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MEMORANDUM

Date: 05/25/2017

To: Scott County Administration and Board of Supervisors

RE: Facility Charging for Juvenile Detention Center- Rate Evaluation and Recommendation

Description

It is the policy of Scott County to charge a governmental body for detainment of juveniles charged with an offense according to Policy 5 "Facility Charging for Juvenile Detention Center." Furthermore, the policy states that the Board of Supervisors shall have ultimate authority to approve or disapprove per diem rates to be used throughout the county fiscal year.

Currently, the Scott County Juvenile Detention Center (SCJDC) charges counties from the 7th judicial district (Clinton, Cedar, Muscatine, Jackson) a per diem rate of \$140 per day. SCJDC charges counties outside of the 7th judicial district a per diem rate of \$150 per day. However, the cost of detaining juveniles has increased, necessitating an evaluation of per diem rates.

History

The SCJDC current per diem rates have not changed for at least 13 years. The last record of billing on file was from March 20th, 2004. Since that time, staff compensation, program supplies, and electronic equipment, among other miscellaneous expenses have increased the cost of detaining juveniles. The average cost for SCJDC to detain a juvenile for one day over the past five fiscal years is \$226 per day.

Comparison

There are nine juvenile detention centers in Iowa. Each detention center charges outside counties a different rate as the table shows below. The average rate of all nine detention centers for member counties is \$148 per day and for non-member counties \$193 respectively. This is the case despite these detention centers having average costs between \$225 and \$500 per day. The discrepancy between the charge for outside counties and the average daily cost is due to low rates and competition provided by one private detention center in Iowa.

Detention Center	Non-member	Member
North West Iowa	275	150
Central Iowa	275	50*
Linn	210	210
Woodbury	150	100
North Iowa	175	125
South West Iowa	165	% of expenses
Polk	150	150
SEI	185	160
Scott	150	140

Recommendation

At this time we are seeking authorization to increase per diem rates to \$150 per day for counties inside the 7th judicial district and \$200 per day for counties outside the 7th judicial district. This increase in per diem rates would be the approximate average of all nine detention centers in Iowa. In FY16, SCJDC received \$63,730 from other governmental bodies for the detainment of juveniles. With the proposed increase in per diem rates, SCJDC would have received \$72,250 from other governmental bodies. This would result in an increase of \$8,520 (13%). We also recommend an annual evaluation of cost/rates and incremental increases until the per diem cost reflects the actual cost to detain a juvenile.

Jeremy Kaiser, Director

Scott County Juvenile Detention Services

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JUNE 15, 2017

AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE PER DIEM RATES FOR COUNTIES

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. That the Scott County Juvenile Detention Center increase the per diem rate to \$150.00 per day for counties inside the 7th judicial district and \$200.00 per day for counties outside the 7th judicial district.

Section 2. That the juvenile detention center annually evaluates cost/rates and incremental increases until the per diem cost reflects the actual cost to detain a juvenile.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.