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MEMORANDUM

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To: Scott County Administration and Board of Supervisors

RE: GPS Monitoring Program Expansion to 7th judicial counties

New Program Description

Over the course of the last few years, the Scott County Juvenile Detention Center has the opportunity to evolve into more than just a building, but rather a continuum of supervision services. Services already implemented in the Scott County community include the In Home Detention program and the GPS monitoring program.

The GPS monitoring programs involve community-based supervision, utilizing GPS monitoring technology in the form of an ankle bracelet. A Detention Youth Counselor will be assigned to facilitate a contract with the juvenile, which outlines certain requirements. Most often times these requirements involve having the juvenile stay within the home at all times, unless at work or school. If the juvenile agrees to follow the guidelines within the contract and the court agrees it is in their best interest, they will be released from detention and supervised in the community. The counselor will supervise the juvenile and report to the court any progress towards goals and adherence to the contract, until the child has met their desired outcome or is unable to abide by the contract.

After nearly two years of successfully operating the GPS monitoring program in the Scott County community, we have been asked to provide services in surrounding counties within the 7th judicial district (Muscatine, Clinton, Cedar, and Jackson). These communities alone would not have enough juveniles referred or the infrastructure to provide the service on their own. So, utilizing the program operated by Scott County is cost effective solution for these communities as it will provide a service not available in most rural areas.

Benefit to Community- Measurement

The desired result is a more appropriately-served juvenile population and decreased detention usage. Research has shown that lowering juvenile detention populations results in improved public safety and lowered detention cost. Juveniles will also be able to attend their home school and continue working. Year to date in FY17, fifty (50) juveniles have been supervised in the community through these programs. Of those referred, 94% completed the program successfully and without any new charges.

Capital Costs- This program will incur no capital costs as it is primarily performed in the community.

Offsetting Revenue

On-going operating expenses for this program will be off-set through revenue from the 7th Judicial District Juvenile Court Services Office, on a per diem basis. Scott County Juvenile Detention will charge \$10.06 per ¼ hour contact. Juvenile Court Services will also cover the electronic equipment rental cost (\$3.10 per bracelet, per day). In FY16 and FY17 year-to-date, the program has been operating within budget parameters. Programming can begin upon approval from the Scott County Board of Supervisors.

Jeremy Kaiser, Director

Scott County Juvenile Detention