

July 19 Legal Counsel Update

Commissioners, during their Legal Counsel Update July 19, brought in Assessor Connie Roach and an assistant to explain to them how much money they would get if they eliminated the non-profit tax exemption. They specifically asked about Asante Three Rivers Medical Center and whether the undeveloped property Asante owns is tax exempt. Commissioners clashed with Asante during the pandemic, saying the reason they were overcrowded was not because of COVID but because they had too few beds, siding with employees who didn't want to get COVID vaccines and complaining people couldn't get Ivermectin there. Commissioner Darin Fowler accused Asante of hiding money in property and called Assante "an embarrassing partner" for the community.

Roach and her assistant said undeveloped property owned by a tax-exempt business is not tax-exempt. It has to be used for a community purpose to be tax-exempt. They also said if Commissioners lifted all tax exemptions in the county they would bring in another \$400,000, which isn't enough to fund the Sheriff's Department. DeYoung pointed out that Asante is in the city limits so even if they did take away non-profits' tax exemptions Asante wouldn't be affected. Commissioners crossed that idea off their list of possible ways to fund the Sheriff's Department.

Commission Chair Herman Baertschiger came in late, explaining he had been speaking to the Republican Women's lunch group about funding for the Sheriff. He made a point of saying Sylvia Voorhies was in attendance. Voorhies, whose family has owned the Grants Pass Daily Courier 125 years, is president of the independent newspaper company. Baertschiger said he went through all the options for funding the sheriff at the Women's luncheon, sorting them into viable and non-viable ideas. He said out of all the ideas heard during the three "listening" forums they held it still boiled down to the three options they proposed: a law enforcement levy, a law enforcement district, and a 3 percent seasonal sales tax. Other ideas, such as imposing a business license fee for marijuana growers, charging absentee property owners a registration fee, a commercial activity privilege tax, a vehicle registration fee and gas tax and a recreation activity tax were discussed and deemed either insufficient, illegal or unpopular.

Of the three viable ideas Commissioners said they've been hearing people warm up to the 3 percent sales tax as a way of sharing the burden instead of hitting property owners again. County property owners pay a base tax of just under 59 cents per thousand dollars of assessed values but they also pay a jail/juvenile justice levy, animal shelter levy and a library levy if they are in the district. In addition they pay a subscription fee if they are in a fire district.

If the seasonal sales tax passes DeYoung is still interested in dinging on-line shoppers. This week he said in addition to bringing in more revenue it would keep people from trying to avoid the tax by buying on-line. He said as he drives around town with his wife they see many out-of-state license plates on cars and he "really wants them to kind of help pay even if they only buy a can of soda pop." It is unclear whether or not the Commission would tax food.

They also discussed the logistics of enforcing a sales tax. They will offer all businesses, including Amazon, a five-percent share of the tax their sales generate but that may not guarantee

the county gets all that's coming to it. Baertschiger said enforcing the tax would be like keeping up with collecting from yard sales and lemonade stands. Fowler said the county doesn't intend to have a "retail police" and they are unsure they'd get any help from the State of Oregon because there is no state sales tax.

Fowler said while he is also warming up to the 3 percent seasonal tax Commissioner's goal should be to decide which alternative idea is "politically possible." Commissioners did acknowledge they've heard from some businesses that have very thin profit margins who said a 3 percent tax would prompt them to close or move out of the county.

"I think another thing we've heard loud and clear is they want to fix it and they don't really want to mess with a property tax at a buck-fifty. Whatever it is we land on it better be darn quick," said DeYoung.

County Counsel Wally Hicks reminded Commissioners if they decide to put a law-enforcement district on the ballot they are coming up against looming deadlines. That has to go to the county clerk by August 19, he noted.

General Discussion July 19

Grants Pass City Council President Joel King presented the results of a strategy session on homelessness held recently. He said the session defined the existing situation and target goals, then discussed the process of getting from the existing situation to the target. King brought along an 18-year-old, Sarah, who helped him read through the outcomes of the session. They were joined by Kelly Robinson, a local businessperson who attended the session.

The existing situation was defined by participants in the session as an "epidemic" caused by substance abuse and economic hardship. Solutions have to be multiple since homeless people's situations are not all the same and it will take nothing less than community leaders working together with a shared vision to make solving homelessness possible.

Commissioners made it clear they were not sharing a vision for solving homelessness with anyone. DeYoung said homeless people had already exhausted all their options to get where they are. "They've already been thrown out of the house, they couch-surfed till they got thrown out for non-conformity, so they drop into our box to do something about but they can't go home because they've been kicked out."

Baertschiger said the more you give "the more they want and the less they'll do." He said people who have tried to take in a homeless person have learned it can have a bad results after a while and "I mean really bad results." A common thread among the homeless, he said is "they no long want to participate in our civilization."

Fowler said the list of processes from the strategy session implies hope "but then there's reality." He said while the state "throws money" at social problems people in Josephine County are getting tired of "lawlessness, cannabis, human trafficking, druggies and the homeless getting away with this stuff."

Commissioners said they realize the City of Grants Pass is limited by what they can do by a court injunction that allows the homeless to “rest” in city parks because there is no low-barrier shelter for them. However, the city could just do the minimum to meet the injunction so the homeless don’t get too comfortable.

King went through all the services the city, county, non-profits and churches offer to the homeless and said other areas, such as Chico California, have set up “navigation centers” where the homeless can find a bed and connections to the social services they need in order to get out of their situations. Fowler said the government shouldn’t be in the business of helping the homeless because “they can’t be as compassionate as a church.” Then he indicated he thought the City Council in Grants Pass was too compassionate.

King took Commissioners’ comments in stride and said he’d come back in six months to revisit the issue because “we have to continue this dialogue because we can’t ignore it.” When some Commissioners brushed off the issue as impossible King said, “Well let’s declare it impossible and do it anyway.”

Winding up the discussion, King asked Sarah what, as a young person, she thought of her community now. She said she believes a campground for the homeless might help but that we need to figure out how to make Grants Pass “not fun to live in” for these people.

Fowler said he’d like clarification of the court injunction the city is under to find out if they’re doing more than they have to and told King if he finds “the silver bullet for a problem the world has been trying to solve” let them know what it is.

Weekly Business Session July 20

This short session involved some routine items which included approving a timber sale on county land, making progress on the Whitehorse Park RV lot expansion, and approving a grant agreement for the airport for a study to find out how it would fare during a massive earthquake. Commissioners complained about the taxpayer dollars going to that one but the grant does not come out of county funds.

Public comments and Commissioner responses provided the entertainment during the session.

Perennial commentators Judy Ahrens and Guenter Ambron were back with their observations. Ahrens says she’s phenomenally disappointed in Fox News so watches Newsmax but they offended her recently by recommending vaccinations. Ahrens says she gets up at 5 am to listen to “good Godly news” on American Family Radio then recommended everyone read the Epic Times (According to Media Bias Fact Check <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/the-epoch-times/> Epic Times is a Chinese publication known for spreading misinformation and promoting Trump. In 2019 Facebook took down 600 pages connected to Epic Times for promoting conspiracy theories.) for the real truth. She said according to the Epic Times the US is going to run out of gas soon because this administration is using up all our gas reserves. This is to push electric cars on us, she says and accused the county’s Transit Department of having stock in electric batteries because they have a couple of electric busses. Ambron, sending cheery greetings from the Logan Creek area, claimed 17,000 physicians are behind an effort to end the COVID national

emergency and address crimes against humanity. He read a statement, supposedly by these physicians, that accused government agencies of profiting from their orchestrated catastrophe. He too praised Epic News and said all others are aligned with the coverup and promised to provide Commissioners with evidence of this.

Commissioners DeYoung and Fowler praised Ahrens and Ambron for their good intentions and good thoughts, then used their time designated as a response to comments to voice their own gripes. DeYoung got off on a rant about gas rationing in the Carter years, said he still watches Fox where he learned only 16 percent of our population has confidence in television news while just 11 percent have confidence in newspapers. He didn't say where those numbers came from, other than Fox News. Then he complained that people would ask Commissioners to declare an emergency but "when you read between the lines in the small print we just give up authority. In the event of a medical emergency we give it up to the Public Health Director who is funded by the state. When we give it up for a drought, we go away and the state water master takes control. When we give it up for a fire emergency...we have to get conflagration from the governor and it helps cause we really need help but our authority then transfers to the Emergency Manager. And so we gotta watch that very carefully cause you say it's a good idea and maybe we'll get some money but you probably need to know what strings are attached."

Fowler went off on his own rant, repeating his views about how federal funds weren't necessary during COVID but how he didn't feel bad about taking COVID money because the federal government owed Josephine County for lost timber receipts. "Course I sleep at night knowing that the government owed us a bunch of logging money anyway cause they shut down our forests, promised us money and then never paid. After a few years they started tapering it off and so thanks a lot for that so we'll take the COVID money, you bet we will...." (Actually western senators have been trying to stabilize Secure Rural Schools funding for years but eastern senators don't believe all taxpayers should foot the bill for counties who won't raise their taxes to support themselves <https://www.naco.org/blog/sens-crapo-wyden-unveil-bill-create-srs-endowment-fund-provide-certainty-forest-counties>)

Baertschiger's comment on the comments was brief but in line with Ahrens' unfounded claims that the US will run out of gas soon. He predicted that the Biden Administration will declare an emergency in order to grab broad powers. He was interrupted by Fowler who said "Wait a minute? What if those emergencies are self-created? Baertschiger just shrugged and said it doesn't matter.

After a round of ranting in response to Ahrens' and Ambrose's comments, they morphed into Matters from Commissioners which included a long plug for the Back To The 50s celebration in downtown Grants Pass, the ODF fire map meeting and the goodbye barbecue for Parks Director Sarah Garceau.

The Bill and Herman Show

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Josephine County Commission Chair Herman Baertschiger and KMED's Bill Meyer, host of The Bill Meyer Show discussed the difficulty of getting voters to understand the need for taxpayer support of the Josephine County Sheriff's Department. Herman said one of the challenges is that Josephine County is large geographically but small regarding the number of people available to support the kind of law enforcement needed to patrol the entire county. He talked about holding a series of "listening sessions" to get voters' ideas for keeping the sheriff's department staffed but added many ideas people come up with are blocked by statutory requirements.

Herman's call-in for this show was cut short after a brief gripe session about a gun restriction measure that just qualified for the ballot and the usual Governor Brown bashing.

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Herman came on addressing his "Democrat" friends..."And for all my Democrat friends that are watching or listening today so they can transcribe our radio show, come on you folks, you gotta be kidding me."

Bill – You know it's an interesting time where we find ourselves. The one thing I would caution though, isn't it a little premature for Republicans to just be crowing about, hey red wave, red wave, red wave. Isn't that a little bit counterproductive some ways? What do you think about that? As a former ORP Chair? I'm a little concerned about that. I hear so much of that and I wonder how much of this has put Republicans-to-sleep talk? Just sayin'.

Herman – Well, you know the Democrats are out there gathering up voters. Obviously they probably got most of the LGBT vote. And, you know, they're gonna make some effort at getting all the legal immigrants signed up to vote but I don't know if that'll necessarily work. Ahhhum, the Latinos have more in common with Republicans than they do Democrats, let me tell ya.

Bill – Well, they're certainly more socially conservative. The typical Latino, wait a minute, did I just commit a crime? Am I supposed to say Latinex? Or Latinx?

Herman – Umm, yeah, whatever.

Bill – Ok, Latino. Alright. The typical Latino voter is generally more socially conservative than your typical Democrat rank and file. I think we can all agree on that pretty much. Socially conservative. Socially conservative. But does that necessarily mean that they are in favor of Republicans? I guess that's the question too. That we have to be asking ourselves within the party and political sphere.

Herman – You, you know Bill, I work with a lot of Latinos and I'm gonna say Latino cause that's what they say.

Bill – Ok.

Herman – So I'm gonna say that. Um, they're very religious, they're Catholic. They don't like abortion. They're not real warm and fuzzy with the LGBT, they love being independent business people. It's amazing, whether they're selling strawberries on the corner or doing whatever they love the ability to run their own business. And that doesn't fit the Democrat narrative. It just doesn't.

Bill – Well then let's hope we see some shifting in the voting demographics here in the state of Oregon because we certainly need some help. We really do. This state really needs some help to pull back up from the abyss. It seems like the green push is really designed to shut down western civilization. It's looking that way to me.

Herman – Well, it is. You know Obama talked about a big change and it's definitely going that way. Just also a footnote that I have picked up working with this group of people, they hate paying taxes cause in Mexico or the other Latin countries they don't pay taxes. Ok? They don't pay income taxes. So when they get their paycheck and they see that they get really, really upset about it. So, umm, it's interesting. But, you know, I think there's a little bit of desperation with the Democrats. I mean obviously Biden is an embarrassment. Here's the most powerful man in the world and he can't even tie his shoes in the morning.

Bill – When you have a party that is essentially a cornered rat right now...that's kinda the way I would look at the national and even state Democratic Party. Kind of a cornered rat in some ways? I wouldn't put mean tactics passed them though. That's my only warning. My only warning, and I'm still not thinking that the open holes in the voting system nationally from 2020 have been plugged yet. Do you? With the problem of the vote?

Herman – And you're gonna see, like this homeless situation, they want these homeless camps, they want to congregate these homeless people and they're gonna send some of their folks in there to get em registered to vote. And I was talking to the county clerk. They do not have to have an address. They can say Riverside Park Grants Pass is my residence and then I just get my mail general delivery at the Post Office. That qualifies them to vote.

Bill – Hmmm. Ok. So that might be a growing constituency for Josephine County's Democratic Party members there. Well, no wonder they're so much in favor of the homeless encampment. Ok, gosh. Nothing to track down, no permanent address. Gosh, they could probably be registered in several other homeless encampments around the country, depending on where you go. I'm just half kidding about that Herman. Just sayin'.

Herman – And you know I've got to check out, the next time I'm at the Post Office, I've gotta talk to the Postmaster. When they come and pick up their mail general delivery do they have to provide a photo ID? Or they can just come up and say I'm John Jones, I'm here to pick up my mail.

Bill – Ahh, photo ID is racist. We know that now. We've been told this for quite some time.

Herman – Well, don't you think that's an interesting question though?

Bill – I think it would be an interesting question and I can't wait to hear the answer Herman. And speaking of the homeless encampment how is the Grants Pass latest tourist attraction, part of sustainable tourism. Ha ha ha ha...I'm sorry I'm being a little sarcastic. My sarcasm just knows no bounds this morning Herman. Waddaya say?

Herman – Well, you know I think the City Council really stepped in it, especially such a split vote. And the other thing is the state's gonna funnel the money through AllCare. How much money is AllCare gonna, you know how much are they gonna keep for administrative costs, you know the whole thing with the Democrats being in total control of the state they have the ability to fund taxpayers money to their friends. It's just how it works Bill. Republicans could probably do the same thing if they were in charge.

Bill – Yeah they would. I bet if you go into Texas you'd find taxpayer money going to Republican friendly businesses as it were. Why don't we shift out of this because the homeless situation on the west coast at least seems to be intractable. I mean we're enduring and suffering under the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals precedence both within the Grants Pass lawsuit and with the city of Boise and I've noticed there are other states, like Missouri for example here Commissioner, that are cracking down on homeless sleeping in public and around here we're kinda tiptoeing around and having to do everything we can to accommodate it. It doesn't appear we're gonna fix that anytime soon does it?

Herman – No, and it's liberal managed cities that you find the homeless problem, I mean they'd like you to think it's everywhere in the United States that's simply not the truth. It seems to be more prevalent on cities that are managed by liberals.

Bill – Yeah. Why don't we shift gears here right now because I know Josephine County's Commission has been having public meetings these last few days because everyone's trying to figure out the sheriff's department funding, the dollars don't look good. By 2023 you're going to have to cut down law enforcement presence in Josephine County unless something changes, unless there's another funding stream. How did the meetings go. I know the one that you had in Cave Junction the other night last week was not all that well attended and you were also mentioning people wanted to tax all sorts of things that you're just not allowed to tax. What's the latest. What'd we get from the last two?

Herman – Ok. Here's what we've got. We've got a law enforcement district, we've got a traditional levy, we've got the 3 percent sales tax and we've had em talk about charging people that own property that don't live here...

Bill – Yeah the absentee fee. And I would have person after person from Josephine Count writing tax the pot, tax the pot and I keep writing back to them saying you can't do it. Right? And I think people need to hear that from you again. Right? Loud and clear. Not allowed to touch it. Right?

Herman – Exactly. You know? And then we've had the vehicle registration fees. Now here's what we found out. The marijuana is a non-starter because the legislature pre-empted it and they're in total control over the regulation of taxation of marijuana. So stop. We're done there.

The gas tax. Our Constitution says that has to be used for roads. You can kind of stretch it into using it for patrol a little bit but definitely it's limited to three cents so it doesn't even come close to fixing the hole. Uh, registration fees, um, again it doesn't come close to fixing the hole, plus we'd have to share it with the cities unless we come to an agreement.

Bill – So, this would be like an additional fee. Like I just got my renewal for my car, it's 138 bucks. Maybe in Josephine County it would be 165 bucks, you know that kind of thing. Is that what you're proposing? What they're thinking about?

Herman – Yeah. So we're kinda down to what I call realistic solutions. As of today, and I'm not...I still got an open mind...but as of today we're down to the law enforcement district, traditional levy and the 3 percent sales tax.

Bill – Ok. Between them I wonder which one would have the most political support?

Herman – Well, I think from the voters I'm starting to feel that the 3 percent sales tax. Because people feel that everybody...it's not just put on the burden on the land owners. Ok?

Bill – There is something to be said for that. Because, yeah, you have all sorts of people that...then what you're going to hear though is you'll probably get complaints from people who say (in high voice) 'Commissioners, I'm on a fixed income!' Of course I would say that's practically all of us, I mean how many of us can go out there and get another side hustle on top of everything else we do. But be that as it may you might hear that complaint too.

Herman – Well you hear that. You might also hear complaints from the businesses, Ok? That are going to have to implement this.

Bill – And they're going to have to collect it and remit it. Right? They're going to have to be in charge of that.

Herman – Right. And then your gonna probably hear from the Oregon Taxpayers Association saying, 'Hey we don't have sales tax in Oregon and this is the camel's nose under the tent,' so they may come out against it. Ok?

Bill – Well, I wanted to give you a little inside baseball. You know, one of my clients, you know Jay Austin, they have a store in Grants Pass and in Ashland too for that matter. They're not in Medford because Ashland and Grants Pass were more business friendly then the city of Medford. That's what they told me a number of years ago. And the margin that you have on precious metal sales, it's a very thin margin and if you were to put a 3 percent tax on that, he says that he says they would probably have to move elsewhere. Move outside of that taxing district for that reason because it would probably make his business very uncompetitive to the Jackson County stores.

Herman – That's correct and the gross receipts tax the state passed a few years ago hit em pretty hard too. Since their margin is so small it hit em pretty hard.

Bill – Yeah because a lot of these things they're very small margins. Grocery stores are actually low margin, gasoline sellers are technically very low markup on it and you know you have these

situations where they're hoping you go in and buy a Snickers bar and various other things and that's where a lot of the money ends up being made.

Herman – That's right. So we haven't heard from that group yet but I think we're gonna hear from them.

Bill – Yeah, I would imagine. So you're thinking politically there's probably more support on the 3 percent sales tax but you know the business community is going to wake up a scream. You do understand that. Right?

Herman – And I think people up north are gonna scream cause they you know you start this in Josephine County its gonna start spreading across the state. You know we, the legislature I want to say the number's 11 times, tried to do sales tax 11 times but it was defeated. And Oregon's strange about sales tax. It's like pumping your own gas. It's just one of those phenomenas...

Bill interrupts – ...you just don't find anywhere else. Let me ask you this then. How about, (sighs) I hate to bring this up cause I'm not a fan of it, but you know the City of Medford, they're getting involved and they just impose utility fees on people. They every talk about doing something like that where for every resident, for every business, you just impose a law enforcement fee? Because you know, fees are now doing the job of taxes in the city of Medford, City of Jacksonville, elsewhere. And I hate it but I have to tell you this seems to be the growing trend.

Herman – Yes it does Bill. The other problem that we're having is that we're in this crazy inflation...don't let em think it's 8 or 9 percent. It's probably 12 or 13 because when they figure in the inflation rate they take out food and energy.

Bill – Yeah they take out food and energy, everything which is actually going up. Government likes to make those stats look better. We do understand that.

Herman – But my point is, as Milton Freeman said, inflation isn't good for anyone. And all the cities, counties, municipalities are going to be wanting more money because inflation is eating us up. You know I gave a symposium to our directors last year before this happened cause my prediction was it was gonna happen and I told em to prepare for it and some of them poo pooped me and they're comin' to me and they're going 'My god you were right!' It's killing us. And the only thing government can do in an inflationary economy is one, reach out for more money however it may be, or two, get rid of people. That's it. There's two choices. That's all you got Bill.

Bill – I will tell you, knowing the character of Josephine County and where they tend to go and stuff like that I'm not advocating this. But just say, you might be prepping for losing people. Honestly. You know, in that department.

Herman – You know we lived through that with Simon Hare and Simon Hare had to give out 200 and some pink slips at one time.

Bill – I know. I remember.

Herman – You know I sure hope this voting season that people really start paying attention. The citizens are not stupid. However, many of em don't take the time to get educated on the issues. That is a big problem for us.

Bill – And I have a feeling when they're voting this year they're probably going to be voting and thinking about their pocketbooks. Or their, you know, their finances. And whether or not they think they would like to keep law enforcement going or a city budget in better shape, or county budget or whether they wanted to continue building the amazing water park in Medford whatever the case may be, whatever kind of projects are on board here in inflationary times I think people are going to be looking to just kind of pull their horns in right now. I don't think they have any choice. They're looking out for their own personal financial interest. Not necessarily what they would like to see happen. Yeah they would like to see everybody get their pony and get funded and have enough cops on the road. Maybe a lot of people think that's Ok I'm going to go buy myself a shotgun and a bunch of shells and if there's no law enforcement, Ok we'll have to take care of business at home, I guess. Maybe that's it.

Herman – Yeah, you know I've always set law enforcement aside. I've always looked at it as the number one thing government can do to protect the citizens

Bill – But it is one of the most expensive services to provide, that and fire protection. Both of them. Very expensive.

Herman – Very expensive. But I will tell you there's a thing we call economics. It's a reaction lag time. And that's what we're seeing with folks right now. It's gonna take six months to a year, this grueling inflation for it to sink down in people's minds and say 'hey you know I can't drive as much as I used to or I can't to eat the way we used to or I can't afford to go out and eat.' It takes a while but we're starting to enter into that.

Bill – I would agree with that. I was talking with Ron, Ron Gordon over at Edward Jones about this and when you first start the inflationary trend for the first few months, maybe even a year or so a lot of demand from the future gets drawn forward and what you're saying Ok, I see the price of cars going up 10 percent a year so I'm gonna buy one right now, you know that kind of thing. You buy one right now so you think you're gonna save money on it cause you're gonna need a car or I'm gonna take a vacation now because in the future that vacation's gonna be even more expensive because of the fuel. But then after a while when people start realizing this may be more permanent...by the way it was a year ago when Joe Biden first talked about this inflation being temporary or transitory kinda thing, but once people start figuring out it's gonna be longer term they start changing their purchasing patterns, That's just what happens. It really does.

Herman – Absolutely. And I will tell you we're starting to see that right now. People are starting to really feel it. Hey I wanna say something about Marc Seligman. He brought up a very good point which I was in total agreement with....

Bill – Mark who?

Herman – Seligman.

Bill – Oh Seligman. Normally you and he are at loggerheads all the time in Jo County. But you're actually saying he said something right? What's up with that?

Herman – Well yes, and he did, he said there are many people in Josephine County on a fixed income that don't have very much discretionary income and he's right! I mean I've looked at the statistics and we do have a lotta folks that only have a couple hundred dollars a month of discretionary income. And so when you tax those people more the only place they can get it is their discretionary income.

Bill – So if all of a sudden you're making your discretionary income purchases 3 percent more expensive in the summer that's gonna be rough on them won't it? Won't it be?

Herman – You know compounded with all the other craziness going on

Bill – All right...

Herman – I mean you can buy a pizza now you go buy a large pizza it's almost \$50 Bill.

Bill – I know, I've ordered those Ok? Point well taken. Interesting times here in Josephine County, Jackson County and everywhere else here. I appreciate the update. And uh let me know...now we're down to the last three ideas to fund sheriff. Is it going to be up to the Commissioners then to put something on the ballot. Or not. Has that decision been made,

Herman – We are going to put something on the ballot and we'll be making that decision in August. But we're still in the listening mode and we're still taking people's comments. That's what we're gonna base our decision. It's not gonna necessarily be what we want. It's what we feel is most palatable to the citizens.

Bill – What is the best choice out of a bunch of bad ones. Right?

Herman – You know, that's pretty good. That's it. I mean go back to my original two questions: what kind of law enforcement do you want in Josephine County and how much you're willing to pay for it. That's the question to the citizens.