

## Shawn Blanchard

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**From:** Public Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 8:44 AM  
**To:** Shawn Blanchard  
**Subject:** FW: EXTERNAL: sheriff brown needs deputies

Forgot to include you when I forwarded these, you'll be getting a few more right now and however many more come in over the next few days.

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**From:** theresa larkins <tmonster9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 8:31 AM  
**To:** Public Comments <publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us>  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: sheriff brown needs deputies

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I see the commissioners are up to their usual "it's what we want..not what you people need" business of the day. the idea that you need a new meeting room more that you need an adequate police force just makes me cringe. If anything you should be giving up part of your pay to further fund the police force that we do have. I doubt you have any idea what it's like living day to day in these small outlying towns, that have to rely on our selves because the police force is spread so thin...and we see our neighbors and friends getting robbed and can't trust .everyone we meet while walking our dog in the evening, or playing with our kids on the beach, and you want to make our one" go to for help " option ever smaller and less accessible. In other words I am against your "we need a new meeting room" plan, because the new room I not going to make you any better at running tillamook county....you can't fix stupid.....theresa larkins...pacific city, oregon.

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**From:** Public Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 8:44 AM  
**To:** Shawn Blanchard  
**Subject:** FW: EXTERNAL: SO budget cuts

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**From:** Amy Spence <amyjspence@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 5:44 AM  
**To:** Public Comments <publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us>  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: SO budget cuts

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As a tax paying homeowner in Tillamook county, I'm writing to share my opposing view of the BOCC and treasury's decision to cut funding to the sheriff's office and ultimately public safety. Find another way to fund contingency funds and/or county building space.

Thank you,  
Amy Spence

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**From:** Public Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 8:44 AM  
**To:** Shawn Blanchard  
**Subject:** FW: EXTERNAL: Budget Committee Meeting Public Comment

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**From:** Jason Hopkins <jmhopkins208@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 11:02 PM  
**To:** Public Comments <publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us>  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Budget Committee Meeting Public Comment

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Budget Committee Members,

I am completely disgusted by the proposal to cut six positions from the Sheriff's Office. Even one is too many. I was a Sergeant with TCSO up until about a year ago. For the four years in that position, we were fully staffed for only my first month. The remaining three years and eleven months were spent trying to figure out how to continue to provide a high level of service to the people of Tillamook County, one of the few counties in the state whose citizens show genuine support for their law enforcement.

The reason we could never recruit? Pay. TCSO finally hit a lucky streak recently and found some people who valued service over pay (and didn't get an offer from TPD because they're fully staffed - they pay much better). And now you want to take away that long and hard-fought victory. The current deputies have demonstrated their dedication and grit by staying here. I guarantee someone is trying to recruit them at every training or conference they attend. But they stay here, the community they love, making a fraction of what you make.

How do you repay them for this dedication? You not only don't pay them what they're worth, you now think it's a good idea to keep their manpower at critical levels. For what? A new building with fancy offices? A way to sock away money for your own projects? Raises for commissioners, because their job is so much greater a sacrifice?

Shame on you for even considering this. These deputies risk physical and psychological harm every day. Do you have to strap on a bullet-proof vest and gun when you go to work? They do, because they might get into a situation (as a part of **their** job) where someone wants to kill them or someone else. And because they're so critically staffed, they're often doing it alone. Do you have to look over your shoulder every time you go out to eat or run to the store, because someone you arrested might be there and holding a grudge? Have you ever had to see a suicide, interview a child abuse victim, or pick up the aftermath of a fatal crash? When you kiss your spouse goodbye, do they wonder if they'll see you again? No. I know none of these things have ever been experienced by you. How do I know that? Because of your ludicrous proposal. I'd like you to meet with the spouses and children of these deputies and explain to them how new facilities and padding the building fund is more important than their loved one's safety.

Do you not realize how incredibly lucky you are to have the deputies you do. I resigned because I could not do my job. I had to work patrol shifts almost every day, leaving my supervisory duties to the wayside. Why? Staffing levels. I was buried in cases I did not have time to follow up on. I was overwhelmed by the sheer volume of reports stacking up. And this is what our deputies still deal with.

I believed that due to this (and no end in sight), I could not protect my deputies or develop their careers. I could not protect the county by reviewing policies and procedures. In other words, I could not do my job. Do you not understand the liability that comes with short staffing your law enforcement? Do you not understand long hours and heavy caseloads cause fatigue, which in turn can lead to critical errors? God forbid this happens if you continue to ignore the issue. No, not just ignore, but actively add to the problem.

This proposal is absolutely appalling.

I know this letter is in no way diplomatic. It's blunt for a reason. I am angry, and you clearly need a wake-up call. You tout how law enforcement is a high priority for you. It very clearly isn't. I care more about the safety of the citizens of Tillamook County than I do about you getting a fancy new building. Your job is to spend our dollars for the good of said citizens, not yourselves. You are showing to be poor stewards of the public funds. Show me you have your priorities straight. Show me you care about the men and women who so selflessly serve, as well as those whom they serve. Do not go through with this. I assure you the only people who think this is a good idea are the criminals who are waiting to take full advantage. By the by, they don't vote.

Jason Hopkins  
Tillamook

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**From:** Public Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 8:45 AM  
**To:** Shawn Blanchard  
**Subject:** FW: EXTERNAL: New budget

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**From:** clifperkins <clifperkins@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 6:07 PM  
**To:** Public Comments <publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us>  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: New budget

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I am sending this email regarding the post by our Sheriff Josh Brown. I want to start off by saying how disappointed I am in you trying to do this to the people on our front lines. These people need more help not less. You need to leave your hands off there budget. I was born and raised here and run a small buisness as well. We the people of this county will not tolerate this I assure you. If you do not leave there funding alone, we the people of this county will be heard. Again do not mess with those that keep us all safe. I am sure you all will do the right thing in the end. I am reaching out to members of the council and community leaders to get them to help as well. Leave The Sherrif and his men alone.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** Public Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 8:45 AM  
**To:** Shawn Blanchard  
**Subject:** FW: EXTERNAL: Cut

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**From:** Janine Brown <brownjanine77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 5:59 PM  
**To:** Public Comments <publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us>  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Cut

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Forwarded message -----Thu, 4 May 2023 17:54:50 -0700

Subject: Officer cut

To whom it may concern,

Our county is growing, we will never need less officers we will only need more. There is plenty for them to do. We have more residents so we should have more revenue. The budget should always include an increase in law-enforcement as our population increases. These are basic needs of any community. No one should have the decision making ability to cut this budget without a vote.

Thank you,

Janine Brown

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**From:** Public Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 8:45 AM  
**To:** Shawn Blanchard  
**Subject:** FW: EXTERNAL: Sheriff

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**From:** Tennora Hale <tennora3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 9:03 PM  
**To:** Public Comments <publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us>  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Sheriff

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I am a voting citizen and am opposed to cutting sheriff's budgets. They need more money not less. We need more protection not less so some people can have a nice office. In reality they run into the firefight not the boardroom. They are more important than where they want to move the money. We need more police better vehicles.  
Sincerely tennora hale tax payer and voter.

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**From:** Public Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 8:45 AM  
**To:** Shawn Blanchard  
**Subject:** FW: EXTERNAL: Proposed sheriff's budget cuts

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**From:** Jeff Crippen <swordtrowel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 8:41 PM  
**To:** Public Comments <publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us>  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Proposed sheriff's budget cuts

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I am absolutely opposed to cutting any deputy positions from the sheriffs office budget. In these days of increasing crime and dangers toward our law enforcement officers, cutting positions is extremely dangerous to all of us.

I realize your task of budgeting is difficult, but cutting deputy positions is just not an option.

Jeff Crippen  
Leaver

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Jeff Crippen, Pastor  
Christ Reformation Church  
Tillamook, Oregon

Unholy Charade  
[unholycharade.com](http://unholycharade.com)  
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**From:** Public Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 8:45 AM  
**To:** Shawn Blanchard  
**Subject:** FW: EXTERNAL: Support our Sheriff's Department

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**From:** Anthony Boatman <boatman83703@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 7:48 PM  
**To:** Public Comments <publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us>  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Support our Sheriff's Department

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Dear Commissioners:

I am submitting this letter to ask for full financial support of the Tillamook County Sheriff's Department in the upcoming budget.

This is a key issue that transcends politics, so let this Liberal Democrat state unequivocally that sufficient and well funded law enforcement is the most important service any government can provide to its community. Obedience to and enforcement of "law and order" is a vital seam in the fabric of society, and for that to happen requires financial support. I live in Bay City, and am a member of the City Council here, one of the many communities in Tillamook County which relies 100% on the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement. That level of enforcement must be maintained and strengthened, not weakened in favor of building bigger and prettier officers for the Commissioners. It's all about money, and even more it's about priorities. Support our Sheriff and his entire department! (Full Disclosure: My son is a Tillamook County Deputy Sheriff, but my support stems not from being a parent, but from being a responsible citizen.). Thank you for your consideration of my appeal.

Anthony C. Boatman  
Bay City, Oregon  
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**From:** Public Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 10:33 AM  
**To:** Erin Skaar; Mary Faith Bell; David Yamamoto; County Counsel; Rachel Hagerty; Shawn Blanchard  
**Subject:** FW: EXTERNAL: Fund the Sheriff's Office

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**From:** monte wolverton <lamo52@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 9:58 AM  
**To:** Public Comments <publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us>  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Fund the Sheriff's Office

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Dear Tillamook Board:

The Tillamook County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) new budget proposal is alarming at best. Where is the priority to the Sheriff's Office to protect the community with soaring crime and theft rates?

With the illegal drug runners going up highway 101 now reeking havoc on our neighbors and friends we need **more Sheriff's** not less. The LCSO needs new vehicles, staff and equipment, after all isn't your job above all to protect us?

In these trying times, please reevaluate the counties priorities and fund the Sheriff and protect the people!

Thank You  
Lamont Wolverton  
Member of the Sheriff's Association

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**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 10:33 AM  
**To:** Erin Skaar; Mary Faith Bell; David Yamamoto; County Counsel; Rachel Hagerty; Shawn Blanchard  
**Subject:** FW: EXTERNAL: Tillamook Budget

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Karen Matthews <gardencoachkaren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 10:03 AM  
**To:** Public Comments <publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us>  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Tillamook Budget

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Please reconsider the proposed budget for Tillamook County. The crime and civil disobedience is horrendous in our County, and we depend on law enforcement to curb the ever increasing lack of moral conduct. Drugs, homelessness, mental illness, lack of following rules is running rampant.

Recently, I have listened to news casts about big city crime issues. The reports that claim crime is not increasing are misleading. I do recognize that facts and figures are important to use for allocating public funds. But numbers can be misleading too.. Reporting of crime is definitely down. I have been verbally accosted and have had mentally ill (or drug crazed) individuals threaten me with aggressive behavior more than once this year. I did not report these incidents because our laws and system do not do anything to protect my rights. Law and order needs to increase, not decrease.

Allocating funds for offices, meeting rooms and more space is not, in my opinion, a good use of my tax money. Use the vacant commercial space available now to meet the needs of the county business. Get creative, share space with the fairgrounds or Tillamook Community College, Find alternate solutions and fund our police. While you are looking at options please do not minimize the capacity of our jails. Last time I was on Jury duty it was stated that we could only house 50% capacity. I sure hope that has changed.

Locking people up is not the only answer but it can be a deterrent if they know they are 1. being monitored, 2. at risk of not just a slap on the wrist 3. have financial penalties imposed.

Thanks for listening.

Please read outloud at the public hearing.

Respectfully

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May 5, 2023

Board of Commissioners  
Tillamook County  
201 Laurel Av  
Tillamook OR 97141

Re: 2023-24 general fund budget  
Sheriff and courthouse construction

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am responding to Sheriff Brown's recent community comments about the current budget process. I don't know the particulars of the current budget process nor do I have the expertise to suggest specific solutions.

I support consideration of innovative approaches to the clash of significant needs and not enough money to do what is needed. This is a time for collaboration and drawing on a wide range of experience and analysis.

#### Relevant History of Layoffs

In 1988, when I was District Attorney and County Counsel, the county faced a budget crunch. All the road deputies were laid off. Community policing and traffic patrols ended, except for very limited presence by the Oregon State Police and the four cities that retained their police departments. The State Police had two troopers on duty at a time for the whole county, and that was not 24 hour coverage.

The District Attorney's ability to prosecute violent crime was restricted and property crime prosecution virtually ended. Pending cases were often dismissed as laid off officers didn't show up as witnesses for trials.

The cuts were deep enough that I personally bought paper and pens so my staff could minimally carry out the District Attorney's legal duties.

The Board of Commissioners put a ballot measure on the ballot that would increase the basic property tax levy for county government. (The law has now eliminated that option.) The Board of Commissioners and other elected officials, including me, promised the voters that increase would restore resident deputies and traffic patrols. The levy passed and that contract with the voters remained in place.

We should continue to honor that contract.

### The Effects of a Layoff

Laying off deputy sheriffs is a drastic move with far-reaching consequences. Our county is a collection of small communities and neighborhoods. Resident deputies practice community policing, which is effective here.

Law enforcement work in these challenging times requires highly skilled officers who have deep knowledge of their communities. Our problems are significant and tough. Fentanyl and oxy abuse, mental illness, hunger, homelessness, abuse, neglect, domestic violence, fraud, alcoholism, suicide, and depression are epidemic. They eat at our social fabric and destroy lives.

It takes well over a year to hire, train, and mentor a good officer. The hiring pool is limited. Layoffs break that hiring and training process and inhibit the development of an outstanding officer and department.

Clever criminals exploit those weaknesses and become more successful criminals.

As a former District Attorney and Justice of the Peace, I've seen firsthand the benefits of well-trained and experienced community police officers. They benefit our community in many ways, and often do work that is unnoticed, yet vital. They are true peace makers and civil servants.

I've also seen the devastation of a layoff in a sheriff's department. The impact on victims and the community generally is brutal, far-reaching, and long-lasting.

Rather than layoffs and putting that money into construction, I urge you to consider different approaches. These decisions are tough and require imaginative and collaborative approaches, often long term.

### Replacing the Courthouse

For fifty years, we have known our 1932 courthouse is a disaster waiting to happen. It has a flat roof. It is built with unreinforced brick. Many interior walls are terra cotta, which has little structural integrity. Interior beams were built with cement that used beach sand, which contained salt. No significant retrofitting has been done.

The building will likely collapse in the next Cascadia subduction zone earthquake.

When significant state forest timber revenue began to be received in the early 1990s, we didn't significantly invest enough money into a capital reserve fund or a building fund for a new courthouse.

In the last decade, the Board of Commissioners turned down \$4 million in state grant money, to help build new Circuit Court infrastructure. To my knowledge, the county has not sought recent federal infrastructure improvement money.

I strongly support new court facilities. Our county is nearly at the bottom of the ranking of adequate Circuit Court facilities in the state. I had jury duty last year, and again experienced cramped and inadequate facilities.

Why isn't the county considering a construction bond levy for a new courthouse, rather than funding that project by laying off sheriff's deputies?

#### Conclusion

I oppose laying off sheriff's deputies.

Needed new court facilities should be funded differently, perhaps with a construction bond levy or serious allocation of timber revenues and state and federal grants.

The underlying problems have been put off for decades. We are well past the point of needing to address these long-term problems.

To quote former Commissioner Mark Labhart, "What you permit, you promote."

We should be solution oriented and innovative. As an informed and collaborative community, we can do this.

Respectfully,

*Neal Lemery*

Neal Lemery

Cc: Sheriff Brown

Treasurer Blanchard

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**From:** Public Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 1:15 PM  
**To:** Erin Skaar; Mary Faith Bell; David Yamamoto; County Counsel; Rachel Hagerty; Shawn Blanchard  
**Subject:** FW: EXTERNAL: Reduction of Sherriff deputies in Tillamook county

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**From:** John Seaver <jnsiv50@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 12:19 PM  
**To:** Public Comments <publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us>  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Reduction of Sherriff deputies in Tillamook county

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Ladies and Gentleman,

As a citizen of South Tillamook County for the last 4 ½ years I find it appalling that there is even any consideration of reducing the presence and protection provided by the county Sherriff's office. There is now not enough overall coverage as the response to emergency calls is somewhat delayed and the overall crime rate is not diminished. Particularly here in Pacific City where tourism is the mainstay of business and the constant turnover of the public from tourism leads to a great deal of outsource crime that needs to be diverted to protect the citizens. This is especially true during holidays and during the summer when the population of the area is expanded to over double from full time residents. The antics of visitor that fail to follow the laws of the State and County are a direct threat to all local residents and cannot be disregarded or overlooked.

Please consider this position when reviewing (setting) the budget for the Sherriff's Office and continue to apply our taxes to the protection of all of us from the criminal elements that don't seem to reduce but instead propagate and expand each year.

John Seaver  
34835 Lahaina Loop Rd.  
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PO Bos 726 ,Pacific City 97135  
951-237-0507

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**Subject:** FW: EXTERNAL: County seeks to cut six Deputy positions Really?

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**From:** Mike Hanratty <mhanratty78@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 10:37 AM  
**To:** Public Comments <publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us>  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: County seeks to cut six Deputy positions Really?

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County seeks to cut six TCSO Deputy positions in the recent proposed budget.

Per Sheriff Brown's report all county departments are currently involved in meetings and hearings as part of the annual budget process for the county. In the beginning of this process, the Tillamook County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) presented a powerpoint stating their Board Adopted Budget Priority Service Levels by Functioning Area. They stated that Public Safety was their number one priority for the upcoming fiscal year. We were also told that there was an expected \$1.8 million dollar budget deficit and that expected timber revenues may come up short.

All departments were asked to tighten their belts and be conservative with their budget requests. The Sheriff's Office did not ask for additional positions or funding for any major projects. They only requested two new patrol vehicles, despite the fact that they are still operating some vehicles that are more than a decade old, with several with more than 120,000 miles on them.

There are candidates currently in the background process. The hope being that with close to full-staffing, they could provide an increased level of service to our community.

Yet, in the County budget proposed by **Treasurer Shawn Blanchard and BOCC Chairperson Erin Skaar**, six currently-funded Deputy positions are to be cut by removing them from the Sheriff's Office's budget and that funding then being moved into a contingency fund controlled by BOCC and the Treasurer. This is all because YOU want to build a building for yourselves.

When the budget is tight you do NOT begin a building project. I was shocked that I did not hear about this on the weekly KUIL commissioners presentation nor in the news. I retired from the Sheriff's office after serving 23 years with Tillamook County. I was there when we were "fully staffed" and we still were short of people. The citizens of Tillamook County could not understand why it takes the Sheriff's Office so long to respond. This was "fully staffed" by one deputy north, one central, and one south. The Sheriff's Office has not been staffed fully since I retired.

Where are your priorities? A new memorial building in the names of dead and injured citizens?

It is time you look at the priorities of Tillamook County.



Unhappy citizen of Tillamook County

Mike Hanratty

Tillamook County Deputy, retired

Law Enforcement Medal of Valor Recipient

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**From:** Craig DuBois <428cobrastang@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 6, 2023 7:52 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Do not defund the TCSO

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I just read the Sheriff's letter in the Tillamook County Pioneer.  
I am amazed that you would even consider reducing the funding available to the TCSO.  
I listen to the scanner regularly and hear about the extended response times to get to a scene.  
I also hear many calls that do not get a response as the police are busy on other calls or are way out of position.

This is not an organization that should have its funding cut or reduced.  
Support the TCSO!

Craig DuBois  
Rockaway Beach

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**From:** Hydee Berger <hydee871@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 6, 2023 9:31 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Do not take money from the Sheriffs Office

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Dear Commissioners,

I am appalled and severely disappointed in your proposal to cut \$1.8 million from the Sheriffs Office budget, effectively eliminating six already-funded positions from their staff. You are taking away deputy positions at a time when they are overrun with an ever increasing rate of crime in our county. You are taking away the safety of every deputy on the road by not providing enough staff for them to have adequate backup when going into high risk calls. You are taking away a quick response to our citizens who find themselves in life and death situations. And for what? For new offices for yourselves? How absolutely shameful.

This is the community YOU live in. I would think if nothing else, out of self-interest, that you would be interested in having the highest level of staffing of deputies in our county. The Sheriffs Office has been understaffed for years. They are not asking for new positions but merely to fund the positions that have already been approved.

You must reconsider this proposal and DO NOT take even a penny from the Sheriffs Office.

Sincerely,  
Hydee Berger

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**From:** Matt Gill <mattpdx10@me.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 7, 2023 11:15 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Budget cuts

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I am against cutting the budget for the Tillamook County sheriff's office. We already have very poor coverage in Neskowin.

MATTHEW GILL  
Neskowin

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**From:** David DeSau <ddesau@embarqmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 7, 2023 12:38 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Don't harm the Sheriff's Office

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Apparently it is more important to the County Commissioners to have a fancy Offices in a new building than it is to cut 6 Deputy positions. Law Enforcement should be the number 1 priority for County Government. The citizens in South Country already seldom see the Sheriff's office down here. Defunding the police is apparently a new byword for the left. The Sheriff's Office should fully staffed - that is more important to the Citizens, and visitors to Tillamook County- than having a new modern offices for the Commissioners. It is time for all taxpayers in Tiilamook County to make their thoughts known to Erin Skaar & Shawn Blanchard . Just look at other Cities and Counties that cut law enforcement - the crime rate goes up considerably. I spent 33 years in law Enforcement and cutting Deputy positions seemed to the usual tactic of County Commissioners. The Sheriff's Office has been short handed for sometime now - and should be brought up to full staffing . We the Citizens of Tillamook County want a fully staffed Sheriff's Office rather than new fancy offices for the Commissioners. The voters have a long memory, and when it comes time to vote for Treasurer and County Commissioners we will remember what damage has been done to the Sheriff's office. The tax payers deserve a fully funded Sheriff's office for public safety. We don't want the crime that comes with defunding six positions in the Sheriff's office. Public safety is always more important than millions spent on new offices for the Commissioners . To Shawn Blanchard & Erin Skaar - the voters voted for you to do the right thing- now prove it. Otherwise in future elections you may find yourself unemployed.

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Honorable members,

I live in Portland. I have a very small property in South Tillamook.

Portland is a toilet. Enough said. If you got on a bus and toured our downtown you wouldn't consider reducing your police force.

The thought that Tillamook county would follow the path of Portland policy for a moment brings me to tears.

You don't need a better building. You need to not be Lincoln County, or any other permissive county. Be Tillamook! Be safe. Don't let crime establish itself.

A very concerned member of the community.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone