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Memorandum

TO: Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Daniel J. Minzey, Sheriff
RE: Sheriff's Proposal for Jail Expansion
DATE: May 19, 2005

There has been a great deal of comments and discussion regarding the Sheriff's Office opposition to the Administrator's proposal and subsequent funding options as presented by the County Administrator. In order to address this issue, I feel it is important to give my perspective into the process which got us to this point.

On April 4, 2005, shortly after the failed February 22nd election, the Sheriff's Office was advised of the County Administrator's Public Safety & Justice Recommendations as outlined in the Administrator's April 6th memorandum to the Board of Commissioners.

The Sheriff's Office was asked to provide written comments on the interim proposal by Monday, April 18th, 2005. The Sheriff's Office provided a written response to the County Administrator. The response outlined my concerns that the plan and documentation as presented to the Sheriff's Office lacked "detailed operational and structural information". Absent that level of detail it would be impossible for us to develop further detailed input into the interim proposal. To date we still have not been provided any detailed information other than the generalized information that has been provided to the public.

It became clear to the Sheriff's Office at the April 22nd CJCC full meeting that we would not be fully included in the detailed level of planning into the Administrator's proposal, and that further input into the process was not of value to the CJCC due to their support of the interim proposal in spite of the concerns addressed by the Sheriff.

The Sheriff's Office has developed a preliminary plan for jail expansion (see attached). With support from the Board of Commissioners a final plan could be developed for Board consideration. I will be happy to present this plan to the Board at any future meeting of your choosing.

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