

General Law County vs Home Rule County

The League of Women Voters of Coos County is studying the option of home rule for Coos County governance. The scope of work includes the differences in structure between a home rule county and a general law county which is the default governance under state law. An example might be appointments vs elections of certain public officials. This would also include the impacts of possible options that could be implemented under home rule, such as decision-making processes.

Coos County is currently a statutory or general law county. Elected positions **must** include county commissioners, sheriff, county clerk, county assessor, county treasurer, and county surveyor. Other requirements include adopting a budget - and appointment of a budget committee, levying taxes to pay for expenses, annually assessing property values, providing a jail, providing public health and mental health services, and many more...

The League has studied home rule in the past, and it has been an ongoing issue. Our Coos County League decided it was time to revisit and study the issues related to home rule. If you would like to be part of this committee, contact our President, Kay Kerriden at the email address located at the bottom of the League website.