

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. They both failed.¹⁻⁴

1. May 2012 JO CO-wide Measure 17 - 43, Criminal Justice System Operations Four Year Local Option Tax (i.e., \$1.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value), failed 57 - 43 percent.
2. May 2013 JO CO-wide Measure 17 - 49, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Three Year Local Option Tax (i.e., \$1.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value), failed 51 - 49 percent.

“Is JO CO providing a minimally adequate level of public safety services?” The voting citizens in JO CO are basically split on the level of PSS they want, and are able, or want to pay for. This split is not considered good or bad; it is considered a reflection on the citizens practicing their legitimate right to have differences of opinions when they vote.⁴

Hugo Justice System Exploratory Committee (HJSEC)² This educational brochure is part of the HJSEC’s adequate information analysis. It is based upon the HJSEC’s research and represents its findings (e.g., opinions, conclusions, recommendations, etc.).⁵⁻⁷

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OSU Rural Studies Program (RSP)⁸ Oregon State University has a PSP which is multi-disciplinary and teaches classes, conducts research and provides extended education with faculty from many colleges at OSU. The RSP has taken an in-depth assessment of the JS&PSS issue to understand the Federal forest revenue-sharing policies and State property tax policies as well as the impacts and responses of the affected counties, including changes in funding, staff, and service levels from the loss of forest land payments.

OSU RSP: Impacts⁹ Participants of businesses, institutions and residents noted that the actions taken by county government in past years have resulted in heightened feelings of frustration, resentment, anger, and apathy which affect individual and community well-being.

OSU RSP⁹ The OSU study is in compliance with the adequate information standards.⁷

JO CO Sheriff

The JO CO Sheriff’s information is not in compliance with the adequate information standards.⁷

SOS

The SOS’s information is not in compliance with the adequate information standards.⁷

Lack Of Confidence & Trust In Government

The Grants Pass Daily Courier

The TDC’s information is in compliance with the adequate information standards.⁷

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

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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 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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“The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew.”

December 1, 1862 Annual Message to Congress --
Concluding Remarks by Abraham Lincoln.

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