

**KLAMATH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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**Commissioners Consider Public Safety Alternatives**

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Public safety continues to be Klamath County's highest priority, and the Board will monitor the situation at the Sheriff's office and make recommendations to maintain a safe and secure community.

The Board has informally reached out to the Klamath Falls City Police and Oregon State Police to ensure resources are available, if needed.

But under Oregon law, the Sheriff is an independently-elected official and has management control over how he chooses to run his office including whether he feels he needs assistance. "We can't control whether he accepts the assistance of outside agencies," Commissioner Kelley Minty Morris said.

The Board of Commissioners has also asked Sheriff Skrah to go on voluntary administrative leave pending the outcome of the DOJ investigation. The Board believes all deputies would then be able to return to their posts.

"We believe it would be best for his office, best for community safety, and best for Sheriff Skrah, if he would go on administrative leave until the DOJ matter is resolved," Morris said.