

Public Safety Levy



Sheriff Byron Trapp



How Did We Get Here?

In 2012, after suffering numerous budget cuts, the Lane County Jail was operating with 125 local jail beds, a fraction of the number of jail beds recommended for a County the size and population of Lane County*.



* Lane County should have between 600 and 1,000 local jail beds, depending on what formula you use.



Community Impacts of a Struggling Criminal Justice System

As a result, defendants charged with violent crimes, including measure 11 crimes, were being released from the Lane County Jail due to lack of funded jail beds.





The Lane County Jail Makes Headlines

Lane County Releases More Jail Inmates Early

By RACHAEL MCDONALD • NOV 29, 2012

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Thirty-two inmates walked out of the Lane County Jail Thursday morning without serving their full sentence. The Sheriff has closed more jail beds because of a lack of funding.

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Lane County Jail Releases 3 Homicide Inmates

by AP AP | June 29, 2012 4:01 a.m. | Updated: July 17, 2012 1:01 a.m. | Eugene, OR

Three homicide suspects were among the last group of inmates released early from the Lane County Jail in Eugene on Thursday because of budget cuts.

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Lane County Jail Releases 31 More Inmates, One Re-Arrested 55 Minutes Later

Another round of inmate releases from the Lane County Jail took place Thursday morning with one inmate rearrested as the Lane County Sheriff's office shuttered

Lane County Sheriff Watches Inmates Walk Out Jail Door

Twenty-nine men and women walked out the doors of the Lane County Jail at 11 a.m. Among them, Johnny Secreto from Oakridge. He says he's been in jail for robbery for just over a month.





2013 Public Safety Levy

The County recognized the need for change.

The Sheriff met with community members and asked them what services were important to them.

The result was the 2013 Public Safety Levy.



2013 Public Safety Levy

- Promised a minimum of 255 local jail beds
- Added 8 treatment and 8 detention beds for youth in our community.
- The levy funds would be used exclusively for jail operations and youth services.
- The funds would be kept in a separate account from all other revenues.



Levy funds are audited each fiscal year by an outside agency to ensure the Sheriff's Office is spending levy funds as voters intended. The first two audits released in 2015 and 2016 found that the Sheriff's Office is keeping its commitment to Lane County voters.



Voters Approve 2013 Public Safety Levy

In 2013, voters approved \$0.55 / per assessed \$1,000 property value (\$0.50 Jail, \$0.05 Youth Services).

Levy OK means more jail capacity in Lane County

The Associated Press

Published: June 24, 2013, 12:17 pm



Jail beds provided by the public safety levy keep violent offenders behind bars. reported by Pat Farr

Monday, October 27th, 2014



Sheriff Turner and I celebrate the passage of ballot measure 20-213 on May 21 2013... Since then we are happy to report that dangerous criminals are now staying lodged in the Lane County Jail...



Measurable Impacts of the Levy

The 2013 public safety levy increased the number of funded jail beds at the Lane County Jail from 125 to 317 for local offenders.

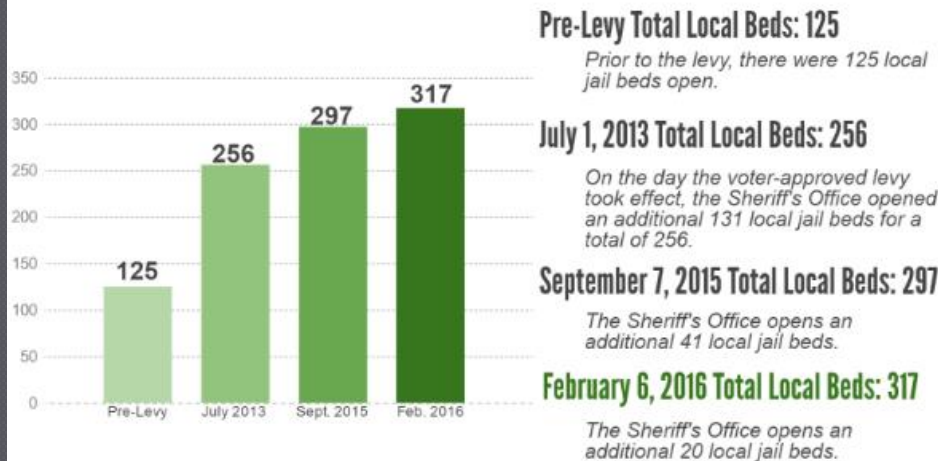
Since the addition of the jail beds, capacity based releases have **DECREASED** by **approximately 63%**.



Measurable Impacts of the Levy

Lane County LOCAL JAIL BEDS

In 2013, Lane County voters passed a public safety levy that promised to keep a minimum of 255 local jail beds open throughout the five-year life of the levy.

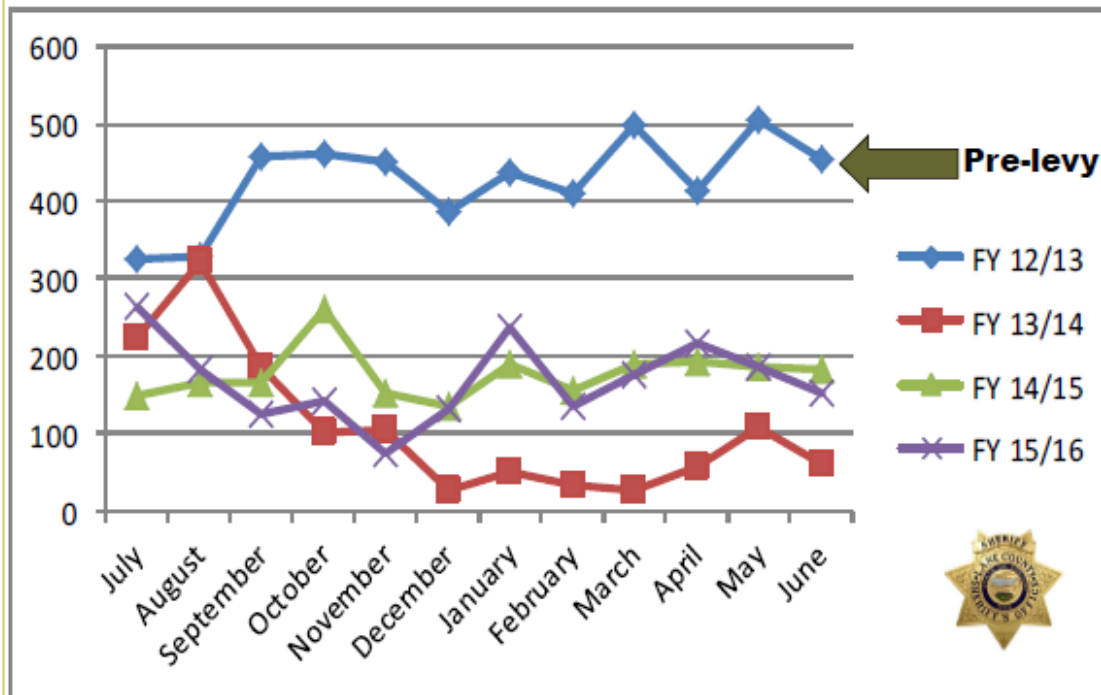




Measurable Impacts of the Levy



Lane County Sheriff's Office Capacity Based Releases





Measurable Impacts of the Levy

This translates to safer communities and a better quality of life for those visiting and living in Lane County.

Quick Facts

- **5,129 inmates were capacity based released from the Lane County Jail in FY 2012/2013 prior to the levy.**
- **In FY 2013/2014, additional jail beds helped reduce the number of capacity based releases to 1,289 that year.**

CBRs by Fiscal Year

FY 12/13	5129 Pre-levy
FY 13/14	1289 Post levy
FY 14/15	2126 Post levy
FY 15/16	2024 Post levy



Measure 11 CBRs Pre-levy

To the right are the Measure 11 charges of defendants that were capacity base released prior to the levy from 8/15/2012 through 2/6/2013.

RAPE-1	08/15/2012	ASSAULT-1	11/29/2012
ROBBERY-2	09/01/2012	SEXUAL ABUSE-1	11/29/2012
ROBBERY-1	09/14/2012	USE CHILD IN DISPLAY SEX	11/29/2012
ROBBERY-2	09/16/2012	ASSAULT-2	11/29/2012
ASSAULT-2	09/18/2012	ARSON-1	11/29/2012
ROBBERY-1	09/19/2012	ASSAULT-2	11/30/2012
ASSAULT-2	09/26/2012	SODOMY-2	12/01/2012
ASSAULT-2	10/02/2012	ROBBERY-2	12/01/2012
ASSAULT-2	10/03/2012	ROBBERY-2	12/01/2012
ASSAULT-2	10/05/2012	ROBBERY-2	12/06/2012
ASSAULT-2	10/07/2012	ASSAULT-2	12/15/2012
ASSAULT-2	10/09/2012	ASSAULT-1	12/25/2012
SEXUAL ABUSE-1	10/11/2012	ASSAULT-2	12/29/2012
ASSAULT-1	10/16/2012	SEXUAL ABUSE-1	01/10/2013
ROBBERY-2	10/19/2012	ARSON-1	01/10/2013
ASSAULT-2	10/23/2012	ASSAULT-2	01/10/2013
SEXUAL ABUSE-1	10/24/2012	UNLF SEX PENETRATION- 1	01/12/2013
ASSAULT-2	10/29/2012	ASSAULT-2	01/12/2013
ASSAULT-2	11/03/2012	ROBBERY-2	01/17/2013
PAROLE VIOLATION	11/03/2012	ASSAULT-2	01/18/2013
ASSAULT-2	11/04/2012	ASSAULT-1	01/21/2013
ASSAULT-2	11/09/2012	ROBBERY-2	01/25/2013
ROBBERY-2	11/15/2012	ASSAULT-2	01/27/2013
ASSAULT-2	11/29/2012	ASSAULT-2	02/03/2013
		ASSAULT-1	02/06/2013





CBRs Post Levy

Below are charges from the 9 inmates capacity base released on 4/22/2017.

- CBR #1: Criminal Trespass 2
- CBR #2: False Info to Police
- CBR #3: Disorderly Conduct
Misdemeanor Assault
Misdemeanor Escape
- CBR #4 Initiating a False Report x 3
Disorderly Conduct
- CBR #5 Criminal Mischief 2
Criminal Trespass 2





CBRs Post Levy

- CBR #6 Failure to Appear x 2
Unlawful Possession of Meth
- CBR #7 False Info to Police
Failure to Appear 1
Unlawful Possession of Meth x 2
Unlawful Possession of Heroin
- CBR #8 Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine
Menacing
Criminal Trespass 2
- CBR #9 Criminal Trespass 1





Making a Difference Through Jail Initiated Mental Health Services

Three additional mental health staff have been hired in the jail to:

- Provide discharge planning for locally released inmates with mental health issues.
- Work with local resources to ensure continuity of care.
- Evaluate whether a “warm hand off” is needed to applicable resources.



Youth Services

Levy Funds **doubled** the number of detention and treatment beds:

- Detention beds from 8 to 16
- Treatment beds from 8 to 16
- Increased intake coverage to 24 hours a day



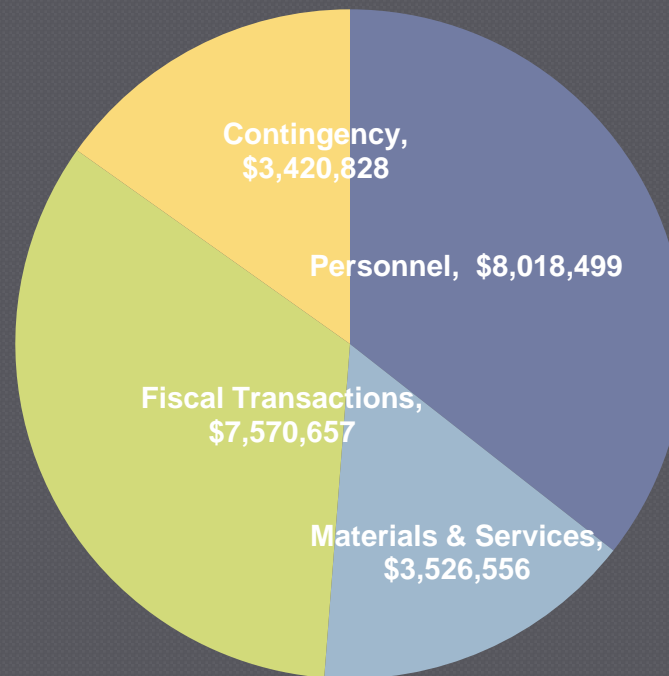
Impacts of Levy Funding at Youth Services

- Ability to hold those youth that are the highest public safety risk.
- Expansion of treatment beds for those that are highest risk in the county.
- Ability to serve youth in their home community.
- Ability to serve both girls *and* boys in treatment.



Youth Services Overall Budget

- 75.20 total FTE
 - 14.90 FTE funded by levy





Levy Audit Shows Compliance Three Years in a Row

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of County Commissioners
Lane County, Oregon

We have examined the Local Option Tax Levy Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance (the schedule) and management's assertion, included in the accompanying Jail and Youth Services Operating Report, that Lane County, Oregon (the County) complied with Board Order No. 13-02-12-06 regarding the five-year local option levy to restore jail beds and critical youth treatment facilities during the year ended June 30, 2016. Management is responsible for the County's schedule and compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County's schedule and management's assertion about the County's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with the attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the County's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the schedule and management's assertion that the County complied with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended June 30, 2016 is fairly stated, in all material respects.

Moss Adams, LLP

Eugene, Oregon
January 30, 2017





Reduction in Collection

- In 2016, Sheriff Byron Trapp proposed to the Budget Committee to reduce the amount collected from \$0.55 per assessed \$1,000 to \$0.38 per assessed \$1,000.





Reduction in Collection

- Temporary Reduction was approved for FY 16/17 to \$0.38 / assessed \$1,000 property value
 - \$0.30 Jail
 - \$0.08 Youth Services



Reduction in Collection

Reduction in collection allows service levels to remain stable while spending down the reserve.

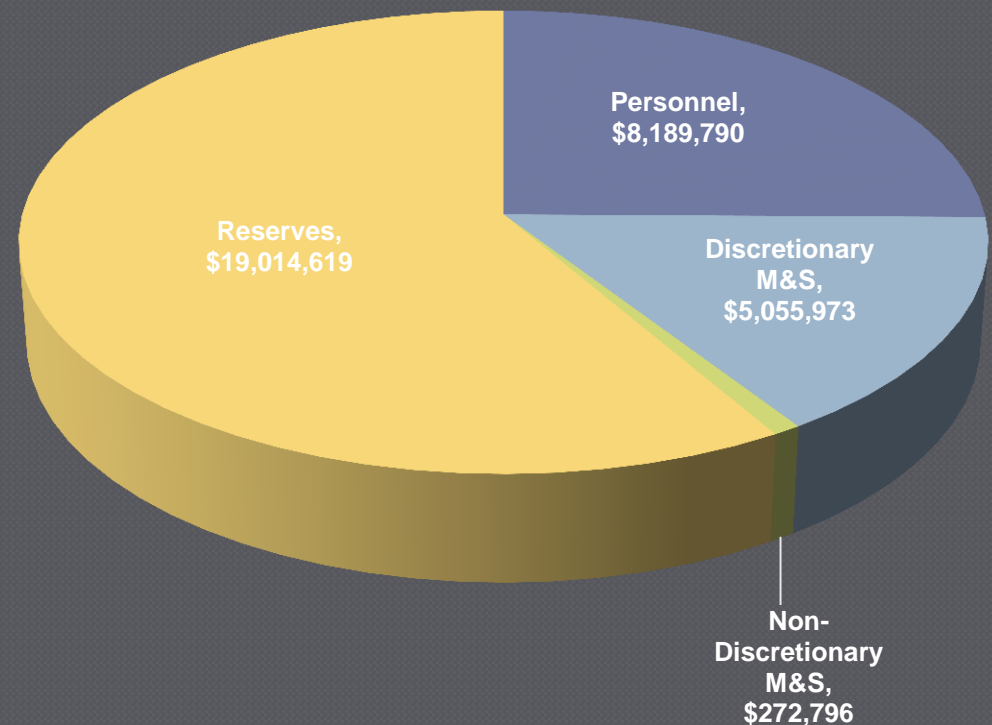
The reduction is temporary.

As the Sheriff's Office continues to fill vacancies created by the levy and spends down the reserve, more of the levy funds will be utilized to maintain the 255 local jail beds.



Sheriff's Office Overall Budget

- 17-18 expenses
 - 68.25 FTE
 - Reserves continue to drop as the tax rate levied remains at 30 cents per \$1,000 assessed value for FY17 and 18





Proposed Reduction for FY 17/18

"I believe that government should only collect what is needed to provide services requested by the public." Sheriff Byron Trapp

The reduction was a step towards increasing public trust in our local government, as service providers and stewards of public funds.





Proposed Reduction for FY 17/18

Continue to operate with a reserve.

Both the Sheriff's Office and Youth Services are able to provide the services promised by the levy in the coming FY with revenues from the reduced levied rate of \$0.38 per assessed \$1,000 property value.

The Sheriff's Office and Youth Services would like to respectfully propose to the Budget Committee to continue to levy the reduced amount into FY 17/18, with the same allocation of the \$0.38 adopted in FY 16/17 (Sheriff's Office \$0.30 and Youth Services \$0.08).



We thank you for your continued support of our employees and services!

