

# Lane County administrator receives 5.2% pay raise

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The Lane County Board of Commissioners gave County Administrator Steve Mokrohisky a vote of confidence and a tidy pay raise this week.

Commissioners on Tuesday approved a 5.2 percent pay increase for Mokrohisky, boosting his base salary to \$192,000 from \$182,510. The raise was retroactive to May 5.

The raise comes after the board approved a 9 percent salary hike for Mokrohisky last year. Since the commissioners hired him in 2014 at \$165,000, they have boosted his pay 16.4 percent.

The salary boost follows a pair of glowing annual performance reviews he received from commissioners and county staff. Last year's raise stipulated that Mokrohisky would receive an additional increase this year if he received another positive evaluation.

At a June 13 meeting, the five county commissioners took turns praising Mokrohisky's organizational skills and leadership before voting unanimously to approve a positive performance review.

"It's been a pleasure working with Steve," Commissioner Jay Bozievich said, "seeing the leadership he's shown, the staff he's brought in, from getting us to having a clear strategic plan and getting these various departments to buy in to that."

The raise moves Mokrohisky to the highest step in a nine-step pay scale laid out in his contract.

Mokrohisky was hired in 2014, replacing County Administrator Liane Inkster.

Inkster, formerly Liane Richardson, was fired by the board in 2013 after it found that she had increased her pay in violation of county policy and was untruthful to an investigator hired by the county to look into her conduct.

Mokrohisky's starting base salary of \$165,000 was lower than that of administrators in many comparable Oregon counties, including Marion, Washington, Clackamas and Jackson counties, according to Lane County officials.

But Lane County provides a more generous benefits package for its administrator than the other counties, valued at \$43,690 a year.

Combined with his base salary, Mokrohisky should receive \$235,690 in pay and benefits during the next year.

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