Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 16-17 Proposed

SOS 2	Justice Court	Service Category: Public Safety			
Dept:	County Administration	Mandate:	None	Related	SHALL
Contact:	Richard Brissenden, 541-997-2535	Leverage:	None	Some	HIGH

Executive Summary

County operated court run by a Justice of the Peace (JP) elected by the voters for a six-year term. While there is a continuing legal education requirement, there is no requirement for a JP to be a lawyer. Court adjudicates violations of fish and game, marine, railroad, truancy, animal regulation, weighmaster, parks, waste management, and traffic complaints filed within the district, which is county-wide. Also operates a Civil Department and Small Claim court under state statute.

Service Level Descriptions (Read from bottom up. Level 1 = minimum viable service level.)							
	Other Funds	Expense Total	General Fund	FTE			
Proposed Budget Total	\$488,575	\$322,996	(\$165,579)	2.00			
Level 2:	\$0	\$23,000	\$23,000	0.50			

Temp position - provides additional customer support during public hours (20 hours per week). Provides backup for one FTE staff support enabling faster processing of cases.

One district of Justice Court located in Florence, entitled Lane County Justice Court. Open 20 hours per week, including court sessions scheduled for traffic citations from Oregon State Police and Lane County Sheriff as well as civil cases for Florence residents. Also sells marriage licenses and processes Parks and Animal Services citations. Processes collection of past due fines remaining from Central Lane Justice Court prior to dissolution - coordinates with collection agency. Staff consists of .50 FTE judge and 1.0 FTE office assistant.

State/Federal Mandate

ORS 51, 52 & 153. "MAY" Mandates. Statutes do not require a Justice Court, but define the court, its jurisdiction, continuing education requirements for justice of the peace, schedule of fees, and procedure for criminal and civil matters if a county creates justice court district(s).

Leverage Details

The General Fund portion of this program leverages the following:

\$165,579	back to the Discretionary General Fund
\$0	into other non discretionary County Funds
\$0	directly to community members via service provided

For the purpose of this comparison, only include leveraged funds that are dependent on General Fund revenue. Do not include funds that would still be leveraged if the General Fund portion of the service were decreased or eliminated.