

Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 20-21 Proposed

SOS 40: **Justice Court**
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Service Category: General Government

Mandate	None	Related	SHALL
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. 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. Operates a Civil Department and Small Claim court under state statute.

Service Descriptions

	Revenue	Expense Total	General Fund	FTE
Proposed Budget Total	415,250.00	363,821.00	(\$51,429)	2.00

One Justice Court district located in Florence, entitled Lane County Justice Court. Open 20 hours per week with weekly court appearances scheduled for traffic and other violations from Oregon State Police and Lane County Sheriff, as well as civil cases for County residents. Conducts hearings, trials and other proceedings in these cases. Sells marriage licenses and performs marriages. Processes fish and game, marine, railroad, truancy, animal regulation, weighmaster, parks, waste management, and traffic complaints, including all Parks and Animal Services citations. Processes collection of past due pre-dissolution fines remaining from Central Lane, Oakridge and Florence Justice Court, as well as post-dissolution past due fines from Lane County Justice Court; coordinates with collection agency. Staff consists of .50 FTE judge, 1.0 FTE office assistant and a .50 FTE clerk who provides additional customer support during public hours (20 hours per week) and backup for staff support.

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:

_____ \$51,429	back to the Discretionary General Fund
_____ \$0	into other non Discretionary County Funds
_____ \$0	directly to community members (child support payments)