

Justice Services responsible for reservation safety, protection

by Donna Behrend

Warm Springs has grown over the years, and with that growth has come increased needs—needs in virtually every service area possible. Increased demands on health services, human services and police services have required Tribal Council to carefully assess the condition of the community. The fact that the annual operating budget has more than doubled in the last ten years is proof that many needs have been identified and that steps have been taken to make Warm Springs a safer and healthier community in which to live.

However, Warm Springs is not without its need for basic services, particularly law enforcement and emergency services. We still have those people who break the law, thus requiring incarceration. We now require a more sophisticated manner in which to investigate crimes on the reservation. We still have the need for a place to house offenders and someone to take care of them. We still need someone to prosecute and defend those who break the law. Our community requires emergency services such as ambulance and fire protection. Our needs are basic—just like every other community in the nation.

The proposed 1988 tribal operating budget includes \$1.4 million for Justice Services Administration, which is responsible for the "protection of life and property" on the reservation 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The department employs people in eight different divisions, ranging from patrol to fire and safety. The department is totally tribally funded.

Clerical Support Staff

The clerical staff of three provide secretarial services for the entire police department as well as coordinate services and assist other

departments, employees, tribal members and the general public. The staff has participated in micro-computer training. Their workload has increased over the years and due to self-motivation and interest in developing their professional skills, the staff performance has improved. Among the supervisor, records officer and records clerk positions, two are tribal members and one is non-Indian. Funding for this division including staff totals \$62,925.

Patrol Division

The 13 people employed in this division are possibly the most visible in the community. They provide basic highway safety and protection and are at the disposal of the community. Employed are one sergeant, two corporals and ten (10) patrolmen. One is a tribal member; the remaining 12 are non-members. Patrolmen issues 284 major traffic offense citations, 626 moving violations citations and 349 non-moving citations, as of the end of September. In addition, there are a security guard at the hydroelectric project and two officers who work for Columbia River Inter Tribal Fish Commission. Their wages are paid by their specific employers, not justice services.

Special officers are also hired on a part time basis. Depending on the size of the activity, two to six officers are hired to assist regular patrolmen.

According to Warm Springs Chief of Police Ray Calica, "one tribal member in the patrol division is not enough." One way to generate interest in the police department is the Cadet Program in which six tribal members were involved this summer.

The \$523,578 proposed budget shows a reduction of \$25,412 for

1988. The reductions occur in overtime and operational expenses such as per diem, vehicle pool charges, supplies and uniforms. One vehicle was also deleted.

Tribal Prosecutor

During the first six months of 1987, the tribal prosecutor's office handled 526 criminal cases, 1,025 traffic cases, 50 fish and game cases and 25 civil cases. Two tribal members are currently employed by this division with an assistant prosecutor position proposed for 1988.

A \$12,000 reduction in consultant's fees is proposed in 1988. A consultant is used whenever there may be a conflict of interest with the prosecutor. With the new assistant's position, the anticipated 1988 is \$8,651 over the 1987 budget or \$67,503.

Investigations

This division works closely with BIA investigators. Less than two weeks ago a position was added that deals primarily with the investigation of child sexual abuse cases. This addition brings to three the number of employees in this division. Two employees are tribal members and the third is a non-member.

The employees perform intense investigations of all crimes on the reservation by using scientific methods, photography, interviews and collection and preservation of evidence.

This division handles over 200 cases per year involving misdemeanors, vandalism, assault and battery, rapes, attempted rapes, forgery, narcotics, child sexual abuse and other types of crimes.

The proposed budget, at \$85,773, shows an increase of \$23,439 over the 1987 budget.

Fish and Game

The purpose of Fish and Game is to "preserve and protect the fish and game resources" for the Tribes. The two officers currently employed enforce tribal fishing, hunting, trespass woodcutting laws. One officer is a tribal member and the other, formerly a patrolman, is a non-member and works Sherars Bridge. According to Calica, the officer works six months at Sherars and six months on the reservation. Three positions are proposed in 1988. In previous years, a "pilot program" was funded by natural resources, forestry and justice services and employed three. That program will be absorbed by the JSA in 1988.

The Fish and Game division was included in the 1987 budget after being deleted in 1984. According to Calica, in 1986, one person, with the one or two patrolmen, issued 100 citations. In 1985, four officers issued four citations. Through September, 1987, the officers issued 38 illegal fishing citations, 17 trespass citations and two hunting citations.

"Expectations before 1986 were higher than what we could do,"

said Calica. "We were pulled from our primary function of reservation fish and wildlife enforcement to meet other tribal priorities such as Columbia River, Sherars Bridge and community livestock problems."

Fish and Game shows the largest budget increase among the eight divisions due to the addition of two new positions. The \$80,460 budget is 180 percent above the 1987 budget \$28,689, or \$51,771 higher.

Support Services/Communications

Four employees, two of whom are tribal members and two of whom are non-members, provide dispatch services to fire and safety, police, BIA roads and fire management on a daily basis.

The 1988 budget shows a reduction of \$24,205 due to the transfer of a dispatcher to the corrections division where the person will assume matron duties. The proposed annual budget is \$76,409.

Corrections

Fourteen people are employed in this division. There is one lieutenant, who is supervisor of the entire division and a corporal, who assumes the supervisory responsibilities in the evenings. Also employed one juvenile detention corrections officer, four female corrections officers or matrons, four corrections officers or jailors, one cook and one cook's aide. One tribal member, four members of other tribes and nine non-Indians comprise this division. There are currently four positions vacant due to transfers or freezes.

The detention facility has space for 45 adult and juvenile males and females. Average daily occupancy is currently running at 36 inmates. Alcohol and drug awareness and human effectiveness programs and religious services have been offered to inmates on a regular basis. It costs \$45 to \$55 to house one inmate per day. This cost includes food, clothing and laundry expenses.

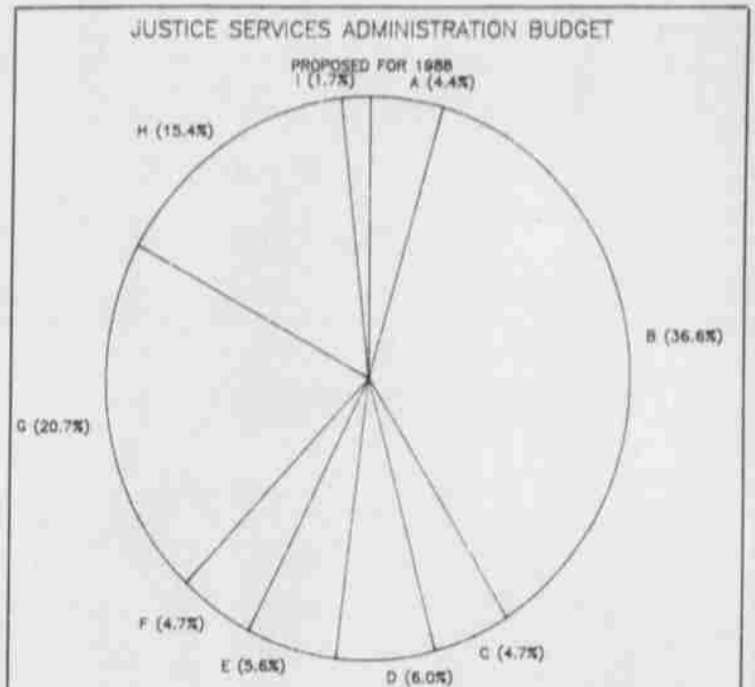
The proposed budget for 1988 is \$296,088, which is \$15,633 higher than 1987.

Fire and Safety

Six tribal members and two non-Indians are responsible for basic emergency medical and fire prevention services to reservation residents on a full-time daily basis. Volunteers are also enlisted to assist with various emergency duties. Currently, 26 people serve as volunteers. They are paid stipends of \$5 per fire and \$10 per ambulance run.

Fire and Safety transports 350 patients requiring ambulance service per year as well as treat 700 patients at the fire hall on a walk-in basis. They average 80 fire calls per year.

Increased activity means increased revenues for the division. It is anticipated that ambulance income in 1988 will be \$60,000, up from the \$45,000 anticipated revenue this



The above percentages show justice services divisional expenditures.

- A. Clerical Support Staff—\$62,925. Shows a \$2,130, or a 3.2 percent decrease from 1987.**
 - B. Patrol—\$523,578. Shows a \$25,419 or 4.6 percent decrease from 1987.**
 - C. Prosecutor—\$67,603. Shows an \$8,651 or 14.6 percent increase over 1987.**
 - D. Investigations—\$80,460. Shows a \$51,771 or 180.4 percent increase over 1987.**
 - E. Fish and Game—\$80,460. Shows a \$51,771 or 180.4 percent increase over 1987.**
 - F. Dispatch/Communications—\$67,409. Shows a \$24,205 or 26.4 percent decrease from 1987.**
 - G. Corrections—\$296,088. Shows a \$15,633 or 5.5 percent increase over 1987.**
 - H. Fire and Safety—\$220,551. Shows a \$24,308 or 9.9 percent decrease from 1987.**
 - I. Search and Rescue—\$25,000. Remains the same as 1987.**
- The Justice Services budget is \$1,429,387 or 1.6 percent above the 1987 operating budget.

Graph by Deepak Sehgal



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Leno-Baker

Several days before elk season opened a Warm Springs police officer discovered the remains of an elk. The head and the neck were dumped just off Quail Trail. Protecting resources is a priority for the Tribes. The reservation Elk season opens November 1.

Proposed budget posted, slight increase noted

The proposed 1988 tribal operating budget was posted October 1 noting a 2.5 percent increase over the 1987 budget. The proposed expenditures for 1988 are \$16,204,475 which includes general operating expenses, community assistance, capital projects, Kah-Nee-Ta and other enterprise expenditures.

The office of the Secretary/Treasurer proposed budget totals \$1.1 million. There are nine employees who look after the budget, audit, personnel, program analysis, legislation and tribal member records. Also included are fees for attorneys and professional consultants. A new position proposed for 1988 will coordinate public relations activities.

The office of community services oversees five different departments that employ 239 people. The annual budget totals \$6.9 million, of which approximately \$5 million is tribal. Community services also manages \$1.9 million in federal and state funds and \$1.7 million in community assistance funds. Over 3,000 people are served by this branch including infants in day care, senior citizens, students in pre-school and in college, unborn children, those chronically ill, the unemployed and many others. An assistant to the branch manager was proposed at Council's request.

The health and social services department employs 56 in 10 different programs and serves about 2,900 community members at a total tribal cost of \$920,463 showing a \$73,982 reduction from 1987.

Education and training employs 69 people in nine different programs and serves about 1,700 people costing the tribe \$1,111,738. This proposed cost is 7.8 percent or \$94,053 less than 1987. The department also administers about \$721,164 in federal and state funds

and \$1,032,083 in community assistance programs. The office of training services is proposed to undergo reorganization. A supervisor and one more employment counselor have been added to serve the unemployed population.

The public works department employs 45 people who are responsible for 53 tribal buildings, 56 acres of grounds, three water facilities, two sewage facilities and garbage disposal for 726 homes. Services for 1988 are at a proposed cost of \$1.5 million which is 4.7 percent greater than the current year. Increases include an assistant for the plant manager, a general increase in electricity costs and a janitor position for increased building space.

Fiscal services oversees 58 various programs organized into 27 offices which employ 160 people. The proposed budget is \$4.6 million in tribal funds with approximately \$5 million in federal funds. This branch is responsible for approximately \$47 million in tribal and non-tribal funds and the processing of information. This office also oversees small tribal enterprise operations which generate a cash flow of about \$9 million per year and the management of natural resources both on and off the reservation. The branch budget was increased by 3.4 percent or \$87,356.

Included under the fiscal branch is planning, Spilyay Tymoo, steno pool and court administration. The major increase is seen in the planning department which is proposing a business development manager position. The new position will coordinate economic development activities for new project proposals and provide technical assistance to tribal member businesses.

Financial services employs 47 in

11 different functions and is the central operation for management of funds, equipment, records, information, employee benefits and overall tribal insurance. The proposed tribal cost is \$1.2 million which is 1.3 percent over the current year.

Natural resources employs 24 full time people and 20 seasonal people in 11 different programs at a proposed cost of \$471,259 which is 4.7 percent less than the current year. The reduction is a result of increased federal funding available for water and fisheries programs. Another reduction is the dropping of vacant administration and range rider positions.

The enterprise manager is responsible for eight enterprises and employs 76 people and an additional 60 people on a project basis. The Tribal Council and Committees budget provides for the fees and expenses of 52 tribal officials who meet an average of 50 days per month to conduct tribal business. No increases or decreases are proposed for next year.

Three trial court judges are employed and have a staff of five. The judges hear an average of 3,000 cases annually. A new position to assist the juvenile coordinator with the high volume of casework is

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for a rider to patrol the area and they felt a person from the Seekseequa area would do a better job because of familiarity with the area and livestock. A full-time range rider is needed because there is a lack of adequate police patrols in their area. Without a range rider violators are not being prosecuted.

Larry Calica, tribal general manager presented the budget in a summarized form, breaking it into four

proposed.

Youth and project employment services provide work experience for 160 work age students, 35 post-secondary students and 50 entry-level trainees. The programs also include 12 apprentice candidates and about 15 to 20 project employees. The overall reduction in this section is 5.8 percent or \$46,400.

Seven people in the culture and heritage department provide educational material development, cultural documentation, cultural plant identification and information and archaeological surveys. The proposed budget is increased by \$71,698 due to the addition of two full-time and one part-time positions.

The Mid-Oregon Indian Historical Society (MOIHS) budget shows an increase of 62 percent due to a full-time executive director and an educational specialist position. Expenses were increased to pay architectural and soil survey work.

The community assistance program funds all special assistance programs for tribal members. The 16 programs are funded at \$1.4 million, for a 9.3 percent increase. Assistance for alcohol treatment is proposed for an increase from \$30,000 to \$61,000 due to increased demand.

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parts. Many of the questions asked would be answered by the various departments during the tribal Information Fair held October 20, stated Calica.

It was announced by Calica that there would be a general council meeting November 12 for the entire membership. He asked the people to review the budget and to plan to attend to share their ideas.



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Leno-Baker

Public relations within the community is a part of a fireman's job. On a recent visit one small boy from Headstart was given a chance to try on a fireman's helmet.