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## Josephine (JO) County (CO) Justice System (JS) & Public Safety Services (PSS)

### JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services

The 2012 expiration of federal funding for services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. The two measures failed. We ask the question: “*Is JO CO providing a minimally adequate level of public safety services?*”

Citizens of JO CO have written their opinions many times about the JO CO JS&PSS issue. The following are just a few written in *The Grants Pass Daily Courier* for June 2013 which identifies the titles, dates, and authors.

### Example Letters To The Editor: June 2013

- *Use Volunteer Retirees Instead Of Taking Money.* 06/02/13. Charlene Hauch.
- *People Should Pay For Services Such As Safety.* 06/02/13. Norma Matthews.
- *Massive Traffic Fines Could Fund Police.* 06/02/13. Andy Schnatz.
- *Sheriff Should Serve Only Those Who Send Money.* 06/02/13. Mark Coffman.
- *Folks Already Donate To Provide Public Service.* 06/02/13. Kenneth Quattlander.
- *Sales Tax Would Be Fairer Way To Fund Public Safety.* 06/04/13. Richard Hange.
- *County Can't Afford Walker's Liberal Ways.* 06/04/13. Paul Walter.
- *Area's Law Reputation Spreads Around World.* 06/05/13. Russell Myers..

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## The Grants Pass Daily Courier

- *Oregonian Finds County Safety Funding Laughable.* 06/05/13. Randall Brown.
- *Ditch All At County, Run Small Jail With Donations.* 06/05/13. Wilson Clow Jr.
- *Time For Commissioners To Come To Their Senses.* 06/06/13. Jason Hadick.
- *Failed Public Safety Tax Is Bad For Property Values.* 06/06/13. Lorna Marona.
- *Jail Not The Only Answer For Punishing Criminals.* 06/06/13. Mike Seyboldt.
- *Time To Take Hard Look At Public Safety In County.* 06/06/13. Sue Fahey
- *Butchering Our Forests For A Few Bucks Is Wrong.* 06/07/13. Cherly Bruner
- *A Case For City Residents To Pay More In Taxes.* 06/07/13. Dennis Sauro
- *No More Welfare For Us; It's Time To Fund Safety.* 06/11/13. Dennis Sauro
- *Timber Counties In A Bad Position With Public Safety.* 06/13/13. Lynne Vanderlinden.
- *One Potential Solution To Criminal Justice Sage.* 06/13/13. Roy Widrig.
- *They're Retired, But Still Vote For Safety, Schools.* 06/13/13. Maxine Updike.
- *Voters Should Decide The Level Of Funding For The Jail.* 06/13/13. Bart Van Syoc.
- *County Needs To Stop Being Vindictive, Divisive.* 06/16/13. Ann Smith.

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1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (HNA&HS). July 9, 2013. *Justice System Exploratory Committee.* Hugo, OR.  
2. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission.* Hugo, OR.

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## Examples Of Citizens' Write

- *Let City Fund Justice For Itself, Kick Out Vagrants.* 06/16/13. John C. Jones.
- *Here's Three Safety Solutions To Chew On.* 06/19/13. Ed Stafsholt.
- *If Leadership Is Strong, A 'Yes' Vote Might Come.* 06/19/13. Anne Bryan.
- *People Need To Pay Own Way For Public Safety.* 06/23/13. Steve Ware.
- *Gilbertson Needs To Get Tough On Criminals.* 06/23/13. George Hill.
- *Weighing In On County's Public Safety Predicament.* 06/29/13. Malcolm Drake.
- *Voters Like Having New Jail, But Not Paying For It.* 06/30/13. Dick Woodruff.
- *County Leaders Just Didn't Think Proactively.* 06/30/13. William Fyfe.

### Guest Opinion

- *You Determine Future Of Library, JoCo.* Jennifer Sherman Roberts. 06/05/13. Guest Opinion.

**Want more information?** Want more information or a letter to the editor in these lists? Contact a member of the *Exploratory Committee.*

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3. HNA&HS. July 9, 2013. *All Voters & Votes Are Legitimate.* Hugo, OR.  
4. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Government Needs Support.* Hugo, OR.

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## Exploratory Committee's Mission

**Mission** An independent Justice System and Public Safety Services Exploratory Committee (*Exploratory Committee*) to investigate the JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services (JS&PSS) issue was formed under the leadership of the Hugo Neighborhood Association and Historical Society (HNA&HS).

Big picture ideas for the exploratory effort include the following.

1. Identifying the JS&PSS issue.
2. Identifying the JS&PSS sub-issues for research and analysis.
3. Identifying a range in level of services
4. Identifying a range of costs for services.
5. Identifying revenues for services.

The ultimate goal is an adequate justice system and public safety services. Is it possible to have a higher level of service for a lower cost? The purpose of the *Exploratory Committee* is to gather information adequate enough to understand the JS&PSS issues. This includes educational outreach efforts.

The *Exploratory Committee's* purpose is limited to investigating and researching the JS&PSS issues. It will not make evaluations of right or wrong, nor make recommendations on how to vote.

The contents of this brochure are expressions of the opinions and beliefs of those that contribute based on their thoughts and experiences. Hopefully, their efforts will assist the public toward informed decision-making.

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