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

JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services¹⁻⁴

The 2012 expiration of federal funding for services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. 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 an minimally adequate level of public safety services?”

ANTICIPATED IMPACTS ON COMMUNITY AND POSSIBLE RESPONSES

Chapter 7. Anticipated Impacts on JO CO and Possible Responses: After 2009⁵

Ch. 7.a. Josephine County Impact Analysis

Chapter 7 describes the results from interviews with businesses, institutions and county residents. Analysis of the data collected from interviews revealed that businesses/institutions and residents anticipate that reductions in services resulting from the loss of SRS funding may have very specific impacts on their well-being, and that these impacts may generate private responses that have financial and political implications. In many instances, these responses produce additional impacts and responses.

Impact To Well-Being Well-being includes emotional and physical factors that impact overall quality of life, such as concerns over financial security and way of life, or threats to personal or community safety.

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Financial Impacts Financial impacts include those related to time, money and risk, as well as economic factors related to the social system of production, exchange, distribution, and consumption of goods and services of the county.

Other Financial & Political Implications The reductions in staff levels and support for programs and services, in general, impact well-being in a number of ways, yet, also have financial and political implications. Among these are impacts to affiliate programs, impacts on private/non-profit organizations or volunteers; impacts on emotions of residents; impacts on quality of service, impacts on county employee morale, and impacts on economic development and recruitment opportunities.

JO CO Participants responded to questions about the reductions in Public Safety, Public Health, Road Department and Library staff and service levels. While responses varied based on personal experiences, common themes of impacts to well-being, financial impacts and political impacts emerged. In Josephine County, businesses expressed more concern over financial impacts, while institutions tended to be balanced between financial impacts and impacts on well-being, and residents expressed more concern over impacts on well-being, particularly issues of safety.

Anticipated Impacts On JO CO From Loss of FFP: After 2009

The larger OSU Rural Studies Program considered the following anticipated impacts.

- Impacts To Public Safety
- Impacts To Public Health
- Impacts To Public Works
- Impacts To Library
- Other Financial & Political Implications

The Exploratory Committee focused on well being and financial impacts and political implications.

Br. III.H.5.6.1 Impacts On Well Being From
Reductions In Public Safety: 2009

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Implications from Loss of FFP: 2009

Want more information? Contact a member of the
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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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