

# Local

## Election

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Other election results from across Baker County are as follow:

Votes followed by Percent

**Democrat**  
 President  
 Hillary Clinton 493 37.46  
 Bernie Sanders. 743 56.46  
 Write-In 80 6.08  
 Total 1,316  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 90

US Senator  
 Ron Wyden 1,022 78.49  
 Paul B Weaver 79 6.07  
 Kevin H Stine 183 14.06  
 Write-In 18 1.38  
 Total 1,302  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 104

US Representative in Congress, District 2  
 James (Jim) Crary 861 96.96  
 Write-In 27 3.04  
 Total . 888  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 518

Governor  
 Kate Brown 881 70.20  
 Julian Bell 87 6.93  
 Chet Chance 26 2.07  
 Kevin M Forsythe 62 4.94  
 Dave Stauffer 75 5.98  
 Steve Johnson 89 7.09  
 Write-In 35 2.79  
 Total 1,255  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 151

Secretary of State  
 Richard Devlin. 313 28.40  
 Brad Avakian . 416 37.75  
 Val Hoyle 352 31.94  
 Write-In 21 1.91  
 Total 1,102  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes . 304

State Treasurer

Tobias Read 904 97.73  
 Write-In 21 2.27  
 Total 925  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 481

Attorney General  
 Ellen Rosenblum 946 98.75  
 Write-In 12 1.25  
 Total 958  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 448

State Senator, 30th District  
 Stormy Gayle Ray 377 39.60  
 W Mark Stringer 554 58.19  
 Write-In 21 2.21  
 Total 952  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 454

State Representative, 60th District  
 No Candidate Filed 0  
 Write-In. 66 100.00  
 Total 66  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 1,340

County Commissioner, Position 1  
 No Candidate Filed 0  
 Write-In. 235 100.00  
 Total 235  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 1,171

**Republican**  
 President  
 Ted Cruz. 680 19.11  
 John R Kasich 471 13.24  
 Donald J Trump 2,330 65.49  
 Write-In 77 2.16  
 Total 3,558  
 Over Votes 1  
 Under Votes 156

US Senator  
 Sam Carpenter 1,106 39.83  
 Mark Callahan 1,017 36.62  
 Faye Stewart 354 12.75  
 Dan Laschober 267 9.61  
 Write-In 33 1.19  
 Total 2,777  
 Over Votes 2  
 Under Votes 936

US Representative in Congress, District 2  
 Paul J Romero Jr 665 19.30  
 Greg Walden 2,772 80.44  
 Write-I 9 .26  
 Total 3,446  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 269

Governor  
 Bruce Cuff 616 19.11  
 Bob Niemeyer 330 10.24  
 Bob Forthan 43 1.33  
 Bud Pierce 1,238 38.40  
 Allen Alley 969 30.06  
 Write-In. 28 .87  
 Total 3,224  
 Over Votes 3  
 Under Votes 488

Secretary of State  
 Dennis Richardson 2,503 82.77  
 Sid Leiken 500 16.53  
 Write-In 21 .69  
 Total 3,024  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 691

State Treasurer  
 Jeff Gudman 2,391 98.72  
 Write-In 31 1.28  
 Total 2,422  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 1,293

Attorney General  
 Daniel Zene Crowe 2,188 98.96  
 Write-In 23 1.04  
 Total 2,211  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 1,504

State Senator, 30th District  
 Ted Ferrioli 2,798 98.76  
 Write-In 35 1.24  
 Total 2,833  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 882

State Representative, 60th District  
 Cliff Bentz 2,876 99.00  
 Write-In 29 1.00  
 Total 2,905  
 Over Votes 1  
 Under Votes 809

County Commissioner, position 1

Bruce Nichols 1,684 46.95  
 Jeff Nelson 249 6.94  
 Kody Justus 1,646 45.89  
 Write-In 8 .22  
 Total 3,587  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 128

**Independent**  
 President  
 No Candidate Filed 0  
 Write-In 144 100.00  
 Total 144  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 114

US Senator  
 Steven C Reynolds 64 44.14  
 Marvin Sandnes. 29 20.00  
 Write-In 52 35.86  
 Total 145  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 113

US Representative in Congress, District 2  
 No Candidate Filed 0  
 Write-In 71 100.00  
 Total 71  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 187

Governor  
 Patrick Barney. 46 28.93  
 Cliff Thomason. 52 32.70  
 Write-In 61 38.36  
 Total 159  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 99

Secretary of State  
 Paul Damian Wells 113 70.63  
 Write-In 47 29.38  
 Total 160  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 98

State Treasurer  
 Chris Telfer . 127 81.41  
 Write-In 29 18.59  
 Total . 156  
 Over Votes . 0  
 Under Votes . 102

Attorney General  
 No Candidate Filed 0  
 Write-In 57 100.00  
 Total 57  
 Over Votes 0

Under Votes 201  
 State Senator, 30th District  
 No Candidate Filed 0  
 Write-In 57 100.00  
 Total 57  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 201

State Representative, 60th District  
 No Candidate Filed 0  
 Write-In 56 100.00  
 Total 56  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 202

County Commissioner, Position 1  
 No Candidate Filed . 0  
 Write-In 89 100.00  
 Total 89  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 169

**Nonpartisan**  
 Judge of the Supreme Court, Position 4  
 Rives Kistler . 3,245 99.08  
 Write-In 30 .92  
 Total 3,275  
 Over Votes 1  
 Under Votes 2,560

Judge of the Supreme Court, Position 5  
 Jack L Landau 3,247 99.27  
 Write-In 24 .73  
 Total 3,271  
 Over Votes. 0  
 Under Votes 2,565

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Pos. 2  
 Rebecca Duncan 3,257 9.36  
 Write-In 21 .64  
 Total 3,278  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 2,558

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Pos. 3  
 Darleen Ortega. 3,305 99.25  
 Write-In 25 .75  
 Total 3,330  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 2,506

Judge of the Court of Ap-

peals, Pos. 7  
 Meagan A Flynn. 3,311 99.37  
 Write-In 21 .63  
 Total 3,332  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 2,504

District Attorney, Baker County  
 Matt Shirtcliff 4,037 96.65  
 Write-In. . . 140 3.35  
 Total . 4,177  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 1,659

County Assessor  
 Kerry B Savage. 4,097 99.22  
 Write-In 32 78  
 Total 4,129  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 1,707

County Surveyor  
 Tom Hanley 4,136 99.23  
 Write-In 32 77  
 Total 4,168  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 1,668

1-70 Library District Baker County Library District  
 Yes 4,586 83.09  
 No 933 16.91  
 Total 5,519  
 Over Votes 1  
 Under Votes 316

1-67 Weed Control  
 Yes 3,967 72.87  
 No 1,477 27.13  
 Total 5,444  
 Over Votes 1  
 Under Votes 391

1-68 Vector Control Vector Control District  
 Yes 3,036 74.96  
 No 1,014 25.04  
 Total 4,050  
 Over Votes 1  
 Under Votes 288

1-69 City of Sumpter  
 Yes 33 37.93  
 No 54 62.07  
 Total 87  
 Over Votes 0  
 Under Votes 3

# County Compensation Board approves raises

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Martin also provided the Board with wage information (as of July 1, 2015) for non-represented personnel. This included: Managers (Weed, Facilities, Juvenile, Parks, Trial Court Administrator), from \$46,416 (Grade G, Range 15, Step 1), to \$56,376 annually (Grade G, Range 15, Step 5); Assistant Roadmaster, from \$48,708 (Grade H, Range 16, Step 1), to \$59,220 (Grade H, Range 16, Step 5); IT Director, HR Manager/Executive Assistant, Emergency Management/Projects, Patrol/Parole & Probation/Jail Lieutenants, from \$51,168 (Grade J, Range 17, Step 1), to \$62,244 (Grade J, Range 17, Step 5). Grade J, Range 17 also includes advanced Steps and pay scales for certain positions; Administrative Services Director, Deputy

District Attorney II, from \$53,712 (Grade K, Range 18, Step 1), to \$65,316 (Grade K, Range 18, Step 5); and Roadmaster, Deputy District Attorney I, from \$56,376 (Grade L, Range 19, Step 1), to \$68,616 (Grade L, Range 19, Step 5). Other pay scales include Grade M, Range 20, Step 1 (\$59,220), to Grade M, Range 20, Step 5 (\$72,048), and Grade O, Range 20, Step 1 (\$68,616), to Grade O, Range 20, Step 5 (\$83,352). Neither range included any listed personnel.

Beuhler asked Martin how the pay ranges were formed, and she said that a consultant was hired in 2000, to assess the values of positions, to form job descriptions, and to determine those ranges.

Martin discussed a list of salaries for City supervisors, provided to her by Baker City Human

Resource Manager/City Recorder Luke Yeaton. This included (base pay, to Step 5): City Manager, from \$0 to \$110,000 (annual base pay, up to Step 4--Martin explained the zeroing out on Step 5 is probably due to \$6,592; Fire Chief, from \$5,633, to \$6,592; Chief of Police, from \$5,633, to \$6,592; City Recorder/HR Manager, from \$3,420, to \$4,002; Building Official, from \$4,515, to \$5,284; City Engineer/Project Manager, from \$4,515, to \$5,284; Assistant Fire Chief (three personnel), from \$4,776, to \$5,589; Operations Supervisor, from \$4,300, to \$5,032; Shop Supervisor, from \$4,300, to \$5,032; Technical Administrative Supervisor, from \$4,300, to \$5,032; Construction Engineering, from \$4,300, to \$5,032; and Police Lieutenant, from \$4,800, to \$5,839.

Martin provided the

Board with an Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) Elected Officials Salary Survey, compiled in late December, for Baker, Lake, Malheur, Union, Wallowa, Curry, Crook, Jefferson, and Morrow counties, as an overview, to use to compare salaries and benefits.

According to Baker County's responses (Martin completed the county's survey), the form of government implemented in the County is General Law (other options were County Court, and Home Rule); the annual County budget (as of December 2015) was \$25,720,687; there are 140 FTEs (full-time equivalent employees) in the County, with 115 enrolled in PERS; the County pays employees' 6% PERS contribution for elected officials (the City does the same); elected officials do not receive deferred compensation contribution, or

401(k); elected officials do not receive longevity pay; elected officials do not receive paid leave; elected officials do not receive a car allowance; elected officials do receive a cell phone allowance, a \$30 monthly reimbursement, with proof of coverage; the County contributes towards elected officials' medical insurance (County pays 95%, elected officials pay 5% of the total premium for medical, dental, and vision); the County contributes towards elected officials' group life insurance (a \$20,000 policy); the County contributes towards elected officials' LTD (long-term disability) insurance; and elected officials do not receive additional compensation not mentioned above.

The Board discussed similarities, and differences in populations, infrastructure, and businesses, between the counties, and

Buehler commented that Crook County's Commission Judge is a well-paid position, at \$90,022 a year, according to its survey.

Southwick asked Martin about a survey item, insurance contribution from the County, and Martin responded that elected officials, SEIU, and non-represented employees pay 5% of the premium cost (part-time employees pay a pro-rated amount), and the County pays 95%.

After further review of documentation, Southwick made a motion to approve a 2% wage increase for elected officials, Buehler seconded the motion, and the motion carried. On Tuesday morning, May 17, 2016, the Baker County Budget Board reviewed the Compensation Board's recommendation, and approved the 2% increase, effective July 1, 2016, the start of the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

# Sheriff's Association speaks out against BLM

The Oregon State Sheriffs Association (OSSA) along with numerous other organizations have reviewed the newest management plan released by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for 2.5 million acres of O&C timberland here in Oregon. OSSA takes a strong interest in this plan because federal law provides that the primary use of these O&C lands is to be used for a sustainable timber harvest that provides a revenue stream for Oregon counties.

That revenue stream is supposed to help these

counties provide a variety of public services, including law enforcement. Quite simply, the BLM plan ignores clear law and proposes a timber harvest plan that will continue to place these counties in a fiscal crisis.

The BLM refused to even consider revenues for counties as an objective in developing its plan, even though that is mandated by statute and case law. It has routinely ignored comments from affected counties, concerned citizens, and state and federal legislators. There are many ways the BLM could have

balanced jobs and revenues for vital County services while creating habitat for endangered species, providing clean water, recreational opportunities, and improving fire resiliency.

This federal agency has once again failed the communities where these public lands are located. In light of this, nearly half the counties in Oregon have announced they would challenge the plan in federal court. No county wants to use precious taxpayer dollars to sue the federal government, but the BLM's arrogance has left these counties with no

other viable options.

The law governing management of the BLM lands states that all timberlands shall be managed for sustained yield production, with the revenues shared with Counties to help pay for public services. The law also mandates a minimum harvest each year of 500 million board feet. The BLM's final plan violates both requirements, with more than 75% of the lands locked up in permanent reserves, and a projected harvest little more than half the required minimum.

The O&C lands were

once in private ownership. After the lands were taken back by the federal government, they were set aside by Congress to provide a permanent sustainable revenue source to the communities they border. The counties are legally entitled to 50% of the revenues generated from the sale of timber, and the revenue pays for all kinds of public services: mental and public health, sheriff patrols, jails, libraries, social and many others. Mismanagement of these forest lands since the early 1990's has decimated county budgets, reducing some as much as 80%.

Several Oregon counties are on the brink of insolvency, and the inability to pay for public services has led to increasing crime rates and poverty.

This plan is the culmination of over two decades of ineffective management by the BLM, and it is a product of the failure to listen to, or cooperate with local governments, organizations, and citizens who live near or around these forests. OSSA fully supports the decision by Oregon counties to file a lawsuit to try and force the BLM to follow clear federal law.