COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION: CCTA-2012-01

Title: Resolution Terminating Social Security Deductions

This resolution applies only to persons occupying public employees retirement system positions for Columbia County Public Transportation.

Whereas, the board has recently been apprised of the fact that a vote by a majority of its employees is required to approve the deduction of Social Security amounts from the paychecks of any employee that is also a member of the public employees retirement system for the State of Washington, and that such vote has not at this time been taken; and

Whereas, the Columbia County Public Transportation has been taking such deductions in that it has been following the same practice of doing so that was put in place by Columbia County, but has been made aware that since it is a separate legal entity from Columbia County, it is a requirement that prior to said deductions being made, a majority vote of the employees approving such deductions must be had; and

Whereas, said employee approval not having occurred, the manager of Columbia County Public Transportation is hereby directed to immediately cease taking said deductions from the payroll of any employee that is a member of the Washington State Public Employees Retirement System, and to assist any such employee in the recovery of any appropriate refund due said employee with the Department of Retirement Systems of the State of Washington, and/or the IRS; and

Whereas, the employees should be given the opportunity to approve said deductions in the future, the manager is hereby directed to arrange for such approval referendum as is required according to the directions of the Social Security Department of the United States, which shall be accomplished by a separate resolution at a later date.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the manager of Columbia County Public Transportation is hereby directed to immediately cease deductions for Social Security purposes from any employee who is a member under the Public Employees Retirement System of the State of Washington; and it is

Further RESOLVED that the manager shall proceed to arrange for a referendum to present to the employees who, by majority vote, may approve the deductions at a later date if said vote results in a majority in favor of said deductions; and it is

Further RESOLVED that the Columbia County auditor shall file IRS form 941-X for the appropriate periods to obtain a refund of the incorrectly paid employer share of the Social Security taxes and shall process IRS form W2-C for each tax year open to correction reducing the Social Security wages and taxes for each affected employee; and it is

Further RESOLVED that the Columbia County auditor, as custodian of the funds belonging to Columbia County Public Transportation, is directed to issue a check to reimburse the affected employees for Social Security taxes at the time Form W2-C is provided to the employees.

Done in regular sessions this	
Chairman, CCPT Board	
Attest: Stephani a Huttinga	
Stephanie Guettinger, Manager	