
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. Both levies failed. *“Is JO CO providing a minimally adequate level of public safety services?”*¹⁻²

Oregon Senate Bill 77 (2009) established the process to declare a public safety services emergency in a fiscally distressed county. Information regarding the level of public safety services (PSS) in the CO would be reviewed and analyzed to determine whether the CO was providing a minimally adequate level (MAL) of PSS.

Oregon House Bill 4176 (2012) The Governor of OR may seek a declaration of a PSS emergency if the governing body of a CO or the Governor believes that the CO is in a state of fiscal distress that compromises the CO’s ability to provide a MALPSS.

Oregon House Bill 3453 (2013)³ Provides that the Governor of OR may proclaim public safety fiscal emergency for one or more COs where fiscal conditions compromise CO ability to provide MALPSS.

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

2. Hugo Neighborhood Association. July 9, 2013. *All Voters & Votes Are Legitimate*. Hugo, OR.

3. Jeff Duewel.07/09/13. *State Gives JoCo Emergency Option*. TDC Front Page News. Grants Pass, OR.

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OAR 213-070-0000⁴

Policy. OAR 213-070-0005 The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) recognizes that individual counties have differing priorities and methodologies of providing PSS, and to that end the CJC intends to compare a CO’s current provision of PSS to that same CO’s historic level of services provision, rather than to compare a CO’s provision of PSS to that of other COs.

Historical Level of PSS. OAR 213-070-0030 This rule defines the review of the PSS historically provided by the CO to determine the historic baseline of PSS. The historic baseline level of PSS is compared to the current level of PSS to assist in determining whether the CO is providing a MALPSS.

Context Under Which Factors Are to Be Considered. OAR 213-070-0040 (3) The CJC may also consider the **median level of PSS provided in any or all other counties** in one or more of the areas required to be analyzed under OAR 213-070-0020(2).

Historic Costs

May 16, 2012 Josephine CO voters, by a margin of 57 to 43 percent, defeated a four-year tax proposal to fund local criminal justice programs, **including jail, rural patrol, prosecution and juvenile department services.**⁵ JO CO Sheriff Gilbertson faulted the federal government for "turning its back" on the CO by discontinuing subsidies that brought in as much as **\$12 million a year between the early 1990s and 2008**, when a phase out of the payments was approved by Congress.

Standards: JS&PSS Comparison Costs - ??

Comparison Costs ⁴

One analysis alternative from historical costs is comparison costs which is to compare a CO’s current provision of public safety services to that of other COs in Oregon.

In this analysis the **median level of PSS provided in any or all other counties** in one or more of the areas required to be analyzed under OAR 213-070-0020(2) can be compared to the CO’s current provision of PSS.

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

4. Oregon Secretary of State. January 1, 2011. *OAR 213-070-0000: Minimally Adequate Level of Public Safety Services*. Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Division 70, Oregon Administrative Rules contain OARs filed through July 15, 2011. Authority ORS 203.095. Salem, OR

5. Hall, Shawn, Reporter. May 16, 2012. *Voters Squash Criminal Justice Levy*. “The Grants Pass Daily Courier”. Grants Pass, 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 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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STANDARDS: JS&PSS COMPARISON COSTS

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Standards & Authorities

Context Under Which Factors Are to Be Considered.
OAR 213-070-0040

- (1) To determine whether the CO is providing a MALPSS, the analysis considers the CO's: population density; geographic characteristics; historical crime rates; and other relevant factors.
- (2) The crime rate statistics in the CO are compare and contrasted to historical crime rate statistics in the CO over at least the five years immediately preceding the date of the request.
- (3) In this analysis the median level of PSS provided in any or all other counties in one or more of the areas required to be analyzed under OAR 213-070-0020(2) can be compared to the CO's current provision of PSS.



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