treasurer of any county creating a fund as provided for in ORS 563.020 shall keep it in a separate fund. He shall, from time to time, upon request of the county court, report to the county court the amount available in such fund. The moneys so assessed, levied and collected shall at all times be available for the payment of an expert or experts, as provided for in ORS 563.020, who shall be paid by the county treasurer upon warrant drawn by the county clerk and approved by the county court.

