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Subject: Share Our Observations After Studying Josephine County (JO CO) Juvenile Justice (JJ) Department's Adopted Budgets: FY 2015-16 & FY 2010-11

Dear Jim:

We are grateful for your response to our information outreach, and the role you have taken to help us understand the JO CO JJ Department's authorities and responsibilities.

As you know we have been researching JO CO's current budget document for elective, necessary, and/or mandated public safety services (PSS) (*Josephine County, Oregon Adopted Budget: FY 2015-16; Appendix A*).

Our commitment to research and study the JO CO JJ Department is covered in Appendix B which is the context for any elective, necessary, and/or mandated JJ PSS, including other descriptive information and studies. The Exploratory Committee's ultimate description of the JJ Department can serve as a public awareness description for future PSS levies.

Our major documented finding so far is the draft conceptual prototype paper, *Understanding The Juvenile Justice Josephine County Budget: FY 2015-16* (Appendix C). Simply stated we have learned much after approximately 60 hours of research on the JJ Department's FY 2010-11 and FY 2015-16 budgets. We also have a long ways to go as we really don't yet understand the JJ Department well enough to be confident in explaining its JJ programs to our neighbors. Our major achievement to this point is identifying six long-term (i.e., 1 - 10 year) recommendations for the JO CO JJ Department to consider, to better communicate with the public its JJ programs and their value to the community.

1. Understanding Staffing Analysis
2. Department Descriptions & Relationships
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4. Use Of References & Links
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We anticipate that the Exploratory Committee will duplicate the conceptual prototype research and learning process studying the JO CO JJ Department (Appendix C) for both the JO CO Sheriff's Office and the JO CO District Attorney's (DA) Office in the near future. Our preliminary position is that the recommendations will apply to all the PSS covered in the JO CO budget.

We would appreciate any comments on supplemental JJ information sources that you believe would be helpful for public understanding of JJ programs if web published. We are especially interested in descriptive documents and/or references.

In conclusion, we are ready for our next get-together (Appendix B) to discuss the Committee's JJ budget research and study, including the its JJ web page (Appendix C). Probably too soon for a field trip of the JJ Department's facilities, but we are ready.

Thanks again for all your assistance.

Sincerely,

Mike & Jon :)

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Appendices

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- Appendix B. Commitment to Study the FY 2015-2016 JJ JO CO Budget Compared to the FY 2010-11 JJ JO CO Budget
- Appendix C. Josephine County Juvenile Justice Department's Public Safety Services: FY 2015-16 Budget

Appendix A. Josephine County Public Safety Services

Public Safety Services

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Juvenile Justice Program

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The Josephine County Juvenile Justice Department is one of six major public safety services identified in the last four county levies and the sales tax proposal (2012 - 2015). Locally there are usually considered to be the six major components of the JO CO public safety program.

1. Adult Jail.
2. Juvenile Justice.
3. District Attorney's Office.
4. Sheriff Rural Patrol Deputies.
5. Criminal Investigations & Related Sheriff's Office Support Services.
6. Animal Control/Protection.
7. Other PSS: Adult Corrections

Budgets: Josephine County, Oregon

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Appendix 4B. Josephine County's Minimally Adequate Level of Public Safety Services Standards, Section III.C. Components Of JO CO Public Safety Program For Increased Funding: 2012 - 2015.

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- Walker, Mike; Whalen, Jon, Members JS&PSS Exploratory Committee, Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. Very Draft December 15, 2015. Appendix 4B. JO CO's Minimally Adequate Level of Public Safety Services (MALPSS) Standards, Including Law Enforcement Staffing & Deployment. Supporting Justice System & Public Safety Services Study Design: 2015. Hugo, OR.

Appendix B. Commitment to Study the FY 2015-2016 JJ JO CO Budget Compared to the FY 2010-11 JJ JO CO Budget

An April 5, 2016 meeting between James Goodwin, Director, JO CO JJ Department, and Jon Whalen and Mike Walker, Members of the JS&PSS Exploratory Committee, Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society resulted in a commitment by Whalen/Walker to study the FY 2015-16 JJ JO CO Budget compared to the FY 2010-11 JO CO Budget. The idea was to research, study and compare the two JJ budgets to understand the historic JJ program and what we have today. The research results would be discussed with questions asked at a future meeting between Goodwin, Whalen, and Walker.

The research idea evolved into a budget analysis “Conceptual Prototype” comparison paper by Whalen/Walker.

Paper #1. *Understanding the Juvenile Justice Josephine County Budget: FY 2015-16*

The history of arriving at this project follows.

- November 23, 2015 Enquiry Letter to Goodwin with subject: Whalen/Walker Share Information About Josephine County’s (JO CO’s) Justice System & Public Safety Services (JS&PSS) Problem/Issue and their *Study Design* project.
- March 7, 2016 Meeting between Goodwin, Whalen, and Walker as part of a JO CO Management Team meeting. Per the direction of the Management Team at the March 7, 2016 meeting, Walker and Whalen are researching the county’s budget document for elective, necessary, and/or mandated public safety services (PSS; *Josephine County Juvenile Justice Department, Josephine County, Oregon Adopted Budget: FY 2015-16*).
- March 28, 2016 Enquiry Letter to Goodwin with subject: Whalen/Walker Learn About JO CO JJ Department.
- April 5, 2016 Meeting between Goodwin, Whalen, and Walker was informative and beneficial to all parties. Whalen and Walker’s continued interest in learning more about the JO CO JJ Program resulted in a commitment by Whalen/Walker to study the JJ FY 2015-2016 JO CO Budget to the FY 2010 - FY 2011 JJ JO CO Budget.
- Future Meeting The idea was to research and compare the two JJ budgets to discuss and ask questions at a future meeting with Goodwin.
- Future Meeting after next version of Committee’s JJ web page published (purpose: comments and discussion from Goodwin, Whalen, and Walker)
- Future Visit opportunity for Whalen and Walker to visit JJ facilities (built in 1999)

The purpose of Paper #1 is to research, study, and become informed about the JO CO JJ Department through an analysis of the *Josephine County, Oregon Adopted Budget FY 2015-16*. The project included a comparison of the FY 2015-2016 JJ JO CO Budget to the FY 2010 - FY 2011 JJ JO CO Budget (prior to the major reductions across the county in FTE and budget dollars in FY 2012-13). The idea was to research, study and compare the two JJ budgets to understand the historic JJ program and what we have today. What are the differences, including the adverse and beneficial impacts. What was gained and what was lost?

**Appendix C. Josephine County Juvenile Justice Department's
Public Safety Services: FY 2015-16 Budget**

Josephine County Juvenile Justice Public Safety Service

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Justice System & Public Safety Services Study Design: 2015 (Study Design)

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<http://www.hugoneighborhood.org/justicesystemexploratorycommittee.htm>

Josephine County Juvenile Justice Public Safety Services (Conceptual Prototype)

- Whalen, Jon & Walker, Mike, Members, JS&PSS Exploratory Committee. *First Draft - April 27, 2016. Josephine County Juvenile Justice Public Safety Services*. Conceptual Prototype. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. Hugo, OR.

Understanding The Juvenile Justice Josephine County Budget: FY 2015-16 (Conceptual Prototype)

- Whalen, Jon & Walker, Mike, Members, JS&PSS Exploratory Committee. First Draft - April 27, 2016. *Understanding The Juvenile Justice Josephine County Budget: FY 2015-16*. Conceptual Prototype. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. Hugo, OR.

***Purpose, Conceptual Prototype, Chapter VI Recommendations, Part of "Understanding The Juvenile Justice Josephine County Budget: FY 2015-16"* (Conceptual Prototype)**

- Whalen, Jon & Walker, Mike, Members, JS&PSS Exploratory Committee. First Draft - April 27, 2016. *Purpose, Conceptual Prototype, Chapter VI Recommendations (Voter Educational Outreach Projects), Part of Understanding The Juvenile Justice Josephine County Budget: FY 2015-16*. Conceptual Prototype. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. Hugo, OR.

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The purpose of the Josephine County (JO CO) Juvenile Justice (JJ) Department papers is to research, study, and become informed about the JO CO JJ Department. The research and study analysis would be done through trying to understand the JJ Department's web pages and its *Josephine County, Oregon Adopted Budget FY 2015-16*. This would be accomplished through an analysis of web and budget "text" for the JJ program.

The budget, a product of a budget process, allows the county to make resource allocation decisions, including choices about staffing, technology, equipment and priorities to be addressed in the coming fiscal year.

- Josephine County Board of County Commissioners (BCC). June 17, 2015. *Josephine County, Oregon Adopted Budget FY 2015-16*. <http://www.hugoneighborhood.org/budgets.htm>

The above three papers are the first conceptual prototypes for the Exploratory Committee's eventual analysis of JO CO budget documents for all public safety services programs. Testing a prototype/developed design process is a very important part of the design process. Testing and evaluation, simply confirms that the process will work as it is supposed to, or if it needs refinement. In general, testing a prototype allows the user to assess the viability of a design. Will it be successful? Testing also helps identify potential faults, which in turn allows the designer to make improvements.

Josephine County Juvenile Justice Standards: FY 2015-16 (A work in progress)

- Whalen, Jon & Walker, Mike, Members, JS&PSS Exploratory Committee. Draft Underdevelopment - May 2016. *Josephine County Juvenile Justice Standards: FY 2015-16, Part of Understanding The Juvenile Justice Josephine County Budget: FY 2015-16*. Conceptual Prototype. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. Hugo, OR.

Standards

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS)

Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR)

JO CO Law