

COUNTY ORGANIZATION COMPARISON
9/13/2018

County	Lane	Clackamas	Deschutes	Jackson	Marion	Washington
Home rule or General	Home Rule	General Law	General Law	Home Rule	General Law	Home Rule
# of Commissioners	5	5	3	3	3	5
Status	Full-Time	Full-Time	Full-Time	Full-Time	Full-Time	Chair is full-time, others are part-time. One Commissioner is elected at-large and is designated as Chair. The Chair represents WA Co. as a whole. The remaining Commissioners represent their respective districts.
BCC Duties	The Board of County Commissioners legislates and administers County government within the limits of its authority granted in the Lane County Home Rule Charter. The charter grants legislative and administrative power to the full-time, paid five-person board. Lane County voters individually elect commissioners from specific geographic regions for four-year terms.	The Board of Commissioners sets policy, adopts the annual budget and passes ordinances in accordance with state law.	The Board's duties include executive, judicial (quasi-judicial), and legislative authority over policy matters of countywide concern. The executive duties include establishment of the budget, which is done with the aid of the three lay members of the Budget Committee. To implement policy and manage the day-to-day operations of the county, the Board appoints a county administrator.	Duties include executive, judicial (quasi-judicial), and legislative authority. All duties are derived from the Home Rule Charter. The executive duties include establishment of the budget, which is done with the aid of three lay members. This is required by local government and budget laws. This duty includes acquiring local, State, and Federal funds, and monitoring expenditures of those funds. The Board of Commissioners is the policy body for the entire County. To implement their policy, the Board employs a County Administrator.	The board sets policy for the administration and operation of county government. The board is responsible for all three branches of county government: legislative, executive, and quasi-judicial.	Washington County is structured as a Council-Manager form of government, giving the five-member Board of Commissioners legislative responsibility and designating administrative authority to a Board-appointed professional county administrator.
County Administrator	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CA Duties	The County Administrator provides direction to all appointed administrative departments, coordinates with elected department heads, and serves as liaison to interagency associations, local municipalities, and the state and federal governments. The department coordinates and oversees the development and implementation of the County's Strategic Plan. Other operating units in the department include intergovernmental Relations, Public Information Office, Finance, Budget & Financial Services, and the County Clerk which runs Elections, Deeds & Records and Board of Property Tax Appeals. The Justice Courts and Law Library are also part of County Administration.	The County Administrator serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the County and is responsible for providing overall direction to County Departments and programs consistent with policy established by the Board of County Commissioners.	The Deschutes County Administrator is the Chief Administrative Officer. He is responsible for the administration and management of the County and its service districts and works under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners. The County Administrator has specific authority to perform all day-to-day functions necessary for the administration and management of County affairs. The County Administrator provides direction to others concerning budget and the operation and maintenance of the personnel system.	The County Administrator is responsible for overall County management, policy implementation, financial planning, and staff to the Board of Commissioners.	The Chief Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Deputy County Administrative Officer, supervises department heads and implements and administers county policy as directed by the Board of Commissioners.	The Washington County Administrative Office serves as the administrative arm of the Board of Commissioners, functioning as liaison between the Board and county departments, interpreting Board goals and policies and providing executive direction to departments.