

**SCOTT COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER**

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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: 11/20/2018

To: Scott County Administration and Board of Supervisors

RE: Juvenile Detention Population Increase

**Average Daily Population - History**

Over the course of the last few years, the Juvenile Detention Center has seen a dramatic increase in average number of juvenile detained per day. This can mostly be attributed to the significant increase in juvenile car theft in Scott County as approximately 50% of our detainees have been related to auto theft in recent years. From Fiscal Year 2009 through Fiscal Year 2017 the detention center has averaged between 10-12 juveniles detained per day. In Fiscal Year 2018 that number rose significantly to an average of 18.3 juveniles detained per day. Over the first four months of Fiscal Year 2019, that number continues to rise. During this fiscal year, we are averaging 23 juveniles detained per day. The highest month on record was our most recent month (October) in which we averaged 28 juveniles detained per day.

**Financial Impacts-** Scott County Juvenile Detention Center is currently licensed to hold 18 juveniles per day, which requires us to send some juveniles to other facilities. To date we have used four facilities, which are the four closest facilities to Scott County: Mary Davis Detention Home (Galesburg, IL), Linn County Detention Center (Cedar Rapids, IA), South Iowa Detention (Montrose, IA), and Central Iowa Detention (Eldora, IA). The cost to do so ranges between \$125-\$200 per day of detainment, plus transportation costs. In FY18, Scott County spent \$178,760 for detainment in outside facilities. During the first four months of Fiscal Year 2019, Scott County has spent more than the entire prior fiscal year to detain juveniles (\$179,945).

**Potential Solutions-** Currently, the over-crowding issue is being studied by Wold AE and Justice Planners to determine if an expansion of bed-space is necessary. There has also been a community wide effort to address the car theft issue being led by the City of Davenport. Juvenile Court also requested and received technical assistance from CCAS (Center for Coordinated Assistance to States) which provided some data analysis and recommendations for the community to consider. One possible solution was a Juvenile Assessment Center. Another recommendation was to implement restorative justice programs. Juvenile Detention is also working with Juvenile Court on an auto theft accountability program for first time offenders. More information on these programs will be provided at a later date.

**Jeremy Kaiser, Director**

Scott County Juvenile Detention