



PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

A meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Council was held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 via Zoom virtual meeting platform

x	Judge Randy Miller for Presiding Judge Wells Ashby (<i>Chair</i>)	x	Nick Lelack, <i>County Administrator (Vice Chair)</i>
x	Stephen Gunnels, <i>District Attorney</i>		Kent van der Kamp, <i>Deschutes County Sheriff</i>
x	Mike Krantz, <i>Bend Police Chief</i>	x	Donna Mills, <i>Citizen Member</i>
	Devin Lewis, <i>Redmond Police Chief</i>		Keith Witcosky, <i>Redmond City Manager</i>
x	Pete Rasic, <i>Sunriver Police Chief</i>		Mike Riley, <i>Bend City Councilor</i>
x	Sara Crosswhite, <i>Director 9-1-1 Operations</i>	x	Deevy Holcomb, <i>Director Community Justice</i>
	Phil Chang, <i>County Commissioner</i>	x	Holly Harris, <i>Interim Director Health Services</i>
x	Christa Neal, <i>Interim Trial Court Administrator</i>	x	Gil Levy, <i>Citizen Member and Director KIDS Center</i>
	Vacant, <i>Defense Attorney or Public Defender</i>		
x	Joseph Mabonga (<i>non-voting</i>), <i>Juvenile P&P Supervisor Oregon Youth Authority</i>		Brandon Smithers (<i>non-voting</i>), <i>Lieutenant Oregon State Police</i>
x	Todd Rich (<i>Interested Party</i>), <i>Black Butte Ranch Police Chief</i>		Roger Olsen (<i>Interested Party</i>), <i>NAMI Central Oregon</i>

Also present were: Ryan Keck, *Interim Director Criminal Justice Commission*; Trevor Stephens, *Business Manager Community Justice*; Erik Kropp, *Deputy County Administrator*; Angie Powers, *Administrative Assistant BOCC*; Kathleen Meehan Coop, *Management Analyst District Attorney's Office*; Taryn Amens Ramos, *Saving Grace*; Nicole Borchert, *Director Mary's Place*;

Joanne Mina, community member; Connie Peterson, community member; and Brad Porterfield, community member.

Media present: Richard Coe, Editorial Page Editor The Bulletin

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Nick Lelack called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

2. Introductions

Deevy Holcomb introduced Ryan Keck, the Interim Director of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, in attendance for agenda items 6 and 7.

3. Public Comment

Community member Joanne Mina expressed concern that there may be federal immigration enforcement agents in our area who are not abiding by the same guidelines as local law enforcement, and some of whom may be operating without proper identification or uniforms identifying themselves as federal agents. She is concerned that immigration enforcement incidents are escalating. She asked local law enforcement officials to commit to reporting federal agents who are not conducting their work according to DPSST standards.

Deevy Holcomb thanked Mina for her comments, and suggested Mina consider submitting her request to area local law enforcement agencies.

4. Approval of June Meeting Minutes

Motion: Gil Levy moved approval of the June 3, 2025 minutes

Second: Deevy Holcomb

Votes: There were no objections to the approval of the minutes. Minutes approved.

5. Justice Reinvestment (JRI) Formula and Competitive Grant Budget Approval

Trevor Stephens spoke about the JRI budget for the Formula and Competitive JRP grant applications for the 25-27 biennium. LPSCC approval of the budget for both the Formula and Competitive JRP grant applications for the 25-27 biennium is required.

Stephens provided an overview of the Formula grant, which was created out of HB 3194 and provides funds to counties for addressing concerns over the growing prison population. Public safety goals of this grant include reducing prison bed utilization and recidivism, and holding clients accountable. Other components of the grant include 3% for research and 10% for victim services providers.

Stephens summarized Deschutes County's JRP program. It focuses on downward departures, Short-Term Transitional Leave (STTL) and Alternative to Incarceration Programs (AIP). Deschutes County's program includes close collaboration amongst the Court and the District Attorney's Office.

Stephens shared some data which indicates that since its launch in 2016, Deschutes County's JRP Program has had a positive impact with sustained reductions in prison usage and decreased/neutral impact on recidivism. Peer-based recovery support and gender-responsive programs have proven successful.

The budget for the JRP 25-27 Formula grant is \$1,906,133 in total. Most of these funds will be utilized for FTE and housing resources, and the remainder will be used for research and victim services funding.

The budget for the JRP 25-27 Competitive grant is \$545,374. These funds will be used for FTE (0.50-1.0 FTE Parole and Probation Officer and 0.25-0.50 FTE for a Deputy District Attorney).

Motion: Donna Mills moved LPSCC approval of FY 25-27 JRI Formula and Competitive Grant Budgets, as presented by Trevor Stephens

Second: Holly Harris

Votes: There were no objections to the motion. Motion passed.

6. Consolidated Public Safety Grant Program / Biennial Plan (CJC)

Vice Chair Lelack and Deevy Holcomb welcomed Ryan Keck, Interim Director Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. Holcomb stated the CJC administers the JRP Program, and many other programs that bring vital public safety and criminal justice efforts to Deschutes County.

Keck provided an overview of future impacts to the Public Safety Coordinating Council resulting from **HB 3069 (2025)**. This bill will impact public safety granting through the CJC in the future. The legislative session just concluded, and once the bill has been signed by the governor, it will take effect in 2027.

In 2027, the Oregon Public Safety Coordination grant will offer a single, consolidated application for four CJC grants:

- Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP)
- Treatment Court Grant Program (TCGP)
- Behavioral Health Deflection Program (BHD)
- Improving People's Access to Community-Based Treatment, Supports and Services Program (IMPACTS)

Keck noted that Deschutes County currently receives grant funding for three of these four programs. The application must be submitted by the LPSCC, and must include a biennial public safety plan, a list the budget allocations indicating how

funds are used to sustain the biennial public safety plan and describe how programming is incorporated in the plan and administered in accordance with standards and best practices.

Some different approaches counties may utilize include: deflection, pretrial diversion, treatment court, downward departure, jail-based treatment and transitional re-entry.

Holcomb noted that Deschutes County's LPSCC is well-coordinated, and she is confident it will be a successful transition. Joseph Mabonga concurred, adding that he appreciates Stephens' approach to presenting these complex topics to the committee in layman's terms.

Responding to Holly Harris, Keck said that although the grant application will be consolidated, each grant stream will have its own individual requirements and metrics. The consolidated application only simplifies the process for *requesting* grant funding.

7. Oregon Sanctuary Promise Public Body Requirements (HB 3265 (2021))

Ryan Keck spoke about the Oregon Sanctuary Promise Act and summarized public body requirements. "Public body" is defined under ORS 174.109 as including state government, local government, public colleges/universities, schools/school boards and law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement is prohibited from aiding immigration enforcement.

Public bodies are required to decline and document requests from federal agencies that relate to immigration enforcement, other than a qualifying judicial subpoena, and report any such communications or requests to CJC monthly.

Reporting to the CJC is completed via an online portal, and reports must include the public body, federal agency, type of request and whether the public body cooperated. Additionally, the DOJ operates the Sanctuary Promise Hotline for members of the public, and Keck provided the phone numbers and websites in both English and Spanish.

The CJC is required to compile this data and publish it on the Sanctuary Promise Dashboard website. The CJC publishes an annual report summarizing reported information in the Annual Sanctuary Promise Report. Keck summarized the 2025 report findings, which reflect an increase of 265% in federal requests and an increase of 276% in individual reports, over the prior reporting period. The bulk of these significant increases have been since January 2025.

Keck then shared data specific to Deschutes County, as reported on the Sanctuary Promise Dashboard.

Responding to Joanne Mina, Keck said the CJC does not receive reports that relate to DPSST standards of conduct related to moral fitness.

Brad Porterfield posed a question to law enforcement in attendance, related to Oregon Sanctuary Promise Act training for officers. Chief Krantz responded that the law is clear and easy to follow, and officers have public safety responsibilities. Responding to Porterfield, Chief Krantz said that federal agencies typically do not inform local law enforcement of their area activities unless it's related to DEA (drug enforcement coordination). Responding to Porterfield, Chief Krantz said it is best practice for law enforcement to identify themselves, but he cannot speak to federal agency requirements. Chief Krantz cautioned that some footage shown on social media is AI-generated, and it can sometimes be difficult to discern the facts.

Responding to Joanne Mina's statement in the chat section of the meeting's video conference platform that federal authorities should be held to the same standards as Oregon's law enforcement entities, Chief Krantz responded that Oregon's sanctuary laws and law enforcement standards are applicable to Oregon public bodies. Chief Krantz recommended reporting allegations of misconduct by federal law enforcement agents to the appropriate federal authority responsible for overseeing federal agents' professional standards.

8. Agency Announcements / Other

Judge Miller provided a brief update on behalf of Judge Ashby who was unable to attend today's meeting. Oregon Chief Justice Flynn issued a new Interim Order (CJO 25-018) to establish court procedures for addressing immigration enforcement activities in Oregon courts. The order goes into effect today, and is focused on keeping court staff safe. The Order states the following:

- Each court will establish a point of contact for ICE inquiries at the Courthouse, to be the presiding judge or another judge.
- Court staff will not help nor hinder ICE's inquiry but will forward it to the established point of contact.
- The courts will follow state law.
- All related decisions are to be made by the point of contact/
- The courts will follow reporting requirements related to immigration enforcement activity.

Vice Chair Lelack noted the end of the legislative session, and the final outcomes will be learned in the days ahead.

Christa Neal, Interim Trial Court Administrator, reminded that Zoe Wild, the new Trial Court Administrator, begins on July 7. Moving forward, Wild will attend the monthly LPSCC meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Ashby adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant