



# DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## Douglas County Commissioners Continue Budget Town Hall Tour with Three Scheduled this week

(Roseburg, OR) – December 18, 2017 - Commissioners have scheduled town hall meetings throughout Douglas County that will focus on how county government is funded, how your tax dollars are spent, and how those decisions are made. A visual presentation shows the decline in county employment, tax revenues, county reserves, and more. County Commissioners are encouraging residents to attend meetings, and share their concerns.

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| 12/18/17 | 5:30 PM | <b>Glendale Town Hall</b>     | Glendale High School Gymnasium<br>10598 Azalea Glen Rd.<br>Glendale, OR 97442 |
| 12/19/17 | 5:30 PM | <b>Oakland Town Hall</b>      | Oakland City Hall<br>637 Locust Street<br>Oakland, OR 97462                   |
| 12/21/17 | 5:30 PM | <b>Myrtle Creek Town Hall</b> | Myrtle Creek Community Center<br>425 SW 2nd Avenue<br>Myrtle Creek, OR 97457  |
| 12/28/17 | 5:30 PM | <b>Elkton Town Hall</b>       | Elkton City Hall<br>366 1st Street<br>Elkton, OR 97436                        |
| 1/4/18   | 5:30 PM | <b>Reedsport Town Hall</b>    | City Council Chambers<br>451 Winchester Avenue Reedsport, OR<br>97467         |

Meetings have already been held in Canyonville, Sutherlin, Riddle, Yoncalla, Roseburg, Winston, and Drain.

Timber receipts from harvests on Federal land were once the County's largest source of revenue, and are part of most services you receive, including Public Safety, Veterans, Public Health and Senior Services. The Federal Safety Net (Secure Rural Schools Program), replaced revenues from actual timber harvests beginning in 2000. On October 1, 2015, the Secure Rural Schools Program (Federal Safety Net) expired. Since then, Douglas County has been operating on reserves and actual timber receipts that have dramatically declined. Even though county spending has been reduced each year, the county has had to use reserve funds to maintain critical services. The reserve funds are declining rapidly.

**About [Douglas County](#)**

Douglas County Government employs approximately 800 full- and part-time employees in a wide variety of jobs. The Board of Commissioners, consisting of three full-time members, is the county's governing body. They provide a direct link between the citizens of Douglas County and their county government. The Board of Commissioners is responsible for: approving ordinances (county laws); adopting the county budget; setting standards for the use of county property; appointing non-elected officials to boards, commissions, and committees; and oversees all operations of the county.

Regular Board meetings are scheduled for each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in Room 216 of the County Courthouse. Department head work sessions are held every Monday and Friday in room 219 of the County Courthouse, unless otherwise posted.

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