

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION AGENDA**

3:30pm, CBAB, 601 State Street, Hood River, OR - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

Review and Discuss Community Survey Related to Public Safety

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

CBAB, 601 State Street, Hood River, OR - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

**I. ITEMS FROM THE WORK SESSION –**

- i. Authorize the Hood River County Public Safety Services Survey, as provided, to be released as soon as possible.

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS/EVENTS** (Note: The below is not an inclusive listing, and all dates and times subject to change with or without notice as required)

Nov 12	3:30pm	HRC Board of Commissioners Special Meeting, 601 State Street, HR
Nov 13	5:30pm	County Planning Commission Mtg, 601 State Street, HR (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed. ea. mth, generally; subject to cng)
Nov 18	4:00/6:00pm	HRC Board of Commissioners Mtg., 601 State Street, HR (time subject to change)
Nov 19	7:00pm	HR Library District Board Mtg, 502 State Street, HR
Nov 20	3:00pm	County Staff Meeting, 601 State Street, HR
Nov 26	2:00pm	County Safety Committee Meeting, 309 State Street, HR (4 <sup>th</sup> Tues. ea. month)
Nov 27	5:30pm	County Planning Commission Mtg, 601 State Street, HR (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed. ea. mth, generally; subject to cng)
Nov 28-29		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED



November 8, 2019

## Hood River County Public Safety Services Preliminary Survey Design

### Internal Survey Information

**Goal of the Survey:** Assess Hood River Co. residents' valuations of a variety of public safety services.

**Objective(s):**

- Prioritize a broad list of public safety services by public rankings that measure the importance of specific services.
- Survey to consist of close-ended ranking exercise.
- Provide opportunity for open-ended response.
- Gather demographic data as relevant to survey.
- Others?

### Public portion of Survey

**Survey Introduction:**

Hood River County's expenditures are outpacing its funding streams. As Hood River County continues to manage its budget shortfall, the county has nearly depleted its reserve fund. In 2019, the County Commission in conjunction with its budget committee resolved to discontinue using reserve funds for general operational services after June 30, 2020. The County Commission seeks a solution for advancing a balanced budget that is lean and sustainable while stabilizing basic services for the safety and welfare of the entire community.

The Hood River County Commission has identified public safety services as its highest priority among the myriad of services the county provides. The Commission is interested in assessing public sentiment about the value of a variety of public safety services. Survey responses will be taken into consideration as the County Commission deliberates on the possibility of referring a public safety local operating levy dedicated to law enforcement services to Hood River County voters.

*Thank you for your time and thoughtfulness in completing this survey exercise!*

For more information on Hood River County's budget challenges,  
visit <https://www.co.hood-river.or.us/>

### Survey Questions:

- A. Ranking services or assessing value of county public safety services respondents feel are most important.
  - a. Once format decided, explain how survey platform functions for group rankings, or questions that ask respondents to rate a service based on value. i.e. neutral, important, very important, etc. Give instructions.
  - b. If ranking, would likely divide the 12 services into two groups of six or three groups of four for comparative rankings.
  
1. PATROL – Respond effectively to emergencies 24-hours per day.  
And provide proactive patrol in Hood River County’s unincorporated areas and Cascade Locks.
2. COURT SECURITY – Provide a secure environment in our public court facilities.  
For the public, staff and visitors.
3. ANIMAL CONTROL – Maintain 7-day a week animal control services.  
Services include responding to incidents, investigating animal abuse, addressing nuisance issues and providing education to pet owners.
4. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Ensure operative resources and incident management during major countywide emergencies and disasters.  
Such as severe weather events, natural disasters or catastrophic fires.
5. TRAFFIC – Provide regular targeted traffic enforcement.  
In county neighborhoods, school zones and roadways.
6. PROSECUTION – Provide justice for crime victims and offender accountability.  
Through efficient prosecution of those who commit crimes.
7. DRUG ENFORCEMENT – Identify, investigate and arrest dealers offering illicit narcotics in our community. Working in partnership with regional, state and federal agencies.
8. SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTY – Ensure the safety of our students through leadership, education and mentoring. In partnership with Hood River County School District.
9. CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION – Effectively identify victims of child abuse who commit crime.  
While working to hold those who prey on children accountable.
10. JUVENILE SERVICES – Provide accountability and rehabilitation services to youth who commit crime. While working to ensure community safety and the rights of victims are protected.
11. LIVABILITY SERVICES – Work with residents to address issues that affect the livability of our county neighborhoods. Such as disputes, barking dogs, fireworks and disruptive behavior.
12. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – Deliver investigative services to ensure domestic violence offenders are held accountable. And provide resources for victims and children that can keep them safe.

B. In your own words, please take a moment to offer your opinions about Hood River County’s public safety services. What is or is not important to you? If you have more extensive comments, please email Hood River County administration office at: [administration@co.hood-river.or.us](mailto:administration@co.hood-river.or.us)

(2000 characters max)

C. Demographics

- a. Do you reside in Hood River County?
  - i. Yes/No
- b. Do you reside in an incorporated City in Hood River County?
  - i. Yes/No
  - ii. If Yes: Hood River or Cascade Locks?
- c. What is your Gender?
  - i. Male
  - ii. Female
  - iii. N/A
- d. What category describes your Age range?
  - i. 17 or younger
  - ii. 18-25
  - iii. 26-35
  - iv. 36-45
  - v. 46-55
  - vi. 56-65
  - vii. 66-75
  - viii. 76 or older

D. We discussed collecting email addresses if this field can be separate from the anonymous survey.

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS RATHER THAN RANKING EXERCISE

1. Rate the importance of:  
PATROL – The ability to respond effectively to emergencies 24-hours per day, and provide proactive patrol in Hood River County’s unincorporated areas and Cascade Locks.

1-Very Unimportant 2-Unimportant 3-Somewhat Unimportant 4-Neutral 5-Somewhat Important 6-Important 7-Very Important

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2. Rate the importance of:  
COURT SECURITY – Provide a secure environment in our public court facilities, for the public, staff and visitors.

1-Very Unimportant 2-Unimportant 3-Somewhat Unimportant 4-Neutral 5-Somewhat Important 6-Important 7-Very Important

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3. Rate the importance of:  
**ANIMAL CONTROL** – Maintain 7-day a week animal control services, which include responding to incidents, investigating animal abuse, addressing nuisance issues and providing education to pet owners.

1-Very Unimportant 2-Unimportant 3-Somewhat Unimportant 4-Neutral 5-Somewhat Important 6-Important 7-Very Important

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4. Rate the importance of:  
**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** – Ensure operative resources and incident management during major countywide emergencies and disasters, such as severe weather events, natural disasters or catastrophic fires.

1-Very Unimportant 2-Unimportant 3-Somewhat Unimportant 4-Neutral 5-Somewhat Important 6-Important 7-Very Important

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5. Rate the importance of:  
**TRAFFIC** – Provide regular targeted traffic enforcement, in county neighborhoods, school zones and roadways.

1-Very Unimportant 2-Unimportant 3-Somewhat Unimportant 4-Neutral 5-Somewhat Important 6-Important 7-Very Important

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6. Rate the importance of:  
**PROSECUTION** – Providing justice for crime victims and offender accountability, through efficient prosecution of those who commit crimes.

1-Very Unimportant 2-Unimportant 3-Somewhat Unimportant 4-Neutral 5-Somewhat Important 6-Important 7-Very Important

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7. Rate the importance of:  
**DRUG ENFORCEMENT** – Identification, investigation and arrest of dealers offering illicit narcotics in our community, working in partnership with regional, state and federal agencies.

1-Very Unimportant 2-Unimportant 3-Somewhat Unimportant 4-Neutral 5-Somewhat Important 6-Important 7-Very Important

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8. Rate the importance of:  
**SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES** – Who ensure the safety of our students through leadership, education and mentoring, in partnership with Hood River County School District.

1-Very Unimportant 2-Unimportant 3-Somewhat Unimportant 4-Neutral 5-Somewhat Important 6-Important 7-Very Important

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9. Rate the importance of:  
CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION – Effectively identify victims of child abuse who commit crime, while working to hold those who prey on children accountable.

1-Very Unimportant 2-Unimportant 3-Somewhat Unimportant 4-Neutral 5-Somewhat Important 6-Important 7-Very Important

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10. Rate the importance of:  
JUVENILE SERVICES – To provide accountability and rehabilitation services to youth who commit crime, while working to ensure community safety and rights of victims are protected.

1-Very Unimportant 2-Unimportant 3-Somewhat Unimportant 4-Neutral 5-Somewhat Important 6-Important 7-Very Important

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11. Rate the importance of:  
LIVABILITY SERVICES – Working with residents to address issues that affect the livability of our county neighborhoods, such as disputes, barking dogs, fireworks and disruptive behavior.

1-Very Unimportant 2-Unimportant 3-Somewhat Unimportant 4-Neutral 5-Somewhat Important 6-Important 7-Very Important

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12. Rate the importance of:  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVESTIGATION – To deliver services to ensure domestic violence offenders are held accountable, and provide resources for victims and children that can keep them safe.

1-Very Unimportant 2-Unimportant 3-Somewhat Unimportant 4-Neutral 5-Somewhat Important 6-Important 7-Very Important

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