

**MEETING SUMMARY BOONE COUNTY JUDICIAL & LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**

PRESENT: David Wallis, Judge Deborah Daniels, Commissioner Janet Thompson, Bill Abrams, Warren Brewer, Lisa Thomas, Jarred Vessel, June Pitchford, Rusty Antel

Commissioner Thompson presented an update on the 911 dispatch center project. The commission has hired Mission Critical to manage the project, which includes responsibility for facility design, information technology acquisition and training and construction management. The first step is to work up an RFP to hire an architect to design the building. The target date for completion is January 2016 although weather and other factors could push that date back. The county has hired the first group of new call takers; the training period is approximately six months before they can actually work independently. In addition, the county is working on transitioning the current PSJC staff from City of Columbia to Boone County employment.

Judge Michael Bradley was unable to be present but has advised that the Veterans Alternative Sentencing Court is up and running. There are currently eight participants in the program most of whom have been transferred into Veterans Court from other alternative sentencing courts. Judge Bradley is pleased with the progress that the clients are making and they appear to be responding well to working with the veterans who serve as mentors to the participants.

The most recent jail population snapshot (Thursday September 5, 2013) shows we are housing a total of 24 inmates in other facilities at an average cost of \$35 per day per inmate or a daily total cost of \$840.00. The amount of money that is budgeted for out of facility housing is \$300,000 total, which is 23.48 inmates per day. The numbers have run consistently at this approximate level since June 2013. Numbers from January to May 2013 were at a much lower level. Numbers from summer 2012 were much lower. The jail population continues to run at close to 70% pre-trial felonies, 15% pre-trial misdemeanors and 15% misdemeanor commits serving time. Since felony cases take much longer to resolve than misdemeanors, the pre-trial felony cases result in longer jail stays prior to disposition. Most of the pre-trial felony cases are violent class A and B felonies. David Wallis noted that one factor that causes problems for his office is the policy of not accepting recommendations for probation on felony cases. In most other courts, judges will follow an agreement between the prosecutor and the defense attorney for probation and not require a sentencing assessment report which is completed by Probation and Parole prior to sentencing. For those individuals in jail who plead guilty and are seeking probation, the time required to complete the report adds four weeks or more to the time spent in jail. The next meeting will be scheduled in early December. Hopefully, with Commissioner Thompson's assistance we can arrange a meeting with Mission Critical to get a complete view of the process for building the 911 dispatch center.

Rusty Antel - Chair