

Coos County District Attorney's Office



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The most dramatic improvement in the local criminal justice system can be achieved by enhancing the investigation and prosecution of domestic violence cases. We are presently working with the Coos County Domestic Violence Council to renovate the local justice system in this area. Working together with the police, the courts and other members of the Domestic Violence Council, I believe that the system can be restructured to significantly reduce the incidence of domestic violence and lessen its tragic impact on our families.

We have been prosecuting cases even when the victim refuses to testify with good results!

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The County Counsel's office is responsible for providing legal advice to the Board of Commissioners and County Officials regarding all legal matters. This includes representing the County at local and appellate courts and at the Land Use Board of Appeals and Tax

Coos County Counsel



Diana Dague, Legal Secretary; David Ris, County Counsel; David Cameron, Assistant Counsel.

Court. Counsel serves as risk manager and administers the County's self-insurance program. Other functions include coordinating the public contracting process, conducting real property negotiations, and managing special projects as directed by the Board of

Commissioners. The current project of interest for the office is the jail expansion. Counsel is involved in arranging for funding and working with the City of Coquille and others to facilitate the construction of the expansion.

EXCERPTS FROM ORVIL DODGE'S PIONEER HISTORY OF COOS AND CURRY COUNTIES

The following brief description of Coos County and its productions for the year 1897 was carefully prepared by J. Henry Schroeder, who is the county judge at this writing:

Coos Bay, in the northern part of the county, is the principal harbor. It has a watershed of about 600 square miles, a tidal area of 24 square miles, an average rise of tide of 5 or 6 feet and a tidal flow through the middle of its principal tributaries of 30 miles inland. Its tributaries are North, South, Willanch, Pony, Coal Bank, Isthmus and Catching Sloughs and Coos River.

The Coquille River, situated in the southern portion of the county, has a watershed of about 1000 square miles, including part of Douglas County, a tidal area of about five square miles, a rise of tide of five to six feet, and a tidal flow of 40 miles inland.

Its tributaries are the North, South, East and Middle Forks and numerous creeks of more or less importance.

The government has expended about \$160,000 in the construction of jetties at the entrance of the river which is not yet completed. There is a lighthouse at the entrance on the north side which, with the jetty improvements, have been a great benefit.