Elected Officials

Compensation Study

Analysis & Proposals
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- ORS Chapter 204 provides guidance in regard to compensation of County Officers, Deputies, and Other Employees.
- ORS 204.112 states that the county governing body shall appoint a county compensation board with three to five members, who are knowledgeable in personnel and compensation management.
- By Order No. 2018-083, three members were appointed in 2018. Appointments are conducted as members resign from the committee.
  - Andrew G. Biggs (American Enterprise Institute)
  - Jeremy Prinsen (City of Klamath Falls)
  - Toni Thompson (City of Klamath Falls)
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Overview of Process:

- Comparators are established by evaluating all counties based upon:
  - Population
  - General Law Counties and Comparable Home Rule Counties
- Tillamook and Lincoln Counties were unresponsive.
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### County Demographics

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<th>County</th>
<th>Population</th>
<th>Budget</th>
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• Compensation Evaluation

• On the following pages, the graphs show Klamath County’s figures compared to the Comparables’ averages as 100%.

• Standard compensation practices consider +/- 5% to be comparable match for increases when adjusting salary

• The Compensation Committee expanded this practice to consider +/- 10% to be comparable match and the historical CPI increases.
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• Klamath County Officials are evaluated against the comparators’ averages of:
  • Salary
  • Staff

• Committee Considered:
  • Each position’s actual wage increases verses CPI over the last 14 years.
  • Extreme high or low comparable wages were discussed.
  • Comparables with different FTEs were compared based upon hours worked and rates of pay.
  • The average annual salary of the comparables.
The recommendation for the Assessor is an 8% increase in lieu of a COLA for 2019-2020
- 8% will bring it to within 8.8% of average
- Fiscal Impact (unloaded) of $5,647
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County Clerk

Headcount: 4.875  
Current Annual Salary: $69,361.20

- The recommendation for the Clerk is an 5.5% increase in lieu of a COLA for 2019-2020  
  - 5.5% will bring it to within 6.7% of average  
  - Fiscal Impact (unloaded) of $3,815
The recommendation for the Commissioners is an 8.65% increase in lieu of a COLA for 2019-2020

- 8.65% will bring the wage to average
- Fiscal Impact (unloaded) of $6,154.21 per Commissioner
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State District Attorney

Headcount: 17
Current Annual Salary: $20,901

- The recommendation for the DA is a 2% COLA increase only for 2019-2020
  - The District Attorney is over the comparator Average
County Justice of the Peace

- Headcount: 1
- Current Annual Salary: $43,800

- The recommendation for the Justice of the Peace is the 2% COLA increase only for 2019-2020
- There were only two (2) responses from comparable Counties and each of the counties have such a vast difference on hours worked/way to pay/benefits that it was difficult to use them as comparables. The committee determined that the rate of pay was acceptable to not provide an additional increase above the COLA
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County Sheriff

- Headcount: 95
- Current Annual Salary: $101,141

- The recommendation for the Sheriff is a 2% COLA increase only for 2019-2020
  - The Sheriff is over the comparator average
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County Surveyor

Headcount: 0
Current Annual Salary: $18,808

- The recommendation for the Surveyor is the 2% COLA increase only for 2019-2020

- The responses from the comparable Counties have such a vast difference on hours worked/way to pay/benefits that it was difficult to use them as comparables. The committee determined that the rate of pay was acceptable to not provide an additional increase above the COLA
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County Treasurer

Headcount: 1  
Current Annual Salary: $18,541

- The recommendation for the Treasurer is the 2% COLA increase only for 2019-2020

- The responses from the comparable Counties have such a vast difference on hours worked/way to pay/benefits that it was difficult to use them as comparables. The committee determined that the rate of pay was acceptable to not provide an additional increase above the COLA
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### Summary of Pay Actions for 2018-2019 Budget Cycle

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