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COUNTY HOSPITALS GENERALLY

440.010 Construction and operation of county hospitals. The county court consisting of the county judge and the commissioners or the board of county commissioners in any county may erect, maintain and operate a hospital where the poor of the county may be treated and cared for.

440.020 Admission of pay patients; disposition of moneys. In addition to caring for the paupers of the county at a hospital established under ORS 440.010, the county court consisting of the county judge and the commissioners or the board of county commissioners may admit such persons as may be financially able to pay for hospital care and treatment. The income derived from the pay patients shall be used for the maintenance and operation of the hospital. Any surplus remaining after maintaining and operating the hospital, shall be paid into the general fund of the county.

440.030 Care of patients of counties not having a hospital; tax levy. (1) The county court or board of county commissioners of any county not maintaining a county hospital may provide and pay for hospital care and treatment of the poor of the county in any hospital in operation in such county.

(2) The county court or board of county commissioners may levy an annual tax in an amount not to exceed one mill of the assessed valuation of the taxable property of the county for the purposes set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

440.040 to 440.100 [Reserved for expansion]

COUNTY HOSPITALS IN TILLAMOOK, HARNEY, CURRY, MORROW, WALLOWA AND JOSEPHINE COUNTIES

440.110 Operation and maintenance of hospitals in certain counties. The county courts of Tillamook, Harney, Curry, Morrow and Wallowa Counties, respectively, may each establish, acquire, construct, maintain and operate a county hospital for the care of the sick in their respective counties.

440.120 Operation and additions to Josephine County hospital. The county court of Josephine County may continue to operate and maintain the county hospital existing on July 16, 1949, and may establish, acquire, construct, maintain and operate that county hospital and any additions thereto for the care of the sick in Josephine County.

440.130 Powers of the county courts. In executing the powers granted under ORS 440.110 and 440.120, the respective county courts may:

(1) Purchase or acquire by other means, including the exercise of the power of eminent domain, such lands, buildings and personal property as may be necessary or convenient for the purpose.

(2) Accept gifts, bequests or devises of money or property, either real or personal, for such purposes, and apply them to the benefit of the respective hospitals in accordance with the terms of such gift or in accordance with the limitations placed thereon by the donor and hold, invest and manage the corpus of such gifts and the income therefrom in accordance with the terms thereof.

440.140 Hospital boards; appointment; duties. (1) The county courts of Curry, Harney, Morrow and Tillamook Counties shall each appoint a county hospital board, consisting of five citizens and residents of the respective counties. Each board shall, under the supervision of its county court, operate and manage its respective hospital.

(2) The county court of Josephine County shall appoint a county hospital board, consisting of five citizens and inhabitants of the county. The board shall, under the supervision of the county court, continue the operation and management of the hospital, together with the maintenance thereof and the building of any addition to the hospital building existing on July 16, 1949, or other buildings in connection therewith.

440.150 Hospital boards; terms; vacancies; removals; compensation. (1) The term of office of each member of the hospital boards in Tillamook, Morrow, Harney and Josephine Counties shall be five years. Annually, upon the expiration of the term of one member, a new member shall be appointed. The term of office of each member of the board in Curry County shall be six years, and biennially, upon the expiration of the term of one member, a new member shall be appointed.

(2) The respective county courts may remove any member of their boards for cause and may appoint a successor. Failure of any member of the respective boards to attend three consecutive meetings of the

board, unless his absence is excused by formal action of the board, constitutes cause for removal of such member from the respective board.

(3) Appointments to fill vacancies on the respective hospital boards shall be for the unexpired term.

(4) The county courts may fix the per diem of their respective board members while in attendance at the meetings.

440.160 Board officers; appointment and salary of general manager. In the Counties of Tillamook, Harney, Curry, Morrow and Josephine, the hospital board shall:

(1) Elect from among its members a president, vice president and secretary.

(2) Appoint a general manager of the hospital, who shall hold office at its pleasure.

(3) Fix the salaries of the general manager and all other employes within the limit of the appropriation made therefor by the respective county court. Such salaries shall be compensation in full for all services rendered by such employes or general manager to the hospital.

440.170 Duties of hospital board. In the Counties of Tillamook, Harney, Curry, Morrow and Josephine, the hospital board shall:

(1) Have general management and supervision of the hospital and of the grounds, buildings, officers and employes thereof and of all matters relating to the government, discipline, contracts and fiscal concerns thereof.

(2) Make such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the government of the hospital, subject to the approval of the respective county court.

(3) Maintain an effective inspection of the hospital and keep itself informed of the affairs and management thereof.

(4) Meet at the hospital at least once each month and at such other times as may be necessary.

(5) Hold its annual meeting at least three weeks prior to the annual budget meeting of the respective county court.

(6) Keep in a book, provided for that purpose, a proper record of its proceedings, which shall be open at all times to the inspection of its members and to the respective county court.

(7) Approve and pay all just bills and accounts, including salaries and wages.

(8) Make to the respective county court annually a detailed report of the operations of the hospital during the preceding year, together with suitable recommendations as to future operation of the hospital and full and detailed estimates of the appropriations required for the maintenance of the hospital for the ensuing year.

(9) From time to time, furnish to the respective county court such information as to the affairs of the hospital as the county court may require.

(10) Cause to be deposited with the county treasurer concerned all moneys in excess of an operating fund designated by the respective county court.

440.180 Duties of county court of Wallowa County in operating county hospital. The county court of Wallowa County shall:

(1) Employ a general manager of the hospital.

(2) Fix the salaries of the general manager and all other employes within the limit of the appropriation made therefor by the county court. Such salaries shall be compensation in full for all services rendered by such employes or general manager to the hospital.

(3) Have general management and supervision of the hospital and of the grounds, buildings, officers and employes thereof and of all matters relating to the government, discipline, contracts and fiscal concerns thereof.

(4) Make such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the government of the hospital, including the admission of patients, which shall apply to all residents of the county, and the charges to be made for hospital services.

(5) Maintain an effective inspection of the hospital and keep itself informed of the affairs and management thereof.

(6) Meet at the hospital at least once each month and at such other times as may be necessary.

440.190 General managers of county hospitals; powers and duties; bond. (1) The general manager of the county hospital in Tillamook, Harney, Curry, Morrow and Josephine Counties shall be the chief executive officer of the hospital and shall manage the same in accordance with the directions of the county hospital board and in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by it and shall be responsible for the internal affairs and discipline of the hospital. The general manager may discharge from the

hospital any patient who wilfully or habitually violates the rules thereof.

(2) Before entering upon the discharge of his duties the general manager shall give a bond in such sum as the hospital board may determine to secure the faithful performance of his duties.

440.200 Powers and duties of general manager of Wallowa County hospital; bond. The general manager of the county hospital of Wallowa County shall:

(1) Be the chief executive officer of the hospital and shall manage the same in accordance with the directions of the county court and in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by it and he shall be responsible for the internal affairs and discipline of the hospital. He may discharge from the hospital any patient who wilfully or habitually violates the rules thereof.

(2) Approve all just bills and accounts, including salaries and wages.

(3) Make to the county court monthly a detailed report of the operations of the hospital during the preceding month.

(4) Annually submit suitable recommendations as to future operation of the hospital and full and detailed estimates of the appropriations required for the maintenance of the hospital for the ensuing year.

(5) From time to time, furnish to the county court such information as to the affairs of the hospital as the county court may require.

(6) Cause to be deposited regularly with the county treasurer all moneys received from the operation of the hospital.

(7) Before entering on the discharge of his duties, give a bond in such sum as the county court determines to secure the faithful performance of his duties.

440.210 Rates and charges; admission of poor. (1) The hospital board in Tillamook, Harney, Curry, Morrow and Josephine Counties shall:

(a) Fix and establish rates and charges for accommodations and service supplied to patients of each hospital.

(b) Admit to the hospital for care and treatment the poor of the county, in accordance with the rules established therefor by the county court.

(2) The county court of Wallowa County shall:

(a) Fix and establish rates and charges for accommodations and service supplied to patients of its hospital.

(b) Admit to the hospital for care and treatment the poor of the county, in accordance with its rules established therefor.

440.220 County hospital budget; tax levy. (1) The county courts of Tillamook, Harney, Curry, Morrow, Josephine and Wallowa Counties may include in their annual county budgets such sums as in their discretion seem adequate to provide for the acquisition, construction, equipment, maintenance, operation and improvement of their respective hospitals, taking into account the revenue received from the operation of their hospitals.

(2) The listed county courts may levy taxes upon all the taxable property of their respective counties to produce such sums.

440.230 Authority to spend funds on hand. (1) The county courts of Tillamook, Harney, Curry, Morrow and Wallowa Counties may expend for the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance or improvement of their respective county hospitals any moneys on hand or to be realized from the proceeds of any tax authorized or levied for county hospital purposes under ORS 440.220.

(2) The county court of Josephine County may expend for the operation and maintenance of its county hospital and for the acquisition, construction and improvement of the hospital existing on July 16, 1949, or additions thereto, any moneys on hand or to be realized from the proceeds of any tax authorized or levied for county hospital purposes, as well as the revenues and money derived from the operation of the hospital up to that date.