

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, and we believe an informed public will consider the question behind the 2013 Measure 17 - 49, the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Three Year Local Option Tax: **“Is JO CO providing a minimally adequate level of public safety services?”**

The Grants Pass Daily Courier has had comprehensive coverage of the JS&PSS issue in 2013.

Front Page In TDC: January - March 2013

- *Public Safety District May Solve Shortfall.* Jeff Duewel. 01/18/13. Front Page News.
- *Commissioners Back New Justice Tax District.* Stacy D. Stumbo. 01/19/13. Front Page News.
- *County Leaders Pursuing Criminal Justice Tax.* Stacy D. Stumbo. 01/25/13. Front Page News.
- *Ballot Box Rematch For Public Safety Tax.* Stacy D. Stumbo. 02/08/13. Front Page News.
- *Team Aims to Watch out for Crimes in the Hugo Area.* Hall, Shaun. February 14, 2013. Front Page News.
- *Wyden To Seek County Payments Extension.* Jeff Duewel. 02/21/13, 2013. Front Page News.
- *Legislature Explores County Help.* Jeff Barnard, Associated Press. 03/01/13. TDC Front Page News.
- *Commissioner Walker Pitches Tax District As Heck Heads To Hospital.* Stacy D. Stumbo. 03/20/13. Front Page News.

Front Page In TDC: April - May 2013

- *Second Time Around for Law Enforcement Tax Measure.* Stacy D. Stumbo. 04/27/13. Front Page News.
- *Lack of Resources Hurts Public Safety.* Shaun Hall. 04/28/13. Front Page News.

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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- *Tax Supporters 'Walk For Justice'.* Jeff Duewel. 05/01/13, 2013. Front Page News.
- *Deeper Cuts in County Services Projected.* Stacy D. Stumbo. 05/08/13. Front Page News.
- *Voters Reject Public Safety Tax.* Stacy D. Stumbo. 05/22/13. Front Page News.
- *GP School Bond Levy Falls Short.* Lindsay Cathey. 05/22/13. Front Page News.
- *Leaders Eye Options in Wake of Safety Tax Failure.* Shaun Hall. 05/23/13. Front Page News.
- *Glaring Fiscal Woes for Josephine County.* Stacy D. Stumbo. 05/26/13. Front Page News.
- *Legislature Casts Eye on Timber Regions.* Jonathan J. Cooper & Jeff Barnard, Associated Press. 05/26/13. TDC Front Page News.
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- *Walker: Levy Still On Table.* Jonathan J. Cooper, Associated Press. 05/30/13. Front Page News.

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- *Permanent Tax District Proposal Probably Won't Fly With Voters.* 01/24/13. Dennis Roller. Editor's Opinion.
- *Commissioners' New Public Safety Proposal Could Be One We Can Live With.* 02/01/13. Dennis Roller. Editor's Opinion.
- *Latest Proposal For Public Safety More Reasonable Than Last Attempt.* 02/12/13. Dennis Roller. Editor's Opinion.
- *Jackson County Joins Struggling Counties, Due To Cutoff, Pensions.* 02/22/13. Dennis Roller. Editor's Opinion.
- *None Of The New Possibilities For Aid Provide Everything This County Needs.* 03/03/13. Dennis Roller. Editor's Opin.
- *Residents Would Be Wise to Solve Fiscal Mess Without State.* 04/12/13. Dennis Roller. Editor's Opinion.
- *Commissioners Right to Block Move Aimed at Decreasing Inmate Count at County Jail.* 04/27/13. Dennis Roller. Ed. Op.

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4. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Government Needs Support.* Hugo, OR.

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- *Crack down on the Criminals by Voting for County Law Enforcement Measure.* 05/04/13. Dennis Roller. Ed Opinion.
- *A Better Community, And All That Jazz.* 05/05/13. Kevin Widdison. Ed Opinion.
- *No Real Solution To Lawlessness In Sight After The Defeat Of Levy.* 05/22/13. Dennis Roller. Ed Opinion.
- *Scaling Back A Program Like Drug Court Will Only Cost More Down The Road.* 05/23/13. Kevin Widdison. Ed Opinion.
- *Wyden Needs to Aid Counties, Not Attempt to Keep Everyone Happy.* 05/26/13. Dennis Roller. Editor's Opinion.
- *County Getting Lots Of Publicity For Lack Of Safety.* 05/31/13. Dennis Roller. Editor's Opinion.

Community/News

- *Public Safety District May Solve Shortfall.* Jeff Duewel. 01/18/13, 2013. Community.
- *Folks Desire Justice, Not All Want Tax.* Stacy D. Stumbo. 01/21/13. Community.
- *Group Drags SUV up Seventh Street to to Promote Passage of Law Enforcement Tax..* Stacy D. Stumbo. 04/20/13. Com.
- *Opponents, Public Officials Square Off.* Stacy D. Stumbo. 05/01/13.
- *Public Safety Tax Sparks Heated Debate.* Jeff Duewel. 05/14/13.
- *Criminal Justice Officials Tell Budget Committee Services Are Threatened.* Stacy D. Stumbo. 05/15/13. Community.
- *Lane County Approves Jail Levy; Curry County Rejects Law Enforcement Levy.* Associated Press. 05/20/13.
- *Folks Share Thoughts On Today's Election.* Shaun Hall. 05/21/13.
- *Voters Have Until 8 p.m. To Get Their Ballots In..* Stacy D. Stumbo. 05/21/13. Community.
- *GP Officials Mull Public Safety Tax Cut.* Jim Moore. 05/29/13. Community.
- *JoCo Budget Committee Oks 2013-14 Spending Plan.* Stacy D. Stumbo. 05/29/13. Community.

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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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