

MINUTES - JUDICIAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE
JULY 10, 2013

The meeting opened at 4:35 PM in commission chambers. Persons present were Judge Jodie Asel, Lisa Thomas, Mary Epping, Judge Gary Oxenhandler, Christy Blakemore, Kathy Lloyd, Brandon Walker, Nicole Galloway, Dwayne Carey, Judge Michael Bradley, Judge Deborah Daniels, Warren Brewer, Kay Evans and Rusty Antel.

Nicole Galloway updated the groups as to progress with 911/emergency management. The county has put out a request for proposals directed to hiring an individual or a company to direct the creation of the physical facility. Because of the scope of the project, it has determined that hiring a manager with experience with this type of project would be wise. The commission expects to have a minimum of four bids submitted. In addition, progress is being made with hiring additional call takers and transitioning the current staff from city to county employment.

Most of the meeting was directed to a discussion of the current spike in our jail population. Current information submitted by Warren Brewer indicates that more than 2/3 of our inmates are being held in lieu of posting bond on felony cases. Although the specific data is difficult to extract, a large number of the pre-trial felony cases are class A and B felony charges and many involve gun violence. An effort will be made to get more specific information and after a wide-ranging discussion it was decided to place this issue as an agenda item on the July 16 Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee meeting scheduled at 7:45 AM in the courthouse law library. Information as to the current population spike is included below and additional information will be submitted to the group as it becomes available.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

The next meeting of the task force will be Wednesday September 11, 2013 at 4:30 PM at the government center. We normally meet quarterly, but I am moving the next meeting up by a month because of the pressing nature of the jail population issue. Suggestions for other discussion topics or speakers are always appreciated.

Rusty Antel - Chair

INMATES HOUSED IN OTHER JAILS/REALITY HOUSE

DATE:	2013	COST PER DAY	2012
May 23	4	\$140	4
May 30	14	\$490	11
June 6	19	\$765	1
June 13	15	\$525	8
June 20	18	\$630	10
June 27	26	\$910	4
July 3	24	\$840	4
July 10	30	\$1050	11

The assumed cost to house an inmate in another jail or at Reality House is calculated at \$35 per day, plus transportation expenses. Reality House takes 4 trustees (if available) at no cost to Boone County.

The budget for out-of-facility housing is \$300,000 per year. Using the calculated amount of \$35 per day, the budget allows for 23.48 inmates per day (23.48 inmates multiplied by \$35 per day multiplied by 365 days = \$300,000).

SNAPSHOT JUNE 17:

Total of 208 in custody (Boone County Jail, other jails and Reality House) – 4 trustees at Reality House at no cost to Boone County, approximately 18 in other jails or paid placements at Reality House and approximately 190 in house

Of the 208 in custody, based on most serious charge

72% pre-trial felony

18% pre-trial misdemeanor, primarily high bond domestic assault and probation violation cases

10% commit status (serving time, all or almost all on misdemeanors)