



# COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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In 2014, Columbia County residents voted to pass a 3-year jail operations levy to keep the Columbia County Jail open and to hold those that would break the law accountable in Columbia County. The original amount of the jail levy was \$0.5797 / \$1000 of assessed value. In 2017 voters approved a renewal of that levy at the same amount.

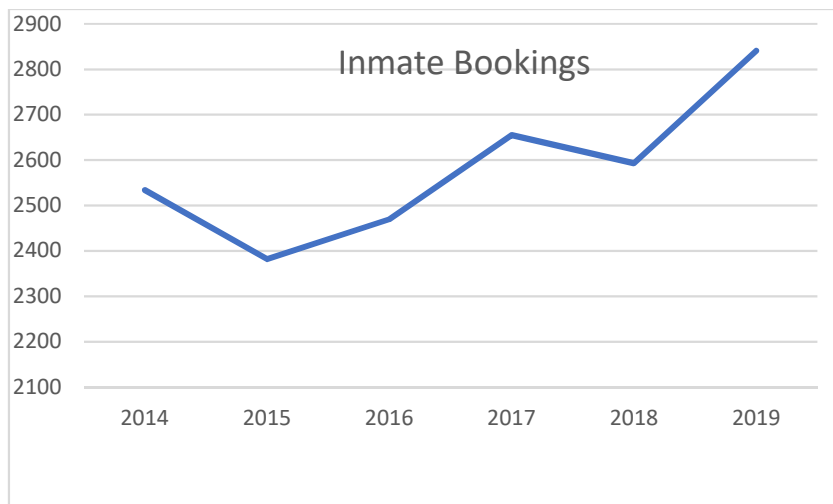
Today, we are again asking the voters of Columbia County to renew the jail levy for another 4 years at \$0.5797 / \$1000 of assessed value. In 2014, this 3-year levy raised \$7,070,656. This 4 year renewal is expected to raise \$13,374,459.

CCSO works diligently to generate additional revenue. These efforts have allowed CCSO to ask for a renewal in the levy without raising the tax amount per thousand. The Columbia County Jail continues to house US Marshall (USM) inmates, in 2017 it generated \$1,996,501 in revenue. In late 2018, we were able to renegotiate a contract with the USM and raised our rates from \$80 per day to \$92 per day. In 2019, the US Marshals bed rentals generated \$2,432,179 in revenue, an increase of \$435,678 . Unfortunately, these bed rentals are not a permanent solution because the US Marshals can stop contracting with us at any time.

In 2017, we began billing inmates and collecting \$25 per day for any sentenced inmate. Collecting these funds can be cumbersome to collect. CCSO collected \$6,360 in 2017, \$7,116 in 2018 and \$11,012 in 2019.

Prior to the 2014 jail levy, CCSO was releasing inmates due to a lack of funding. We were forced to release 582 inmates (an average of 49 per month) in 2012, 791 inmates (an average of 66 per month) in 2013, and 748 inmates (an average of 62 per month) in 2014. Since the levy took effect, we have not force released any inmates from the Columbia County Jail.

The number of inmates booked into our facility continues to grow and in 2019, we booked 2841 inmates into the Columbia County Jail with an additional 667 book and releases. That is a total of 3508 inmates booked into and released from CCJ or almost 10 inmates every day of the year. Although there have been a couple of minor dips in the amount of inmate bookings, as you can see, the general trend is continuing to go up each year.



The Columbia County Jail was opened in 2001 and, overall, remains in very good condition. We receive compliments every year that our jail is one of the best maintained jails in Oregon, but with age come facilities that need updated and new technology that needs implemented. The revenue from this jail levy pays for the costs of these capital improvements so we can continue to run a safe and legal jail facility. Below is a list of upcoming capital projects that will be needed over the next 8 years. These are in addition to our medical contracts, food contracts and personnel costs, which also increase each year.

PROJECT or ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY LEVEL
Replace Roof	\$240K-\$300K	High
Full Body Scanner	\$160K	High
Touch Screen Control Room	\$100K	High
CERT Gear	\$12K-\$15K	High
Replace Freezer/Cooler	\$40K-\$50K	Medium
Replace B-SPCL Windows	\$35K	Medium
Replace A-MED Windows	\$20K	Medium
New Transport Van	\$125K	Medium
Inmate Showers	\$50K-\$100K	Medium
Replace Kitchen Ceiling Tiles	\$5K	Medium
Kitchen Heating Table	\$5K	Medium
Add Parking Spaces	\$25K-\$35K	Medium
Additional Attorney Booth	\$95K	Low
B-SPCL Duct Work	\$10K	Low
Remodel Control Room	\$250K	Low
Carport/Charging Station	\$20K	Low
New Transport Car	\$50K	Low

**High (next 3 years)                    \$547K - \$610K**

**Medium (3-7 years)                    \$305K - \$365K**

**Low (>7 years)                        \$425K**