

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

JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services¹⁻²

The 2012 expiration of federal funding for services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. They both failed. *“Is JO CO providing a minimally adequate level of PSS?”*

2009 ENROLLED OR SENATE BILL 77

SECTION 1. (1) If the governing body of a county or the Governor believes that the **county is in a state of fiscal distress** that compromises the county’s ability to provide a **minimally adequate level of public safety services**, the governing body or the Governor may seek a **declaration of a public safety services emergency** by requesting in writing that the **Oregon Criminal Justice**

Fiscally Distressed CO

Commission (CJC) review and analyze public safety services provided by the county.

(2) CJC to gather information regarding the **current level of public safety services provided** by the CO and review and analyze PSS provided to determine whether the CO is providing a **minimally adequate level (MAL) of PSS**.

OR Criminal Justice Commission/Fiscal Control Board

(3) If CJC finds that the CO is providing a **less than MALPSS**, the CJC shall recommend the Governor declare a **public safety services emergency (PSSE)** for CO.

Oregon Senate Bill 77: 2009

(4) The Governor shall either issue the **declaration of a PSSE**, if the Governor determines that the county’s fiscal distress prevents the county from providing a MALPSS, or issue a determination that the county’s fiscal distress does not cause the county to provide a less than MALPSS. Declaration of a PSSE occurs establish a **fiscal control board** for the distressed CO.

- **Current Level of Public Safety Services (PSS)**
- **Minimally Adequate PSS Which Must Be Delivered**
 - **Less than Minimally Adequate PSS**
 - **Restore Minimally Adequate PSS**

(5) The **fiscal control board (CJC)** shall gain an understanding of the county’s **fiscal alternatives and PSS needs and shortcomings**. The CJC shall propose to the governing body of the CO a recovery plan designed to **restore MALPSS**.

(6) The CO shall approve or reject the recovery plan proposed.

Public Safety Services (PSS) Emergency

(7) When the CJC concludes that **MALPSS** have been restored in the fiscally distressed CO, the CJC shall recommend that Governor terminate the PSSE.

Minimally Adequate PSS; Declaration of PSS Emergency

(8) The Governor shall declare the PSSE terminated when the fiscally distressed CO has **restored MALPSS**.

(9) The CJC shall establish, by rule, PSS guidelines to identify the MAL at which PSS must be delivered in a CO. The guidelines must provide a basis for analyzing whether the CO provides a MALPSS.

OAR PSS Guidelines Must Provide Basis for Analyzing Whether County Provides a Minimally Adequate Level of PSS

SECTION 2 Fiscal Control Board/CJC.

Fiscal Control Board/CJC. terminates when the Governor declares that the PSSE ended.

County’s Fiscal Alternatives and Public Safety Service Needs and Shortcomings

SECTION 3. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect on its passage.

Want more information? Contact a member of the *Exploratory Committee*.

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

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

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 cost 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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