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**From:** tara kottre <jtj96@live.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2023 6:34 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Reducing funds for Pice officers

[NOTICE: This message originated outside of Tillamook County -- DO NOT CLICK on links or open attachments unless you are sure the content is safe.]

Dear County Commissioners,

I am writing to you today to ask that you not cut funding for Sheriff Officers in Tillamook County.

Portland continues to bus homeless and mentally challenged people to our community. We are becoming the dumping grounds for Portland. It is sad to see how much of a problem this is becoming for our community. Our suicide rates are climbing and our crime rate is increasing. Our drug problem is showing up everywhere. The last thing we need is our law enforcement to not be increased or even reduced.

In the past, it was not the best, but possible, for an officer to patrol alone. It is no longer, in any way, safe for an officer to do so.

If you would rather have a new building to do business in and give yourselves a raise, perhaps you should consider riding in a patrol car to give these officers the backup they need.

We keep seeing our leaders turning their backs on the people they serve. Don't let that happen here. Turning this country around needs to start somewhere. You can decide if it starts here or if we continue to fall into the mess that Portland is currently.

We want our Police officers and we want a safe community. We are tired of seeing our community go down hill under your watch.

Tara Kottre

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**From:** Angie Doty <howdydotys@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 12:39 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Budget Cuts to the Sheriff Department

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to voice my concern for the proposed budget cuts to the Tillamook County Sheriff Department. Tillamook County covers 1,333 square miles and in many cases the Tillamook County Sheriff is the only law to contact and cover issues.

Rockaway Beach discontinued their police department and contracted with the Sheriff's Office for police coverage. While the Sheriff's office has been doing its best to honor their contract, we have been shorted ever since. Hope is on the horizon as they have candidates to fill the much needed positions. And, now you propose to reduce coverage even further! The Sheriff's Office does what it can, but it sounds like their hands may be tied should budget cuts occur.

Rockaway is not the only town dependent upon the Sheriff's Department for police assistance. There are many many small communities that do not have a police force active in their locale.

has been rumored you will be using the money shifted from the Sheriff's Department for a new building and state of the art equipment. Is that really needed over the safety of the local citizens and your constituents?

Please do NOT cut the budget of our Sheriff's Department and leave law abiding citizens vulnerable to criminals who would suddenly find Tillamook County a paradise for criminal activity!

Respectfully,  
Angie Doty  
Rockaway Beach

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**From:** Chris McClure <51clure@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 12:56 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Fwd: Fund Sheriffs Dept

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Dear Budget Committee,

Please do not cut Sheriff and Deputy positions. We need more of them with what goes on in our county with increased traffic, crime and vehicle accidents. Now we have more issues with homelessness and trespassing. We need them...they keep us safe.

Thank you.

Chris McClure

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--Chris McClure

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice.

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**From:** Lisa Greiner <lisamwhitman@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 1:38 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Sheriff's Office budget

**[NOTICE: This message originated outside of Tillamook County -- DO NOT CLICK on links or open attachments unless you are sure the content is safe.]**

Dear Commissioners and Tillamook County Budget Committee,

I am disappointed to hear that the Commissioners/Budget Committee are proposing budget cuts to the Sheriff's Office for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Regardless of how it is phrased or explained, you are proposing a reduction to the direct bottom line of the TCSO budget starting with the upcoming fiscal year.

I am acutely aware of the Sheriff's Office struggle to be fully staffed in the last few years. Like many law enforcement agencies around the country, the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office has seen a decline in potential and qualified candidates in recent years. This is in part due to the public's negative perception of law enforcement spurred by social media and the mainstream media. The hiring process is one of the lengthiest in the workforce, consisting of written and physical testing, interview panels, psychological testing, and background checks. A process that can take months and many initially seemingly-qualified candidates don't pass. The Sheriff's Office has a number of candidates currently in this process, a direct result of the TCSO's targeted marketing campaign and recruiting strategy.

Commissioner Yamamoto: You ran your campaign for Commissioner on three values – Life, Health, Safety. And you've continued to state those values over your years of service. I'm shocked that you don't see the effects to life, health, and safety with this proposed budget cut. Not only the life, health, and safety of the community and our visitors, but the life, health, and safety of our current law enforcement officers. Sure, the TCSO has been able to maintain a level of service to the community, but at what cost? Burn out? Hundreds of thousands of dollars in overtime? Lowered mental health, resulting in lowered physical health? This is not healthy or safe for anyone.

I am strongly urging the Board of Commissioners and the Budget Committee to consider and adopt Commissioner Bell's proposed solution to this situation. In lieu of moving funds from the Sheriff's Office to the Contingency Fund, move funds allocated in the Building Fund back to the General Fund, to then add to the Contingency Fund. My understanding is these funds are allocated for the new courthouse Annex building, which the location of is still in question, meaning the need for these funds is still in the future.

Thank you for your time,  
Lisa Greiner