

# DESCHUTES COUNTY WILL MEAN HOME RULE

## It Means That Local Taxes Will Be Spent for Local Needs

### IT MEANS LOWER TAXES TOO--THE FIGURES ON THIS SHEET SHOW YOU WHY

**If You Think Taxes will be Higher if You Vote for Deschutes County Study the Following. It Tells You All About Your Taxes--How they are Made Up and What Part will be Affected by a New County.**

**THE TAXES YOU PAY ARE MADE UP OF THESE:**  
 STATE TAX.  
 SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX.  
 CITY TAX.  
 (If you live in Bend or Redmond.)  
 COUNTY TAX.

**STATE TAX.**  
 This is the amount which your county has to pay for the support of the state, to pay the salaries of state officials, to run the state institutions and to meet the appropriations made by the legislature. The amount Crook county had to pay in 1914 was \$89,561. This was obtained by a six mill tax levy. None of us, you or your neighbors, have anything to do with making this tax.

We send our representatives to the legislature and they make the appropriations. We all have to pay our share next year no matter what county we are in. **THE AMOUNT YOU HAVE TO PAY WILL BE THE SAME WHETHER YOU ARE IN DESCHUTES OR IN CROOK COUNTY.**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX.**  
 This is the amount that you and the other taxpayers in your school district decide you will need to run the schools in your district. Nobody else in the county has anything to do with fixing the amount. It is wholly in your hands. And it does not make a bit of difference what county you are in so far as the amount of the tax is concerned. **YOU SAY WHAT IT IS TO BE, AND IT IS IN THE SAME WHETHER YOU ARE IN DESCHUTES OR CROOK COUNTY.**

**CITY TAX.**  
 Unless you live in Bend or Redmond (the two incorporated cities in the proposed Deschutes county) you do not have any city tax to pay and are not interested in this item.

If you do live in one of those towns you are interested, but not as a county matter. **THE CITY TAX IN BEND AND REDMOND WILL BE THE SAME WHETHER THE NEW COUNTY IS FORMED OR NOT.**

**COUNTY TAX.**  
 This is the item that you are interested in in common with all the taxpayers in the county.

It is made up of these parts:  
 GENERAL COUNTY TAX.  
 GENERAL SCHOOL TAX.  
 SPECIAL ROAD TAX.  
 HIGH SCHOOL TAX.  
 LIBRARY TAX.

In the present year you paid taxes on account of these items as follows:  
 General county ..... 14 1/2 mills  
 General school ..... 3 1/2 mills  
 High school ..... 2 mills

There was no special road tax levied for 1913 and no library tax.

Now take the three items you are interested in with all the rest of us, the general county, the general school and the high school.

**No High School Tax.**  
 If you vote for Deschutes county you will not have to pay any more taxes for a high school until you decide that you want to do so. You have a high school in a new county only when you vote for it. **NO RIGHT FROM THE START YOU GET RID OF THAT TWO MILLS THAT YOU PAY NOW.**

**General School Tax the Same.**  
 The general school tax is fixed by law. It must be not less than enough to provide about \$8 for each school child. The three and a half mills you are paying now provides about \$12 for each child and should be kept up. **IT WOULD BE THE SAME WHETHER YOU WERE IN DESCHUTES OR IN CROOK COUNTY.**

**General County Tax.**  
 So the general county tax is the one you are really interested in. That is the one that pays officer's salaries, runs the court house and jail, pays for the circuit court in short, pays general county expenses.

**Roads.**  
 This year the general county tax has also included amounts spent on roads, as it has for a number of years past.

Now the amount that is raised by taxation for roads ought to be equal to the needs of your section and ought to be governed by those needs and not the needs of any other section. If that principle is followed it makes no difference which county

you are in. There is no reason why it should be higher in Deschutes county than in Crook.

There is a certain amount of road work to be done in this section. We ought to pay enough tax to do it, no more and no less. If we stay in Crook county and have our road work done and pay a lower tax than is needed for that work it will mean that we are using the money paid in by some other section. If we stay and pay a higher tax than is needed we are paying too much.

Here's the road proposition in a nut-shell.  
 The tax for roads depends on how much you and the other tax payers want spent on roads.  
 Make it what you please

**BUT**  
 Whatever is raised here should be spent here. The way to get it spent here is to get a new county.

The amount needed and the amount you and the rest of us want spent will be the same whether you are in Deschutes or Crook county.

**SO WHEN YOU GET RIGHT DOWN TO IT YOU FIND THAT THE ONLY TAXES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AS HAVING ANY POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING BECAUSE OF THE FORMATION OF A NEW COUNTY ARE THOSE THAT PAY SALARIES AND RUNNING EXPENSES AT THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.**

In 1913 Crook county spent \$73,000 for salaries and court house expense.

In the same year it cost Lake county \$93,000 for everything, state tax, schools, roads, salaries, court house.

All these things cost in 1913

County	Valuation	Tax
Harney	\$ 7,349,667	\$110,405.10
Sherman	8,701,814	106,585.12
Gilliam	9,751,239	110,902.25
Morrow	11,973,551	119,763.42
Curry	4,167,829	55,824.74
Wheeler	3,267,816	56,263.44
Grant	5,969,882	118,769.36
CROOK	\$ 9,979,132	\$329,418.37

**IT COSTS TOO MUCH IN CROOK COUNTY. IN DESCHUTES COUNTY THAT EXPENSE WILL BE CUT AND TAXES LOWERED.**

Do you think that it is absolutely necessary for Deschutes county to spend at the same rate that Crook county does?

Why not admit that Deschutes county may be able to get along for less instead of saying that it is bound to have to spend as much as Crook county does?

Let's get right down to figures on this and see what it would cost to run the offices in Deschutes county.

Here is a fair estimate:

Widow's pensions	\$ 1,000
County poor	1,200
Circuit Court	3,000
Justice Court	250
County Judge	1,000
County Commissioners	500
County Clerk	2,500
Sheriff	3,500
Assessor	3,500
Coroner	200
School Superintendent	2,000
Treasurer	50
Jailor, fuel, lights	1,200
Telephone & Telegraph	500
Seal & bounty	500
Water Master	300
Read Viewers	500
Surveyor	1,000
County Physician	500
County Printing	1,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,000</b>

## DO YOU REALIZE

That the south western part of Crook county (the proposed Deschutes county) IS NOT REPRESENTED AMONG THE CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICE TO BE VOTED ON IN NOVEMBER?

That is Deschutes county is not formed now it will have no representation at Prineville.

That if the proposed constitutional amendment which makes the terms of all county officers four years passes, this section will not have a look in until 1918.

**DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE EVERYTHING IN THE HANDS OF PRINEVILLE FOR FOUR YEARS MORE?**

## TAX COMPARISONS

**WHAT THE CROOK TAX IS THIS YEAR AND WHAT THE DESCHUTES TAX WILL BE.**

The 1914 valuation of Crook county was \$11,593,357.

The general millage was:

State	6 Mills
County	14 1/2 Mills
School	3 1/2 Mills
High School	2 Mills
<b>Total</b>	<b>26 Mills</b>

The amount raised on this millage was \$298,833.69.

The valuation of Deschutes county on current assessments would be \$1,460,497.

Its general millage would be:

State to raise \$20,000	4 1/2 Mills
Transcribing records \$ 5,000	Furnishing court house
Roads	20,000
Salaries & expense	29,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56,000</b>

General school to raise \$15,500 3 1/2 Mills  
 Deschutes Total Millage . . . 20

These estimates for Deschutes county are high.

Nevertheless they show a reduction from the Crook county tax of last year of 6 mills, and from the tax of 1912 of 4 mills.

The item of \$20,000 for roads, for instance, is possibly more than the taxpayers want to raise next year. It can be cut and the millage reduced.

The item for transcribing records and furnishing the court house will not occur another year. That expense can be paid in the coming year and still taxes can be lower than they have been in Crook county.

The estimate to pay salaries and court house expense is \$29,000. That is high. Generous amounts are allowed for each office. (See the budget in the second column on this page.)

If desired they can be cut so that the tax millage in Deschutes can be reduced still further below that of Crook county.

## WILL PROVIDE COURT HOUSE

One of the arguments you will hear against county division is the increase in taxation that will result from having to build and equip a court house.

There are two answers to that.

In the first place you do not have to build a new court house. You do not have any new court house until the voters decide they want one. Then it will cost only what the voters say.

In Hood River county they have no new court house and that is a new county formed four years ago. You need not have any here until you want it.

So there is one answer.  
 In Deschutes county you will not have even the expense of temporary quarters for the county officials if Bend is made the county seat.

Read the agreement that Bend citizens have made.

They will furnish free quarters for the county court for six years.

There is the other answer.  
 You will have no expense for providing a court house for six years, anyway.

Here is the agreement:  
 Whereas, it is proposed to form a new county to be called Deschutes county out of the southwestern portion of Crook county, and

Whereas, if said Deschutes county is formed the county court will select some location as the site of the temporary county seat until the general election to be held in the year 1916, and

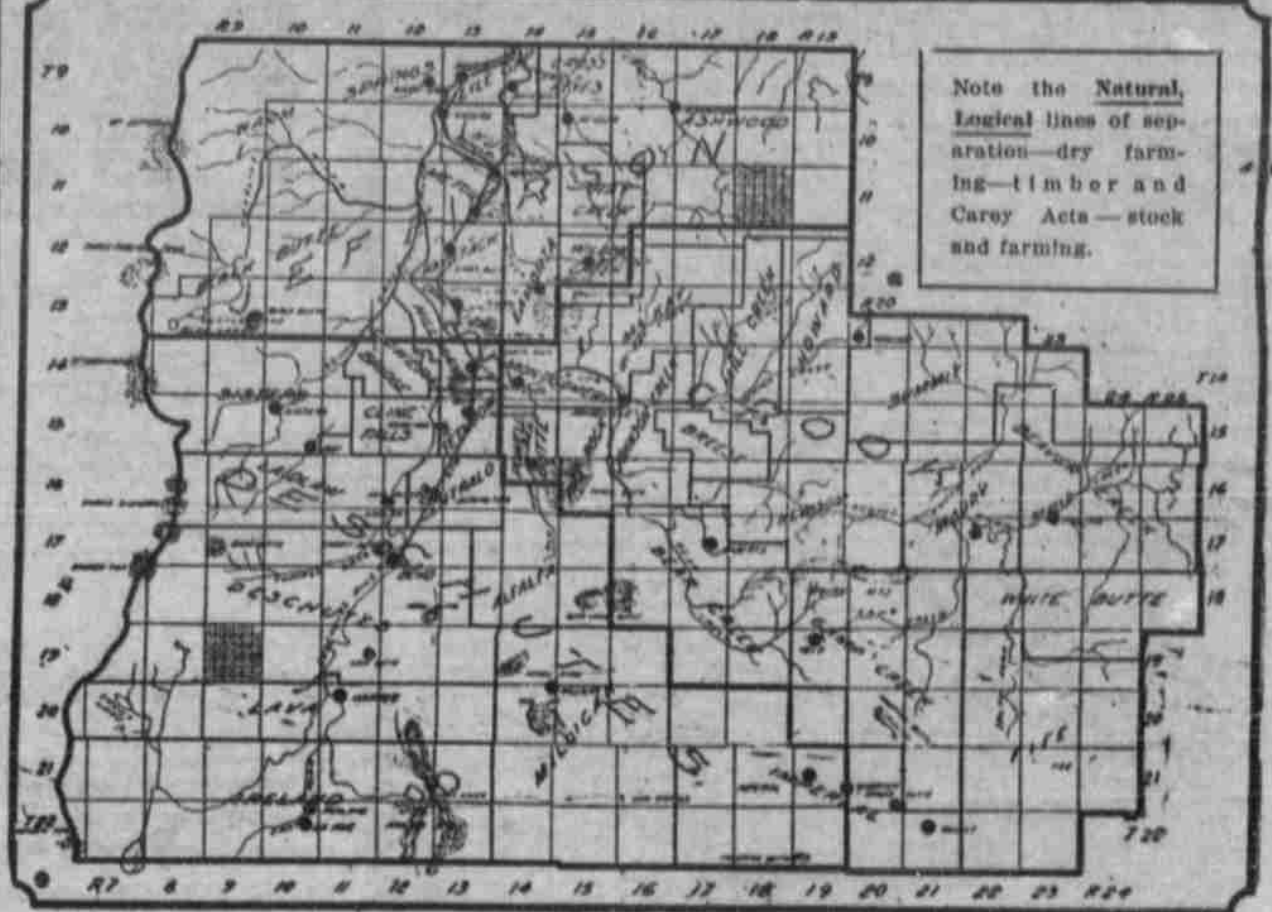
Whereas, the voters of Deschutes county will, at the general election in the year 1916, vote for and select the permanent place of county seat,

Now therefore, we the undersigned, residents of and tax payers in the city of Bend in said Deschutes county hereby undertake, promise and agree in case the city of Bend is selected as the location of the temporary and the permanent county seat of said Deschutes county that we will provide quarters for the county court and all county officers rent free for the term of six (6) years from the date of the formation of said Deschutes county.

And we further undertake, promise and agree that during said term of six years we will neither propose nor assist in any movement having for its object the erection of a county court house or county high school for said Deschutes county, and that if such movement is begun by any others we will do all in our power to defeat it.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 28th day of August, 1914.

Floyd Dement, Vernon A. Forbes, Hugh O'Kane, The First National Bank, G. P. Putnam, Chas. W. Erskine, U. C. Coe, C. V. Clivis, H. H. De Armond, J. C. Rhodes, Lon L. Fox, H. W. Skuse, Clyde M. McKay, A. M. Pringle, J. A. Eastes, G. H. Furst, R. P. Minter, W. C. McCullough, J. B. Minor, F. A. Bennett, E. M. Lara, O. M. Patterson, R. M. Smith Clothing Co., L. D. West, Bert Shuey, O'Donnell Bros., B. Ferrell, Mannheim Bros., The Bend Co. by J. P. Keyes, The Bend Water Light & Power Co., T. H. Foley, Robert W. Sawyer, The Miller Lumber Co., H. J. Overturf, Anton Aune, Theodore Aune, H. B. Ford.



MAP OF CROOK COUNTY SHOWING PROPOSED DESCHUTES AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES.

**This Table Shows Why Taxes Have Gone Up. Your Officers Cost \$13,000 in 1908, \$40,000 in 1913. Other Court House Expense in 1913 was \$33,000. Deschutes County Can Return to the Economy of Earlier Years.**

OFFICE	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
<b>Sherriff--</b>						
Salary	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,498.99	\$ 2,499.99	\$ 2,499.97	\$ 2,499.99
Chief Deputy	1,300.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Extra Deputy	114.85	610.50	529.00	792.85	1,346.90	1,819.05
Traveling Expenses		128.65	446.00	914.35	708.45	1,400.25
Per. Records	148.00	14.00	88.25	24.65	112.25	233.25
Stationery	320.52	169.68	407.25	395.22	2,210.89	511.81
New Auto						2,400.00
Auto Expense						998.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,253.37</b>	<b>\$ 4,522.82</b>	<b>\$ 5,169.99</b>	<b>\$ 5,170.06</b>	<b>\$ 5,077.46</b>	<b>\$11,062.60</b>
<b>Treasurer--</b>						
Salary	\$ 600.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 550.00
Extra Compensation		200.00		300.00	358.15	378.88
Traveling Expenses			89.40			
Stationery						149.07
Furniture						44.10
Per. Records						128.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>	<b>\$ 950.00</b>	<b>\$ 989.40</b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>	<b>\$ 958.15</b>	<b>\$ 1,201.75</b>
<b>Clerk--</b>						
Salary	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Chief Deputy	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
Extra Deputy		82.50	445.25	591.80	1,462.90	1,492.00
Traveling Expenses			89.40			20.00
Furniture						826.75
Stationery	245.47	369.76	468.98	522.16	684.70	571.85
Per. Records	205.93	358.11	385.29	396.38	299.55	363.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,151.40</b>	<b>\$ 3,510.37</b>	<b>\$ 4,088.73</b>	<b>\$ 4,210.34</b>	<b>\$ 5,057.15</b>	<b>\$ 5,983.85</b>
<b>Superintendent--</b>						
Salary	\$ 999.99	\$ 999.99	\$ 999.99	\$ 1,366.63	\$ 1,539.98	\$ 1,499.93
Examinations	104.00	117.00	218.00	120.55	73.50	73.50
Traveling Expenses	97.40	264.10	62.40	100.50	170.50	257.50
Assistance			13.00	868.10	134.75	188.50
Supervisor					600.00	588.80
Truant Officer						160.00
Furniture						15.25
Stationery and Expenses	122.60	116.60	121.94	332.69	139.15	450.10
Records		50.25				
Prize Money				100.00		200.00
Institute				268.55		275.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,325.99</b>	<b>\$ 1,647.94</b>	<b>\$ 1,416.32</b>	<b>\$ 2,648.02</b>	<b>\$ 2,657.58</b>	<b>\$ 3,708.68</b>
<b>Assessor's Office--</b>						
Salary	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 999.99	\$ 999.98	\$ 999.99	\$ 999.98	\$ 1,291.33
Deputy						1,752.00
Field Deputy	400.00	494.50	676.00	2,426.68	1,492.24	2,903.75
Assessment Roll	260.00	456.00	694.00	1,041.30	1,819.00	
Records	114.40		62.75	216.30	365.30	539.94
Stationery and Expenses	40.75	171.75	161.25	277.25	53.25	366.85
Land Office Fees	68.80					24.10
Traveling Expenses						20.80
Furniture						245.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,882.05</b>	<b>\$ 2,102.24</b>	<b>\$ 2,583.95</b>	<b>\$ 4,961.43</b>	<b>\$ 4,729.77</b>	<b>\$ 7,123.01</b>
<b>Surveyors' Office--</b>						
New Roads	\$ 659.45	\$ 1,178.45	\$ 1,038.10	\$ 985.80	\$ 1,342.20	\$ 2,085.10
Office Work by Assistant		252.50		125.20	57.50	891.00
Present Ownership		467.50	1,197.15	585.75		
Stationery and Expenses		29.75	216.15	224.89	65.85	190.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 659.45</b>	<b>\$ 1,928.20</b>	<b>\$ 2,449.40</b>	<b>\$ 1,921.74</b>	<b>\$ 1,448.55</b>	<b>\$ 3,076.15</b>
<b>Court House Expense--</b>						
Janitor--Salary	\$ 18.00	\$ 663.03	\$ 921.15	\$ 976.40	\$ 970.75	\$ 1,020.00
Janitor--Expense						249.14
Lights and Water	68.25	535.53	485.19	513.41	555.35	660.30
Fuel	152.00	182.50	607.65	958.60	529.40	539.03
Furniture	2.50	440.37	655.90	744.15	887.25	773.40
Yard		167.80	212.02	49.80		
Repairs				486.50	31.20	47.60
Records						18.75
Sundry Items	7.00	33.25	1,022.23	216.90	1,197.75	86.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 237.85</b>	<b>\$ 2,022.48</b>	<b>\$ 3,904.15</b>	<b>\$ 3,895.36</b>	<b>\$ 4,171.70</b>	<b>\$ 3,394.69</b>
<b>General Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,061.58</b>	<b>\$ 1,871.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,990.48</b>	<b>\$ 1,546.85</b>	<b>\$ 1,448.31</b>	<b>\$ 2,719.54</b>
Rebate Liquor Licenses						297.77
Fair Appropriation						2,310.00
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$13,199.69</b>	<b>\$16,455.56</b>	<b>\$23,591.50</b>	<b>\$25,853.20</b>	<b>\$28,546.97</b>	<b>\$40,927.84</b>