

Date of Meeting	Committee Member asking the Question	Department / Respondent	Description	Date Sent to Dept./Budget Contact	Date Response Rcvd. From Dept./Budget Contact	Date Distributed to Committee - Hardcopy	Answer/Response Received
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	District Attorney	SOS13: How are we doing against the Federal deadlines mentioned here? Do we ever lose federal funding?	05/04/21	5/5/2021	5/6/2021	We have always met the required timelines and performance guidelines. We have never lost federal funding. At most, we could see a reduction in federal funding, but that would only occur because other agencies/states that also utilize this federal funding increased their performance thus decreasing our own 'share of the pie'.
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	District Attorney	SOS14: Is there a backlog for investigations? If so, what is the backlog and how is it trending over the last 3 years?	05/04/21	5/5/2021	5/6/2021	There is not backlog for death investigations. When needed, our salaried staff work long hours to enable the Division to keep up with their required investigations.
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	District Attorney	SOS15: What is the source of grant funding?	05/04/21	5/5/2021	5/6/2021	Grant funding in the Criminal Prosecution Division consists of funding from the Oregon Department of Transportation, federal Violence Against Women Act STOP Grant funding from Oregon Department of Justice, and we share in funding received by the Lane County Sheriff's Office for operation of Treatment Courts (Drug Court, Veterans' Court, Mental Health Court).
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	District Attorney	SOS15: What is the quantity and profile of cases that are not currently getting investigated at current budget levels?	05/04/21	5/5/2021	5/6/2021	We do not initiate the investigation of cases, we have 3 investigators in this Division who can do follow-up on cases referred to us by the Law Enforcement agencies within Lane County if no detective is assigned from the referring agency. Two of those investigators are restricted by grant funding to following up with only Domestic Violence or Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants cases. When Law Enforcement refers cases to us that have insufficient investigation/evidence to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt, we send those cases back for further investigation by the Law Enforcement Agency.
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	District Attorney	SOS16: How do you measure service level under these programs? Is that service improving or declining at current budget levels?	05/04/21	5/5/2021	5/6/2021	Our Victim Services Program meets 100% of our statutorily and constitutionally required service mandates, even during the COVID pandemic. We offer additional services that we limited during the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically a clinic to assist members of the public with filling for Protective Orders. In the last few weeks, we've been able to bring back our volunteers (who are all vaccinated) and we're once again able to offer this service (at a reduced volume) to members of the public in Lane County.
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	Office of Emergency Management	SOS17: Please describe significant community partnerships supporting this program investment. What role did this office play in the County response to Holiday Farm and Covid 19? What key lessons were learned regarding resilience capabilities and how do these impact the budget request?	05/04/21	5/5/2021	5/6/2021	The Emergency Management staff supported both Emergency Operations Centers for COVID and the Fire, and provided support and coordination to the impacted community, with support from many representatives from all County Departments increasing our resilience and bench strength as an organization. Currently there are no impacts to our budget. This program is funded in part by the County Departments and the Emergency Management Performance Grant (FEMA).
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	McKenzie Fire	SOS18: What was the amount of FEMA HMG funds made available to Lane County? What's the "addition" amount requested here fund, and what is the expected leverage for the county of this investment?	05/04/21	5/5/2021	5/6/2021	Currently FEMA has allocated an additional \$24M in HMPG funds. Lane County Mitigation Plan participants are eligible to apply for these funds, which can be used to mitigate our risk to future natural disasters in planning, training, outreach, and projects. These funds will support hiring a contractor to prepare mitigation grant applications for the County and potentially community partners.
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	TBD	SOS28: What are the other partner funds to support this effort mentioned on this sheet?	05/04/21	5/6/2021	5/6/2021	Yet to be determined.
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	TBD	SOS29: Is this program sufficiently budgeted to meet the needs of Florence residents? What is a typical case backlog, if any?	05/04/21	5/5/2021	5/6/2021	<p>Let me first make the point that the Justice Court actually serves not only the citizens of Florence and Western Lane County, but all of rural Lane County and Springfield.</p> <p>As to the question presented, my honest answer would have to be "no," that the Court is probably not sufficiently budgeted. This is because I believe there is a large backlog of filings that people have been waiting to file, but have not been able to. We were unable to hold court for approximately five months in 2020, and even once we started up again holding in-person proceedings with COVID precautions, limitations and spacing, we were (and are) subject to filing moratoriums on a major segment of the cases we handle. I am referring here to eviction (FED) cases.</p> <p>I think it is also fair to say that there are many small claims civil cases that folks have been holding back on filing because of COVID safety concerns and the fact that physical access to the Justice Center is still limited.</p> <p>Further, our Failure to Appear rate on traffic violations has gone through the roof, resulting in the Court sending out many more letters to Defendants informing people that their drivers licenses will be suspended unless they appear in court to enter into payment plans. This has expanded our traffic docket, and will continue to do so, thereby further squeezing available court time for all types of cases.</p> <p>These circumstances have further motivated me in the direction of a mediation option I had already begun exploring. Since March of last year, the beginning of the COVID period, mediation agencies around the state began to explore remote options for conducting mediations. A few, such as Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) Mediation in Salem, have been developing, fine-tuning, performing and perfecting the efficacy of that process for some time now. I have had a working relationship with N2N for several years as an occasional mediator, and I have had discussions with the Neighbor to Neighbor director about the possibility of N2N mediators doing remote mediation for our court in FED and small claims cases. Mediation is an excellent means to resolve these cases outside of court, but despite a lot of effort on my (and others') part, we have not been able to bring it to the Court because of the lack of trained mediators in the vicinity of the Court. With the development of a remote mediator process, that obstacle is effectively removed. For approximately \$3,000 per year, I believe that N2N could provide this program to the Court, with trained mediators and administration of the program that would streamline with the Court's processes. Such a program would be uniquely suited to meet the needs of residents throughout the entire service area of the Lane County Justice Court (all areas/communities of Lane County outside the corporate city limits of Eugene) for conflict resolution. Distance from the Court would no longer be a barrier.</p>
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	County Administration	SOS42: How is effectiveness of these programs being measured? How has effectiveness been trending for the last 3 years?	05/05/21	5/6/2021	5/6/2021	As indicated in the service description on the SOS Form, this is a "carryover of funds to provide for partial first year services". There is no current measurement or 3-year trend as the service does not yet exist. Additional information on the future plan for this service was provided as part of the Budget Message at the meeting on 05/04/21.
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	A&T	SOS43: What is the estimated time and therefore budgets savings projected from implementation of the Mobile Assessor application?	05/04/21	5/6/2021	5/6/2021	Please see the attached document regarding ROI.
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	CAO Operations	SOS C1: What is the source of \$584,000 revenue?	05/04/21	5/6/2021	5/6/2021	The County's indirect cost plan which bills departments for budget office & other central services.
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	County Administration	SOS C4: What is the baseline data against which the performance of this new investment will be measured? In other words, how will we know we are making progress in this area?	05/04/21	5/6/2021	5/6/2021	We agree that having that baseline data is extremely important and want to take our time to get this right. We have a good start with defining specific goals for the program. Once an Equity Manager is on board, we hope that they will be able to have a part in defining those exact metrics.
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	County Administration	SOS C7: Understood that this position has been vacant. Also, no Hotline calls have been logged since August 2020. Why has this position been unable to be filled and what have we learned that will be reflected in future attempts to fill the position?	05/05/21	5/5/2021	5/6/2021	This position reports to the Board of Commissioners and has purposely not been filled due to ongoing and active discussions about priorities and the future of this program. The Performance Audit Committee (PAC) has continued to meet w/ the help of staff support from County Administration. The PAC Annual Report was presented at the 2/9/2021 Board of Commissioner's meeting and included recruitment and compensation recommendations. A decision to hire is still pending. Oregon law requires Lane County to provide a hotline for employees to report Fraud, Waste, and Abuse complaints. A third-party contractor provides the service and submits monthly reports to the county. Reports are shared with the Performance Audit Committee at each quarterly meeting.
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	County Administration	SOS C10: What role does this program play in ensuring citizen engagement on budget questions? How is the effectiveness of this program measured?	05/04/21	5/6/2021	5/6/2021	In addition to the legal notices and the meeting notifications provided by other programs within County Administration, the Public Information program works to earn media coverage in the regional print and broadcast news. The program also creates an annual budget video to share easily digestible highlights from the proposed budget, which is promoted on social media. Effectiveness is measured using readership or viewership statistics of any earned media, as well as social media analytics for materials posted on Lane County channels.
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	Office of Data & Analytics	SOS C18: Please provide additional details regarding the scope and objectives of this new function.	05/04/21	5/6/2021	5/6/2021	This question will be address/answered on May 11th during the Department presentation.

5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	Non-Deeparatmental	SOS ND3: What has been the impact of this investment? Is it potentially worthwhile to increase at a time when more Federal money is being raised? What are key goals for the next FY of this activity?	05/04/21	5/6/2021	5/6/2021	Smith Dawson and Andrews is DC-based firm which provides professional lobbying services to the County and acts as a liaison between the US Congress and the County's Intergovernmental Relations Manager, County Administrator and Board of Commissioners. They additionally hold contracts with the City of Eugene, the City of Springfield, Lane Transit District, Willamalane Park and Recreation District, and Springfield Public Schools. This structure allows for a unique coordination of local entities and is wholly valued by the federal delegation. Their services have enabled the County to coordinate the receipt of millions of federal dollars each year, and Lane County is excited by both the House and the Senate recently announcing a return to Congressionally directed spending. The current contract meets the County's needs with relation to Federal money being received. Goal for next year is to maintain access to the information and professional knowledge/experience provided by Smith, Dawson, and Andrews to the County. With the Administration and Congress beginning to align around a broad definition of infrastructure, as well as new conversations around how to best prevent future wildfires in light of climate change, their work will be key to securing funding and functional federal policy for Lane County's needs.
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	Non-Deeparatmental	SOS R1: How is this reserve being invested? Are investment allocations publicly available?	05/04/21	5/6/2021	5/6/2021	Please see the County's Annual Investment report, found here: https://www.lanecounty.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_3585797/File/2020%20Annual%20Investment%20Report.pdf
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	Non-Deeparatmental	SOS R2: Please elaborate on how this SOS relates to others.	05/04/21	5/6/2021	5/6/2021	This reserve funds services on SOS Forms 10 (McKenzie Recovery Patrol) and 11 (West Lane Region Patrol)
5/4/2021	Chris Hazen	Non-Deeparatmental	SOS R3: What is the current status of this project and expected schedule for moving forward?	05/04/21	5/6/2021	5/6/2021	Timeline to be determined - likely within the next 5 years.