

PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY



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Levy History

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.

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 Summary



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

✓ 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.



Reduction in Levy Amount



In 2016 and 2017, 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 (\$0.30 Jail, \$0.08 Youth Services).

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



The Budget Committee approved the reduction for FY 16/17 and FY 17/18.



2017 Levy Renewal



In 2017, the Lane County Commissioners **unanimously voted** to put the renewal of the Public Safety Levy on the May 2017 ballot.

Lane County Voters Overwhelmingly Approve Jail Levy Renewal

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Voters on Tuesday resoundingly passed a five-year extension of the Lane County Jail levy.

The tax renewal measure was leading with 72 percent of voters in favor and 28 percent opposed, with most of the ballots counted at 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Lane County Sheriff Byron Trapp and county officials cheered, high-fived and shook hands in a Valley River Inn conference room as the results were posted online.

"That's pretty good," Trapp said when he saw the figures.

*The voters **approved** the levy renewal at **~73%**, providing **5 additional years of funding** for the Lane County Jail and Youth Services at a rate not to exceed \$0.55 per assessed \$1,000 property valuation.*

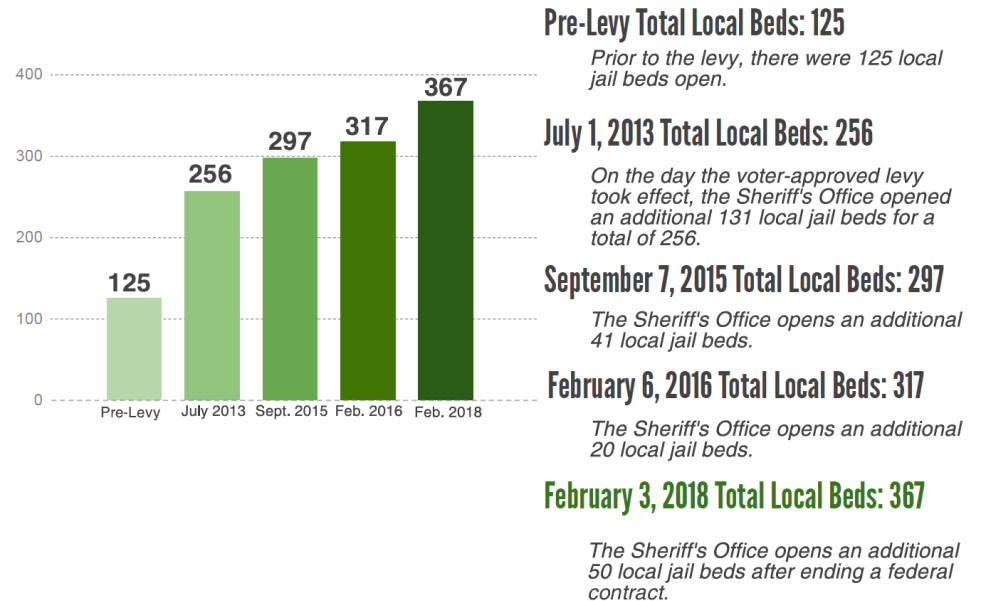


Positive Impacts of the Levy

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The Sheriff's Office has increased the number of local jail beds by 293% since the passage of the levy. These additional beds:

- Allow the jail to hold more defendants until their first court appearance, reducing the likelihood that those defendants will fail to appear in court.
- Reduced capacity based releases by over 62%* (5,129 CBRs in FY12/13 compared to 2,440 in FY 16/17)



Making a Difference Through Jail Initiated Mental Health Services



GOAL

To **increase services** provided in the jail that assist with **stabilization**, focusing on individual **criminogenic needs**, introduction to **community resources** specific to the individual's needs, and **successful reintegration** back into the community.



How Have We Done This?



- Hired **3 additional Mental Health Specialists** to provide **discharge planning** - working with individuals to connect them with resources to assist with **treatment**, **housing**, and other needs.
- Provide classes within the jail to **improve chances of successful community reintegration** including:
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
 - Socialization Skills
 - Yoga, Art, and Music therapies to improve coping skills aimed at reducing recidivism
- Work with local resources to ensure that **care provided within the jail** is continued once the person is released.



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



Youth Services

Positive Impacts of the Levy on 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.



Budget Committee Request



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As of April 2018, the positions created by the levy have been filled, thus increasing the amount of levy funds being utilized.

The Sheriff's Office jail levy reserves have been reduced to a level that would provide one year of operations.

The Sheriff's Office and Youth Services are respectfully requesting a change in the amount levied for the coming fiscal year to continue current service levels.

Current

\$0.38/ assessed \$1,000 valuation

- \$0.08 funding Youth Treatment/ Detention
- \$0.30 funding Sheriff's Office Jail Operations

Proposed

\$0.515/ assessed \$1,000 valuation

- \$0.08 funding Youth Treatment/ Detention
- \$0.435 funding Sheriff's Office Jail Operations

This proposed change is still **less than** the voter approved \$0.55/ per assessed valuation, and would allow the Sheriff's Office and Youth Services to fund the services at the increased level that they are at today.



Questions?



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FY 18-19 Proposed Budget Presentation