

A RESOLUTION INDICATING SUPPORT FOR THE SHERIFF'S PROPOSED DETENTION CENTER COMPLIANCE PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Cleburne County has determined that Cleburne County Detention Center is out of compliance with the Arkansas Jail Standards, and

WHEREAS, the Cleburne County Sheriff and the Cleburne County Quorum Court both wish to bring the Detention Center into compliance with both Arkansas and Federal inmate detention facility standards, which under A.C.A 12-26-101(a) requires that all criminal detention facilities and juvenile detention facilities within the counties of the state shall conform to certain minimum standards of construction, maintenance, and operation.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Quorum Court of Cleburne County hereby supports the implementation of an operational jail housing plan that will bring the Cleburne County Jail into compliance with State Jail Standards, and applicable Arkansas laws, to be effectuated by the Cleburne Sheriff's Office and the Cleburne County Jail staff.

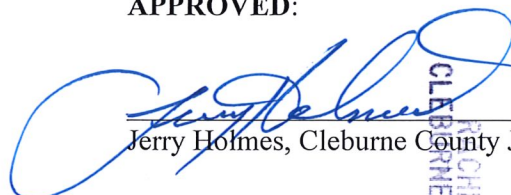
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of April 2019.

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Jerry Holmes, Cleburne County Judge

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Clebune County Jail Operational/Housing Plan

Preface

Most experts will share that once a jail reaches about 80 percent occupancy, the jail often is "full" in terms of operation purposes. Almost always, when a jail (based on design and structural features) is fully staffed, the operational capacity/population will be lower than the number of physical beds within the site.

The Cleburne County Jail currently has 82 beds. To operate under legal, safe, and constitutional guidelines, the actual operational capacity is usually a much lower number. Operational Capacity will and does vary on a daily basis and is contingent on an inmate profile that takes into consideration a number of factors such as, age, sex, physical condition, presence of communicable disease, flight risk potential, propensity for violent acts, previous convictions, pending charges, and serious mental health issues.

For 2018, the average daily population was 67 (49 male, 18 female)

YTD population for 2019 is 74, (53 male, 21 female)

Housing Plan

For a safe and effective operation, the Cleburne County Detention Center requires a minimum of 3 to 4 detention officers on the floor, depending on time of day. This consists of one person who remains in the control room to operate electronic jail controls, while 2 to 3 other detention officers work the floor of the jail.

The jail currently consists of 10 separate secure areas, of varying capacities. Under the new housing plan, the jail would consist of 5 separate housing areas which comply with Jail Standards as long-term housing areas.

Four additional holding areas, which due to no shower facilities, no hot and cold running water, and a lack of natural lighting do not comply with jail standards as long-term housing will be available to hold inmates on a short-term basis only. Short term is defined as less than 16 hours. Aside from jail standards, each detention center needs dedicated space for holding areas. These areas are essential in terms of brief inmate separation, intense-temporary observation, dress-in/dress-out purposes, transport processes, inmate search areas, special care needs, and like aspects.

The available housing is as follows:

Long Term Housing

Block 1: Maximum capacity 8 – Anticipated population 4-8

Block 2: Maximum capacity 8 – Anticipated population 6-8

Block 3: Maximum capacity 4 – Anticipated population 1-4

Block 5: Maximum capacity 4 – Anticipated population 1-4



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A Pod: Maximum capacity 32 – Anticipated population 14-32

New Maximum Facility Capacity: Long Term Housing: 56

Short Term Housing, 16 Hours MAXIMUM

Block 4, Maximum capacity 4 – Anticipated population 1-4

Holding 1, Maximum capacity, 1

Holding 2, Maximum capacity, 1

Detox, Maximum capacity, 1

New Maximum Facility Capacity: Short Term Housing: 7

A separate area is used to house up to 4 inmates on Trustee status. Due to construction, design and location this area does not qualify as a secure area and as such cannot be used to house general population inmates.

New total facility capacity: 63 (56 long term, 7 short term), plus up to 6 trustees.

This housing plan allows for the housing of at least 6 different classes of inmates (including trustees housed in an unsecured area). Upon implementation, the jail would become a male holding facility only, with limited space for the temporary housing of a small number (1-7) of females for the amount of time (16 hours or less) it takes to arrange their transport to an outside facility. No longer holding females effectively reduces the number of separate housing areas needed to legally and constitutionally operate the Detention Facility by 50%. Female detainees brought to the jail by the county officers, on pending county charges would be transported to another facility by the Sheriff's Office and housed there at county expense. Female detainees brought to the jail pending charges from other agencies (including all state agencies and DTF) would be transported by the arresting agency. When appropriate the arresting agency will be responsible for housing costs.

Initial talks with the White County Sheriff's Office have tentatively brought about the following cost estimate for housing women in their facility: Approximately \$35 per day per inmate, with a maximum bed space of 12 women is \$153,300 annual housing cost. The daily cost per inmate proposed by White County was their daily cost for housing, which they believed to be approximately \$30 per day per inmate. That cost is calculated once per year by each jail, which means the cost could vary slightly from year to year, but this cost is currently lower than Cleburne County's daily rate of approximately \$47 per day per inmate. Upon agreement of this housing plan, Our Sheriff's Office will work with White County to come to an exact amount, which could be presented to the county judge for an agreement to be entered into.

Transport costs are unknown at this time. However, Cleburne County is currently working on implementing a video court system (purchased by AAC with no cost to the county), which will help to



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alleviate some transport expense. We can also more aggressively manage the female inmate population, which we have presently been unable to do due to housing limitations.

The inmate housing area known as "B Pod", maximum capacity 22, which is currently used to house females, will cease to become prisoner housing. The tables and bunks will be removed, and the room will be turned into a multi-purpose room, as well as much needed administrative storage.

The overall bed capacity for the facility of 63 physical beds located in a secure area, does not provide any capability to house any inmate with chronic medical conditions requiring special medical equipment, disabilities, severe mental illness, physical injuries, or communicable disease. Housing arrangements made to accommodate any of the above conditions will result in an additional loss of bed space. As such, and as needed, these inmates will be housed outside of the county.

Estimated completion time for this transition is 3 months after approval. This time frame should allow us to finalize an agreement with White County (or another outside agency) and begin to transition women to that facility, and allow us to convert B Pod into a multi-purpose room and administrative storage. During or before the completion time, the Sheriff will meet with all Law Enforcement Agency heads within the county to discuss and explain these changes and course of action.

The goal of this housing plan is to bring the Cleburne County Jail into compliance with Jail Standards in a timely manner, provide much needed updates in terms of safety, provide modifications with concern to site success, in addition to the granting of upgrades in terms of legal facets, all while incurring the smallest amount of cost to the physical building that exists as the jail currently. This plan would allow for the existing building to be used as is, with minimal costs incurred to the county; expenses being repairs to some failing plumbing, basic building fixtures/components, and modular/moveable walls to separate storage from the multi-purpose room.

As a note, prior to the plan officially being set into motion, and after being approved, the Sheriff's Office will engage with the State and/or a local Fire Marshal to ensure that staffing levels, etc. are sufficient in terms of being able to safely evacuate all prisoners.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sheriff Chris Brown

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