

Lake County has a 2.9M Capital Construction request for Lake County law enforcement which includes a new Annex for Christmas Valley, which is almost 2 hours from our county seat and serves as a work station for our county employees as well as a place for community members to visit county officials. Also within the request will include a feasibility study for a justice center as well as other equipment such as bullet proof vests, body cameras, and other improvements for our law enforcement that the County could never afford otherwise.

SB 780 and HB 2304 also known as fairgrounds bills providing one percent funding. The Lake County fairgrounds are a huge local economic boost to our county. By improving facilities and bringing our facilities up to date would peek interest and business locally as well as give the County a sense of pride with quality facilities to offer. The current funding level pays for 2/3 of a maintenance worker position and the fairgrounds desperately needs funding to keep up with ongoing facility repair and replacement demands.

SB 777 Wolf Compensation is extremely important. The continued numbers of wolves and incidents increase yearly here in Lake County. By providing funding for this program, we can better control wolves by investing more in preventative measures and encourage ranchers to report death loss and recoup losses of livestock killed by wolves.

The Town of Lakeview has requested a \$650 k capital construction request for funding casing and repairs on three different geothermal wells. Two of the wells which support our remote care hospital and public schools, were recently re-drilled but there was not enough money to case what they accomplished. The third well supports our local community swim pool and needs funding for casing and equipment upgrades. This pool is one of the few recreational activities for local children during the hot summer months. The hot geothermal water is used for heating buildings and the outdoor public pool. These wells also generate funding for the Town of Lakeview. Without them functioning properly, they cannot charge for the use of the geothermal energy.

HB 3114 focused on the study of water that supports Lake Abert and the Chewaucan marshes has been a very good collaborative effort to date. The additional funding to continue research and study the water flow system in Lake County would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, I remind you to support the 50-30-20 split for transportation plan for Oregon with the emphasis on 30% going to counties. Lake County has over 730 miles of roads to service and this funding is critical to our operations. We do not construct any new roads and do not pave any current gravel roads. We use the funding for maintenance and preventative work to preserve the current road systems that we have.