

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20061539

- 1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:** Approve the proposed programs to help to rectify the overcrowding issues within the Lee County Jail System; Notice to Appear Citation, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program and the Inmate Work Program for the cost of \$483,002 Approve transfer from the General Fund Reserves of one-half, or \$241,501, the balance to be funded from the \$20 inmate booking fee, within the Sheriff's Budget. Also, adjust the Sheriff's Office budget by like amount.
- 2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** In an effort to implement programs that are proposed to help reduce the overcrowding in the Lee County Jail System.
- 3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:**

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| 4. Departmental Category: C15A | | 5. Meeting Date: JAN 30 2007 |
| 6. Agenda: <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative <input type="checkbox"/> Appeals <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Walk-On | 7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify) | |
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| | | 8. Request Initiated: Commissioner _____ Department Lee County Sheriff's Division Office By: <i>Mike Scott</i> Mike Scott, Sheriff |

9. Background:

The Lee County Public Safety Coordinating Council has identified these projects to be implemented to help reduce the overcrowding issue in the Lee County Jail system and are the following:

- Notice to Appear Program to allow for fingerprinting and release at the district level \$260,288
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program to work with Drug Court \$71,519.00 (9 months)
- Inmate Work Program to reduce the number of inmates that report to the jail facilities on weekends \$151,195.00

10. Review for Scheduling:

| Department Director | Purchasing or Contracts | Human Resources | Other | County Attorney | Budget Services | | | | County Manager/P.W. Director | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | | Analyst | Risk | Grants | Mgr. | | |
| | | | | <i>District Manager for Scheduling</i> | <i>CA</i> | <i>11/9/07</i> | <i>1-18-07</i> | <i>11/9/07</i> | <i>11/9/07</i> | <i>11-11-07</i> |

11. Commission Action:

Approved
 Deferred
 Denied
 Other

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State of Florida
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To: Board of County Commission
From: Lieutenant Thomas Eberhardt
Date: November 13, 2006
Ref: Blue Sheet Agenda

This letter serves as reference to the request for performance measures and cost savings associated with the implementation of the following agenda items:

- Notice to Appear Program
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program
- Inmate Work Program

The increase of the county population over the last few years has resulted in a dramatic rise in the inmate population within our facilities. Rise in retail markets, an overburdened judicial system along with more proactive law enforcement efforts have also contributed to the recent spike in inmate population. With the analysis of recent data, the Lee County Sheriff's Office is attempting to take a proactive approach in controlling and limiting the number of persons within our facilities.

Average Daily Population:

Currently, the Lee County Corrections Bureau has 1,635 beds within its four facilities. The below chart illustrates the increase in the average daily population from 2003 to present YTD (Jan-Oct '06) along with the projected three year outlook.

| YEAR | ADP | +/- Capacity | % from Previous Year |
|------|------|--------------|----------------------|
| 2003 | 1337 | -298 | 3.80% |
| 2004 | 1448 | -187 | 8.30% |
| 2005 | 1681 | 46 | 16.10% |
| 2006 | 1973 | 338 | 17.40% |
| 2007 | 2289 | 654 | 16.00% |
| 2008 | 2655 | 1,020 | 16.00% |
| 2009 | 3080 | 1,445 | 16.00% |



The statistics above are alarming in that we could be facing well over 1,000 inmates over bed capacity in just two years. The programs that we want to implement will help alleviate the problem, not solve it. Possible scenarios we could be facing as a county in the future without taking proactive measures may include a Federal lawsuit with a cap being placed on our daily population number. This of course would result in the Sheriff's Office having to release inmates to the streets or re-house them in other county facilities which would result in daily fees being paid out.

**Program #1
Notice to Appear Program**

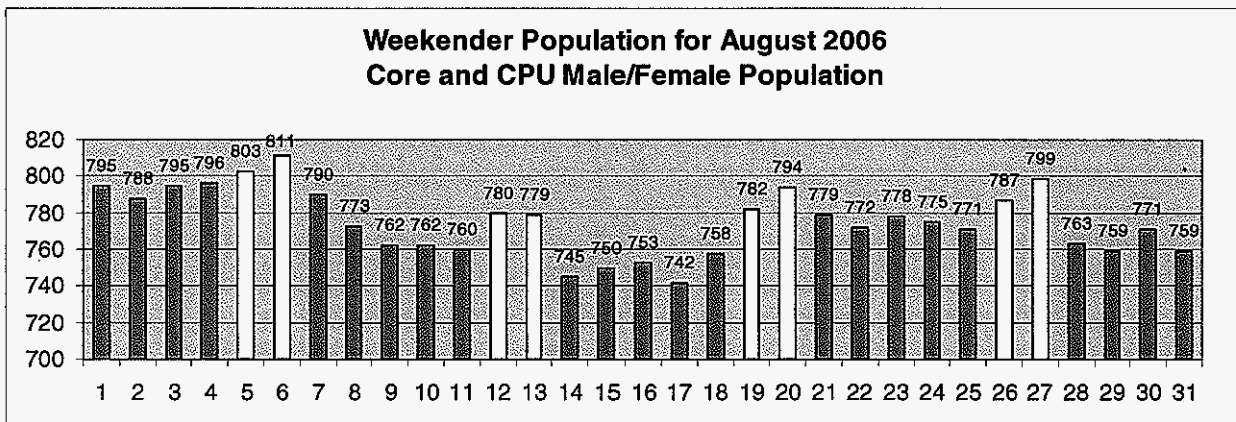
The adaptation of this program would have a two-fold effect. First, it would limit the number of inmates brought to the Jail to be processed and second will allow the Deputy to spend more time within their assigned district. Data collected shows that if this program was implemented **a reduction of 8 in the average daily population could be expected equating to an average of 196 bed nights per month.**

**Program #2
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program**

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Residential Substance Abuse Program offered help to inmates through a grant from FDLE that helped long term substance abusers maintain their sobriety (statistics still being computed). However, even though the program offered an aftercare program it was not mandatory that the people that finished the program attend the aftercare component. Current recidivism rates run from **75% to 80%** with those persons entering our system and release without assessment, treatment, and aftercare for drug abuse issues. Research spanning three years shows that **85% of the people receiving treatment while incarcerated and who attend an aftercare program remained sober and out of the corrections system with only 15% recidivating.** What we are proposing with the funds requested from the County Commission is that we continue the RSAT Program but add a new component that integrates part of the program with the Drug Court Program. As you are probably aware, the Drug Court Program works with the Probation Department and does require that participants attend after care at least once a week; the Drug Court Program also has a drug testing component which is extremely helpful in maintaining sobriety. TLS Consulting will continue to provide aftercare pro bono for the participants that are not in the Drug Court portion of the program. We believe these new additions to the program will help to strengthen the program and give the court system some new alternatives with regard to the problem of fighting substance abuse.

**Program #3
Inmate Work Program**

Those individuals receiving sentences to serve weekends at the jail adds additional numbers that the Corrections Bureau needs to house and supervise spiking our already overcrowded numbers on Friday and Saturday. This program would allow these subjects to report to a dedicated staff member and be placed on a work crew cleaning and maintaining county owned streets and properties. Statistics show that from Jan-Aug 2006, 886 subjects reported for weekend sentencing with an average stay per weekend of 40 hours each equating to 1,772 bed nights. This would result in a **reduction of an average of 26 bed nights for both Friday and Saturday nights.**



All of these initiatives will not solve completely the overcrowding situation within our facilities, but will definitely help alleviate the situation until such time as our new facilities come on-line.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. Thomas Eberhardt