

Jail Operating Citizens Advisory Committee

This committee was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to "serve in an advisory capacity to the Columbia County Sheriff and to the Columbia County Board of Commissioners concerning the proper appropriation of jail levy funds for operation of the Columbia County Jail."

The committee consists of ten members appointed by the County Board of Commissioners who serve without compensation.

Citizens Advisory Committee Finds

Jail Funds Spent Appropriately /

Capacity Goals Met

The Columbia County Jail "is extremely well run". Thus says the report issued by the Citizens' Advisory Committee the Board of County Commissioners established in 2014 to ensure that the levy passed by voters to keep the jail operating was being used to fund jail operations and not other County expenses.

The Committee has found the operating funds to be spent effectively and efficiently on keeping the jail working to provide a safe and secure custody environment. The jail has reached the capacity goals set forth by the levy in 2014 and has ceased from the forced releases brought about by reduced funding levels.

The jail also has benefited tremendously from the rental of beds to the U.S. Marshal, the committee has found. Adding federal inmates to the cost of operating the jail is approximately \$11 per inmate, while the federal government pays \$80 per inmate, the committee has determined, adding an additional \$1.4 million dollars that local taxpayers do not have to pay to keep the jail in operation. For the entire report, click on the link below:

[JOCAC Jail Operations Report](#) _

Committee Members

Richard Lager (Warren), Chair

Gregory Lines (St. Helens), Vice Chair

Greg Hinkelman (Clatskanie)

Jamie Maygra (Deer Island)

Jeff Auxier (Scapoose)

Harvey Bilton (St. Helens)

Lester Kahr (Clatskanie)

Dennis Kenna (Rainier)

Rita Bernhard (Scappoose)

Dave Crawford (Mist)

Next Scheduled Meeting (Public Meeting)

Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 7 p.m. -- At the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, 901 Port Ave. St. Helens.

Meeting Agendas

Approved Minutes

NA

[Minutes from Sept. 9, 2014](#)

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[November 2014 Agenda](#)

[Minutes from Nov. 18, 2014](#)

[January 2015 Agenda](#)

[Minutes from Jan. 13, 2015](#)

[February 2015 Agenda](#)

[Minutes from Feb. 10, 2015](#)

[March 2015 Agenda](#)

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[April 2015 Agenda](#)

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[May 2015 Agenda](#)

[Minutes from May 15, 2015](#)

[October 2015 Agenda](#)

[Minutes from October 13, 2015](#)

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Meeting not Held (Lack of Quorum)□

[August 2016 Agenda](#)

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