Leaves legacy of racial reconciliation

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JOHANNESBURG — Nelson Mandela, who emerged from more than a quarter-century in prison to steer a troubled African nation to its first multiracial democracy, uniting the country and becoming a symbol of racial reconciliation around the world, died Thursday. He was 95.

South African President Jacob Zuma made the announcement in a somber televised address to the nation Thursday. "Fellow South Africans, Nelson Mandela brought us together, and it is together that we will bid him farewell."

Zuma said Long before his release in 1990, at age 71, Mandela was an inspiration to millions of blacks seeking to end the oppression of more than four decades of apartheid, and has continued improvement overseas international censure of South Africa's white-minority government. Successive white South African leaders had portrayed him as a dangerous terrorist. But when Mandela was freed after 27 years, he surprised many by saying he bore no ill will toward his white African attackers.

Addressing reconciliation, he guided the nation through four years of on-again, off-again constitutional talks, using his moral authority to address the demands of an impatient black majority while, at the same time, winning over suspicious whites.

Mandela and the man who administered President Frederik W. de Klerk, shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993. The year after Mandela, the son of a tribal chief, succeeded de Klerk after a historic, peaceful election, the images of which were seared into the memory of a global audience.

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**South African leader Nelson Mandela dies at 95**

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**Bellet sees no need for county administrator**

Voters may get to decide on issue May 2014 ballot

By SAMANTHA TIPLER

Klamath County Commissioner Jim Bellet believes he could be the county administrator if the ballot measure establishing a county charter were to pass in May 2014.

At the commissioners' monthly meeting on Tuesday, Bellet ran through the list of qualifications for an administrator, and listed the ways he felt he was qualified.

He mostly drew from his 40-year career as owner of Bellet Construction and Bellet Rentals and Sales. He called himself and the other commissioners the chief executives of the county.

"Do I, as CEO that was duly elected by the Klamath County to be the CEO, have the qualifications to be an administrator?" Bellet asked. "I think that I do. So, I would actually hire me as the administrator, or you hired me to do that job as the CEO, as one of the three commissioners. We've all CEOs. We have a responsibility to be the CEO."

On Monday Klamath County Commissioner Citizens for Positive Change submitted a ballot proposal to establish a Klamath County charter which stipulates hiring a county administrator. The roughly $200,000 position including benefits would be paid for by reducing the county commissioner salaries to $2,000,000 plus benefits and a travel stipend.

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