

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JOINT RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNTY SHERIFF CONCERNING JAIL OVERCROWDING AND THE BOARDING OUT OF WASHTENAW COUNTY INMATES TO OTHER COUNTY JAIL FACILITIES

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 7, 2006

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, as the legislative body for the County, approved an annual budget for the Washtenaw County Sheriff to follow in 2006, including an annual line-item appropriation of \$700,000.00 to pay for budget overruns in the Corrections Division of the Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, within the past six months, the number of inmates in the County jail has greatly increased, resulting in overcrowding for much of this period; and

WHEREAS, to partially alleviate the jail overcrowding, the Sheriff has been boarding out County inmates to a number of county jails throughout the State, including some counties that have no boarding contract with the County; and

WHEREAS, because of the jail overcrowding, there have been greatly increased costs to the Corrections division of the Sheriff's Department, including the cost of food, medical care as well as the boarding out of County inmates to other jail facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County has projected that if no action is taken, the projected budget shortfall for the Corrections division in calendar year 2006 will be approximately \$1.86 million; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator and Sheriff and their respective staffs, have been meeting to discuss possible actions on short-term and long-term solutions to the increased costs resulting from jail overcrowding; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these meetings, eight different scenarios were identified ranging from maintaining the current reality and doing nothing to completely ending all boarding out of County inmates immediately; and

WHEREAS, upon review and debate of all scenarios, the Administrator and Sheriff jointly agreed to recommend Scenario #7 which provides as follows: (1) no additional County inmates would be boarded out to any other jail facility; (2) those inmates currently being boarded out would be permitted to remain in the facilities where they have been boarded until they were eligible to be released; (3) once all of the inmates in a particular county jail have been released, the County Administrator would cancel that boarding contract; (4) all outstanding bills incurred due to the boarding out of County inmates would be paid; (5) the County Administrator will present information on this matter to the Board of Commissioners at the six month budget report; and (6) the

actions under this Scenario will be reviewed by the County Administrator and Sheriff in three months, with the Administrator reporting back to the Board of Commissioners after this meeting; and

WHEREAS, Administration has determined that the action steps in this scenario would result in a projected savings to the County of approximately \$442,500, thus reducing the projected budget shortfall in the Corrections Division of the Sheriff's Department for calendar year 2006 from \$1.1 million to \$700,000.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners that the following action steps in this scenario, which are jointly recommended by the County Administrator and Sheriff are approved and given immediate effect: (1) no additional County inmates will be boarded out to any other jail facility; (2) those inmates currently being boarded out will be permitted to remain in the facilities where they have been boarded until they are eligible to be released; (3) once all of the inmates in a particular county jail have been released, the County Administrator is authorized to cancel that boarding contract; (4) all outstanding bills incurred due to the boarding out of County inmates are to be paid until such time that there are no longer any County inmates boarded out; (5) the County Administrator will present information on this matter to the Board of Commissioners at the six month budget report; and (6) the actions under this Scenario #7 will be reviewed by the County Administrator and Sheriff in three months, with the Administrator reporting back to the Board of Commissioners after this meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to execute and/or terminate inmate boarding contracts to comply with the action steps in this scenario.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Bergman	X			Kern	X			Sizemore	X		
Grewal	X			Ouimet	X			Smith	X		
Gunn	X			Peterson	X			Solowczuk	X		
Irwin	X			Prater	X						

CLERK/REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE - CERTIFIED COPY ROLL CALL VOTE: TOTALS 11 0 0

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on June 7th, 2006, as it appears of record in my office.

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)^{SS}.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 8th day of June, 2006.

LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register

BY: _____

Deputy Clerk



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