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2025 Deschutes County Legislative Priorities

Department: 9-1-1

Priorities:

- EMS Modernization

Department: BOCC

Priorities:

- Discussion about legislative change to allow managed homeless camps in the unincorporated county; legislative changes that could assist the proposal on the Gales' property
- Measure 118 Position
 - Sales tax on gross receipts of businesses with more than \$25 million in annual sales
 - Oregon Business and Industry oppose
- Legislative fix to create a "used system" path for Orenco ATT septic systems (Commissioner DeBone)
 - DEQ
- CORE3
- Cannabis Advisory Panel requirements

Department: CDD

Priorities:

- ADUs
 - There are structural inconsistencies with how other residential properties are regulated
 - ADUs in high hazard areas must be fire armed
 - ADUs in Wildland-Urban Interfaced (WUI) are subject to defensible space
 - ADU clarification language on attached/shared wall vs, standalone structures
- Cost of appealing a land use decision does not cover the cost of a hearing
 - Currently it costs a flat fee of \$250 to appeal a land use decision
 - Previously CDD could pass the fees onto the applicant for cost of hearing
 - Recommending fee should be raised to an amount that reflects the actual cost of hearing
- NFIP/Endangered Species Act Implementation
 - Implementing clear and objective standards (legislative clarification)
 - Changes to ORS 197A.400
- DEQ's onsite wastewater management program is conducting a rulemaking to address legislative recommendations, enhance environmental protection in high-risk areas, and to modernize and clarify existing rule language.

Department: Community Justice

Priorities:

- Community Corrections/Parole & Probation Funding
- Diversion and treatment options for Juveniles with possession of controlled substances as defined in HB 2002
- Adolescent Behavioral Health – Residential Resources
- Opening up the Diversion state pass through dollars to be used with non-adjudicated youth, as well as adjudicated youth at county's discretion.
- Impacts Grants “Governor’s request for \$15 Million”
- \$2 Million for Juvenile Justice Information System Modernization
- Aid & Assist
- Medical Examiner System Workgroup
- Community Corrections
 - Cost study

Department: District Attorney’s Office

Priorities:

- Discovery costs

Department: Finance

Priorities:

- CAFFA Funding
 - Additional funding for assessing taxation to provide essential services
 - Possibly withhold a small % of taxes to pay for the services
- HB 4056 – Foreclosed properties (Finance & Property Management)
 - Support HB 4056 DOR Workgroup Letter
 - What are the requirements? – Need clarification
 - Support two separate bills, look back and looking forward
 - State housed one website (new concept) vs each County hosted website
 - Dept of Treasury taking on an active role in the process
 - County does not have the funds for any potential reimbursement – State needs to provide the funds for look backs
 - Consistent guidelines

Department: Health Services – Behavioral Health

Priorities:

- Funding for Health Services programming
 - Including deflection and stable funding for crisis services
- OAR changes related to credentialing and who can perform specific BH work
- HB 4002 implementation
 - Deflection dollars coming in
- Child Psychiatric Services in Deschutes County

Department: Health Services – Public Health

Priorities:

- Public Health modernization including investments at the local level

Department: Road

Priorities:

- Transportation Funding Package
 - Protect 50-30-20 State Highway Fund Allocation
 - Account for significant inflation since 2017 (HB 2017)
- SRS and PILT Advocacy (Federal)

Department: Natural Resources

Priorities:

- Wildfire hazard maps
 - WUI

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