

Summary Highlights: Publicly Identified Range of Alternative Solutions

(Public Outreach 4.2)

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

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

Mike Walker & Jon Whalen, Members
JS&PSS Exploratory Committee (Committee)
Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society



Draft November 26, 2015

July 15, 2015 JS&PSS Problems/Issues & Alternative Solutions The Committee believes the values of JO CO citizens about the public safety problems/issues and potential solutions have merit in their own right (i.e., **you can't find solutions that last if you don't know the specific problems**). The "value" reasons include the range of alternative solutions identified by the public.

Many citizens had asked for a range of public safety funding and service level alternatives, both dollars and staff, and range of funding sources. Some asked for a consideration of a mix of taxpayer funding sources. The problems/issues identified by the public were synthesized into a set of public involvement consultation criteria, and two ranges of alternatives (see Public Outreach 3.2, Summary Highlights: Publicly Identified Problems/Issues).

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS) payments: federal county payments extension with about \$4.6 million available during the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2015 and another \$4.3 million for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2016. Historically federal payments had averaged about \$12 million before 2012.

Public Safety Components Alts. include a combination of Association of Oregon Counties' public safety identified components.

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Adult Jail Beds, | 4. Court Services, | Sheriff's Office Support Services, |
| 2. Juvenile Justice Center, | 5. Rural Patrol Deputies, | including Search & Rescue, and |
| 3. District Attorney's Office, | 6. Criminal Investigations & Related | 7. Animal Protection. |

The *Study Design* approach relies on "people" citizens to provide insight about how to identify and manage problems, and formulate their own goals and solutions for the future (e.g., voting, writing letters to the editor and guest opinions in the TGPDC, writing arguments in voters' pamphlets, etc.). *The importance to citizens of knowing they are being heard, of being the decision-makers that decide their future, is critical.* For example, the *Study's* alternatives that will be analyzed are the range of potential solutions the public, as a group, identified.

20 Alternatives In Range of Publically Identified Solutions The Range of public safety funding and service level Alternatives (Alts) includes rough dollar estimates from an enhanced alt. greater than the maximum annual average federal Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS) payments to an alt. with zero SRS payments. The approx. funding levels are identified (Chpt. IX of *Study Design*).

20 Alternatives In Range of Publically Identified Solutions

- Alt** **Costs of JS&PSS Increase Significantly Above Old Status Quo 2000 level Prior to SRS Alt.** (more than \$15 million (M)?)
- Alt** **Costs of JS&PSS May 15, 2012 Levy Measure (Meas.) 17 - 43 Alt.** (costs of JS&PSS \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed value: \$14 M alt.?)
- Alt** **Old Status Quo 2000 level Prior to SRS Alt.** (costs would increase back to the approx. \$12 M?)
- Alt** **May 21, 2013 Levy Meas. 17 - 49 Alt.** (costs of \$1.48 per \$1,000 Assessed Value: \$10 M Alt.?)
- Alt** **2015 House Joint Resolution 21 Alt.** (2015 Session of Oregon (OR) Legislature, House Joint Resolution 21, minimum \$2.00 per \$1,000)
- Alt** **May 19, 2015 Levy Meas. 17-66 Alt.** (costs of \$1.40 per \$1,000 Assessed Value (AV): approx. \$9 M - \$10.5 M Alt.?)
- Alt** **May 20, 2014 Levy Meas. 17 - 59 Alt.** (costs of JS&PSS \$1.19 per \$1,000 AV: \$8.3 M Alt.)
- Alt** **No Action Alt. - Live Within Your Budget Alt.** (approx. \$7.6 M?)
- Alt** **Citizens Can Provide Their Own Protection At Current Funding Alt.** (no SRS Federal payments: approx. 3 M?)
- Alt** **Unknown Timber Program Future Alt.** (approx. 5 - ? M?)
- Alt** **Minimally Adequate Level of Public Safety Services (MALPSS) Alt.** (OR House Bill (HB) 3453 criteria)
- Alt** **JO CO Declare Bankruptcy Alt.** (future law like OR HB 2924 (2013) - declare bankruptcy)
- Alt** **State Implements OR HB 3453 Alt.**
- Alt** **Sales Tax Alt.**
- Alt** **O&C Revenues: Wyden Bill Alt.**
- Alt** **O&C Revenues: County Take Back O&C Lands Alt.** (lands in private ownership paying taxes)
- Alt** **O&C Revenues: Tax Equivalent Alt.** (Federal government pay JO CO the equivalent of what private rural commercial timber companies presently pay, on a per-acre basis)
- Alt** **Usage Share Alt.** (city and county special taxing districts pay their usage share)
- Alt** **Address Causes Of Crime** (e.g., homelessness, poverty, unemployment, economic problems, etc.)
- Alt** **Address Social Conditions Such As Income Inequality** (*Gini Coefficient* 3rd highest in U.S., high unemployment, poverty and growing economic despair).
- Alt** **Special Taxing Districts For City & County** (Section IX.C.2 of *Study Design*)
- Alt** **Combinations of Alts.**

10 Funding Sources In Range of Publically Identified Funding Alternatives

- Alt** Property Taxes Alt.
- Alt** Sales Tax Alt.
- Alt** Flat Taxes Alt.
- Alt** Volunteer Payments Alt.
- Alt** In-County-Only Lottery Alt.
- Alt** Mix Of Types of Taxpayers Alt.
- Alt** Permanent Tax District(s) Alt.
- Alt** O&C Revenues: Wyden Bill Alt.
- Alt** O&C Revenues: County Take Back O&C Lands Alt. (lands in private ownership paying taxes)
- Alt** O&C Revenues: Tax Equivalent Alt.

Most importantly, the publically identified range of alternatives will be revisited by Nathan Davis, a 2nd year graduate student at Oregon State University (OSU), who formally settled on tiering his Master's of Public Policy (MPP) Essay research paper to the public safety issue. The focus of Nathan's MPP research paper, is recording and analyzing the public's opinions, pro and con, across their range of values, through a "Content Analysis" research method, including the range of alternatives (see JS&PSS Press Release 2015-1, *What Do Josephine County Citizens Really Think about Public Safety?*)