
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.

History of the OSU Rural Studies Program

Oregon State University, as Oregon's land grant university, has focused on rural issues since 1868 through its academic programs and the Agricultural Experiment Stations and Extension Service Offices. In 2001, OSU created the Rural Studies Program (RSP) within the Agricultural and Resource Economics Department of the College of Agricultural Sciences. Emery Castle was appointed as the first director and upon his retirement Bruce Weber was appointed director. In 2005, OSU made a significant strategic investment in the RSP that will enhance the capacity of the program to serve the needs of rural people and places.

The PSP is multi-disciplinary and teaches classes, conducts research and provides extended education with faculty from many colleges at OSU. The Rural Studies Program relies on many individuals and organizations involved with rural issues.

Important to all the applicable JS&PSS issue working papers was to understanding 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.**

Oregon State University's (OSU's) Rural Studies Program

List of OSU Rural Studies Program Documents

utilized by the Hugo Justice System Exploratory Committee on its project to independently research the JO CO JS&PSS issue, and publicly provide its analysis through web page publications.

OSU's Rural Studies Program

Dept of Agricultural & Resource Economics
Oregon State University

OSU Rural Studies Working Paper Series

(<http://ruralstudies.oregonstate.edu/working-paper-series>)

2009 Changing Federal County Payments and Rural Oregon Counties

Documents Applicable To The JS&PSS Issue The RSP has an excellent coverage of the history and impacts of the termination of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, including economic impacts, county responses, fiscal stress, and community indicators.

2000 Baseline Assessment of Rural Community Vitality. Lena Etuk, October 2012. RSP # 12-01

Economic Impacts on Oregon of the Termination of Secure Rural Schools Payments to Counties: 2011 Update. Bruce Weber, Paul Lewin and Bruce Sorte, November 2011. RSP #11-01. (8 pages).

Documents Applicable to JS&PSS Issue

Changing Federal County Payments and Rural Oregon Counties: Analysis of Policy Impacts and Responses from Loss of Secure Rural School Funding in Selected Oregon Counties. Dawn Marie Gaid, October 2009. RSP 09-04. (134 pages).

Economic Impacts on Oregon Counties of the Termination of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: An Update. Bruce Sorte, Paul Lewin and Bruce Weber, February 2009. RSP #09-03. (11 pages).

Local Government Responses to Fiscal Stress: How do Oregon Counties Compare? Vince Adams, March 2009. RSP # 09-02. (19 pages).

Economic Impacts on Oregon Counties of the Termination of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (P.L. 106-393). Bruce Sorte, Paul Lewin and Bruce Weber, December 2008. RSP #08-05. (16 pages).

A Guide to Oregon Community Indicators: Social, Economic and Environmental. Nick Beleiciks and Bruce Weber, August 2006. RSP # 06-04. (24 pages).

Want more information? 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. Hugo Neighborhood Association. July 9, 2013. *All Voters & Votes Are Legitimate.* Hugo, OR.
 3. OSU's Rural Studies Program. Working Paper Series. (<http://ruralstudies.oregonstate.edu/history-rural-studies-program>)

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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