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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 August 2013 which identifies the titles, dates, and authors.

### Example Letters To The Editor: August 2013

- *JoCo Needs To Find Ways To Increase Revenue Base.* 08/01/13. Melissa Bear.
- *Bankruptcy An Option for Josephine County Woes?.* 08/01/13. Rick Thomas.
- *Complaining Doesn't Solve County's Issues.* 08/08/13. Elizabeth Hirni.
- *Wildland FireFighters Have It Harder Than City Crews.* 08/14/13. Bob Anderson.
- *Listening To Naysayers Has Hurt Our Community.* 08/14/13. Larry West.
- *We All Should Foot The Bill To Pay For Services.* 08/14/13. Duke Lyons.

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## The Grants Pass Daily Courier

- *Sales Tax Key To Funding Criminal Justice System.* 08/21/13. Al Hammersley.
- *He's Already Paying His Fair Share, So He Voted No.* 08/22/13. Jeannie Southwick.
- *Government Vengefully Takes Away Services.* 08/23/13. Greg Anderson.
- *Inaction Behind Lack Of Animal Control Support.* 08/27/13. Sandi Larsen.
- *County Resident Believes He Pays Enough Taxes.* 08/29/13. Ralph Trigo.
- *Plenty Of Ways To Save Money On Jail Costs.* 08/30/13. Brenda Bollet.

Quotes and/or fold September comments in this brochure?

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## Examples Of Citizens' Write

### 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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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.
  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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