

# **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** AGENDA LETTER

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Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Department

Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer, 568-3404

Director(s)

Contact Info:

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SUBJECT:

As to form: Yes

Grand Jury Report "An Overcrowded Santa Barbara County Main Jail - How

Long Will This Situation Continue?"

**County Counsel Concurrence** 

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence** 

As to form: N/A

#### **Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- Consider and Adopt responses in Attachment (3) as the Board of Supervisors' responses A. to the Grand Jury report entitled "An Overcrowded Santa Barbara County Main Jail -How Long Will This Situation Continue?" and
- B. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included as Attachment (3) forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge.

#### **Summary Text:**

On May 20, 2010 the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled "An Overcrowded Santa Barbara County Main Jail - How Long Will This Situation Continue?" The Board of Supervisors is named as a responder to Findings 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and Recommendations 1, 2, 3a, and 3b. The Sheriff's Department was also requested to respond to these findings and recommendations.

It is recommended that the Board agree with all findings. It is recommended that the Board indicate that all recommendations have been partially implemented. All responses are provided in the letter to the Presiding Judge (letter attached).

#### **Background:**

The Grand Jury report examines the jail overcrowding problem in Santa Barbara County. The report outlines concerns by the Grand Jury that despite the fiscal crisis the county is currently experiencing, it is important that the County implement alternatives to incarceration programs to reduce the future costs of incarceration. The Grand Jury further recommends that the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff's Department work together to develop a funding plan to build and operate a new North County jail facility.

#### **Performance Measure:**

# **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	<u>Annualized</u> <u>On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time</u> <u>Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

#### **Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:** 

FTEs:

#### **Special Instructions:**

#### **Attachments:**

- 1. Grand Jury Report entitled "An Overcrowded Santa Barbara County Main Jail How Long Will This Situation Continue?"
- 2. Sheriff Department's response to Grand Jury Report entitled "An Overcrowded Santa Barbara County Main Jail How Long Will This Situation Continue?"
- 3. Letter to the Presiding Judge with Board of Supervisors Responses

#### Authored by:

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#### CC:

Sheriff Bill Brown

# AN OVERCROWDED SANTA BARBARA COUNTY MAIN JAIL How Long Will This Situation Continue?

# SUMMARY

"Although Grand Juries have supported the construction of a North County Jail for years, the issue is more urgent now than ever before." These words were written by the Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury in a report issued on February 15, 2000. While steps have been taken toward the goal of constructing a new county jail in the north, the realization remains elusive and jail overcrowding escalates.

In 2008, a Blue Ribbon Commission on Jail Overcrowding (BRC) concluded that while a jail big enough to meet the county's needs is too expensive, a smaller jail, together with programs to prevent incarceration and recidivism, is a workable alternative. The BRC proposed that by spending the necessary funds now, the county could actually save money in the long run. By implementing the recommended programs, crime and recidivism would be reduced and relieve the need for more jail beds.

The 2009-10 Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury (Jury) agrees with the BRC that the county needs to implement alternatives to incarceration. The Jury recognizes the fiscal crisis the county is currently experiencing. However, the Jury nevertheless believes that by establishing these alternative programs now, the county will benefit by reducing the future costs of incarceration.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The central part of the main jail opened in 1971 with additions in 1988, 1992, and 1999, with a current bed capacity of 618. In 2006 an adjacent honor farm was reconfigured as a medium security facility to provide an additional 161 beds for a total of 779 beds. The current average daily population of the main jail campus is approximately 1,000 inmates and it is projected that by 2020 that average would increase to 1,800, more than double its planned capacity.

Blue Ribbon Commission on Overcrowding, Final Report and Recommendations, February 2008, p. 12

Since the 1980s, various court orders have directed the county to address overcrowding. In 2008, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Jail Overcrowding (BRC) considered the high cost of a new jail facility that would meet current and future needs. It recommended a blended solution with the construction of a smaller jail (300 beds instead of the estimated need of 800 beds) in conjunction with plans to address crime prevention, alternatives to incarceration and recidivism.

The BRC detailed the major problems associated with overcrowding and made the following recommendations:

- 1. Build a 300 bed facility in north county
- 2. Invest in prevention, intervention, and recovery programs
- 3. Invest in community corrections programs
- 4. Invest \$5.8 million per year in jail overcrowding prevention (#2 and #3 above)
- 5. Establish a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council--CJCC
- 6. Pursue and implement strategies to pay for these investments

The idea of building a new facility in northern Santa Barbara County is decades old. In 1999, the voters rejected two separate 1/4 cent sales tax measures intended to help fund construction and staffing of a new jail. The cost then was estimated to be \$53 million.

By 2008, the cost estimates had climbed to \$80.2 million. In addition, ongoing operations and maintenance costs were estimated at \$17 million annually.

In 2008, the legislature passed Assembly Bill 900 (AB 900) which would fund \$56.3 million for a new 300-bed jail facility. These monies must be expended by June 30, 2017. The state's economic condition may delay AB 900 funding.<sup>2</sup> Nevertheless, in anticipation of receiving AB 900 funding, the county purchased 50 acres of land in the Betteravia area of the Santa Maria Valley for \$3.27 million for the construction of the new jail. The county is currently funding the planning and design of the facility.

The 2008-09 Grand Jury recommended that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) "implement appropriate financial measures in fiscal year 2009-10 to allow construction of the North County Jail." In their response, the BOS noted the progress made to that date. They recommended that the Sheriff's Department (Sheriff) continue to pursue the project as "prudent" and stated that they would "continue to work with the state and continue to consider AB 900 grant funding."

However, the BOS also noted while they agree "appropriate financial measures should be implemented in Fiscal Year 2009-10," the BOS qualified it by adding "as is financially feasible and prudent, considering overall service delivery to the county citizens."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sheriff's Department PowerPoint presentation to the BRC, February 19, 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Detention Facilities Report, Findings and Recommendations, p. 3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Board of Supervisors Responses to Fiscal Year 2008-09 Grand Jury Report on "Detention Facilities." June 2, 2009

After interviewing several county supervisors, the County Chief Executive Officer, the Sheriff and the former chair of the BRC, the 2009-10 Jury was told that even if full funding for building a new north county jail somehow can be found, the currently estimated \$17 million annual operating costs present a serious problem. The continued delay may jeopardize the availability of the \$56.3 million AB 900 funding from the state.

#### OVERCROWDING AND RECIDIVISM

In an effort to alleviate overcrowding the Sheriff instituted the following measures:5

- Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) —957 booked in 2009 and kept out of jail
- GPS electronic monitoring—775 booked in 2009 and kept out of jail
- Early released inmates—1891 released 15 days early in 2009
- Plans for a Community Corrections Program day reporting center funded by a federal grant (Second Chance Act)
- Plans for a multicounty/state partnership in the Central Coast Regional Secure Community Reentry Facility in Paso Robles

The Sheriff instituted the following programs in an effort to reduce recidivism:<sup>6</sup>

- Helen Pedotti Inmate Learning Center
- ServeSafe© certification program (health sanitation training)
- Planning for Success (in-custody drug treatment program)

In response to the BRC's recommendations, the Sheriff also created a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council--CJCC in the fall of 2009. The CJCC brings together major stakeholders in the criminal justice system to prioritize and provide oversight and accountability of efforts to address overcrowding.<sup>7</sup>

There are several factors working against the efforts to combat overcrowding and recidivism in the county jail:

- Federal court order to release to their home counties an estimated 40,000 California state prison inmates over a two-year period
- With a recidivism rate of over 70%, it is likely many of those released early from state prison will re-enter the Santa Barbara court system
- Possibility that the state may extend the maximum 366 day stay in county jail for inmates who otherwise would be transferred to a state prison
- Loss of state funding for the county program for repeat offenders will impact efforts to combat recidivism

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department 2008 Annual Report and 2009 update

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Sheriff's Department PowerPoint presentation to the BRC, February 19, 2010

- Impact of increased crime rates due to the effect of unemployment and current economic decline
- Historical inmate growth rate assumptions
- Sheriff's budget reductions over the last two years resulting in the loss of 29.5 full time equivalent (FTE) employees, with more than 17% reduction in sworn management<sup>8</sup>
- Likelihood of more cuts in fiscal 2010-11, which may result in more FTE reductions including custody operations level personnel at the jail. This situation may require further early release of inmates

# FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

# Finding 1

Overcrowding in the main jail continues to have a negative impact on jail operations and inmate health and safety.

# Finding 2

The Blue Ribbon Commission recommended that the county focus on crime prevention, reducing recidivism, improving early release programs and exploring other proven options to incarceration, in addition to constructing a new 300-bed facility in north county.

# Finding 3

The construction cost of a new 300-bed jail in north county is currently estimated to be \$80.2 million and the county's share is estimated at \$23.9 million.

# Finding 4

The annual cost to the county of operating a new 300-bed jail in north county is currently estimated at \$17 million.

# Finding 5

Additional sources of funding are necessary to build and operate a new 300-bed jail in north county and to ensure receipt of \$56.3 million AB 900 state construction funds.

# Recommendation 1

The Board of Supervisors fully implement the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendations to fund prevention, intervention, and recovery programs that address key factors contributing to crime and imprisonment.

#### Recommendation 2

The Board of Supervisors fund the implementation of the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendation to enhance existing community corrections programs.

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# Recommendation 3a

The Board of Supervisors move to secure funding for a new 300-bed jail facility in north county by making a substantial fiscal commitment to the capital budget with identified sources of funding.

#### Recommendation 3b

The Board of Supervisors work with the Sheriff's Department to plan for a means by which to fund annual operating expenses for a new 300-bed jail facility in north county.

# REQUEST FOR RESPONSE

In accordance with Section 933.05 of the California Penal Code each agency and government body affected by or named in this report is requested to respond in writing to the findings and recommendations in a timely manner. The following are the affected agencies for this report, with the mandated response period for each:

# The SB County Board of Supervisors – 90 days

Findings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Recommendations 1, 2, 3a, 3b

# The SB County Sheriff's Department – 60 days

Findings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Recommendations 1, 2, 3a, 3b

# SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RESPONSE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY GRAND JURY'S 2009-2010 REPORT "AN OVERCROWDED SANTA BARBARA COUNTY MAIN JAIL: How Long Will This Situation Continue?"

# FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>Finding 1</u>: Overcrowding in the main jail continues to have a negative impact on jail operations and inmate health and safety.

# Response to Finding 1: The Sheriff's Department agrees with the finding.

The Sheriff's Department continues to operate under a Court Order Decree limiting the inmate population. For the last several years the jail has routinely operated at approximately 120% of rated capacity as determined by the Corrections and Standards Authority (CSA). This is well above the suggested capacity of 85%, which allows for proper inmate management. The ability to keep persons with incompatible charges, criminal sophistication, medical and mental health issues or other vulnerabilities separated from each other is negatively impacted by jail overcrowding. The overcrowded conditions complicate the classification of inmates and require an intense, ongoing effort to properly house offenders while providing for the health and safety of inmates, custody deputies, and professional support staff alike.

<u>Recommendation 1</u>: The Board of Supervisors fully implement the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendations to fund prevention, intervention, and recovery programs that address key factors contributing to crime and imprisonment.

# Response to Recommendation 1: This recommendation has been partially implemented.

The Board of Supervisors has supported the Sheriff's efforts to fund prevention, intervention, and recovery programs. Specific programs include the Sheriff's Treatment Program (STP), learning programs at the Helen Pedotti Inmate Learning Center, the Safe Serve certification program, and New Beginnings program for substance abuse. In addition to expending funds on such programs, the Sheriff secured a State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) grant to provide for two State Parolee Day Reporting Centers in the County of Santa Barbara.

A \$1,499,960.00 contract was awarded to Community Solutions Incorporated (CSI) to provide services for the two parolee Day Reporting Centers. These centers, one in Santa Maria and one in Santa Barbara, opened on July 1, 2010. They provide customized treatment plans for each parolee. Each Day Reporting Center has a variety of programs, including: Substance Abuse Education, Job Training/Job Search/Job Placement, Transitional Housing and Basic Needs Assistance, Parenting and Family Reintegration, Anger Management, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Community Service Opportunities, and Random Drug and Alcohol Testing. Although providing service to State parolees rather than those on County probation, these centers provide a significant benefit to our communities by increasing the likelihood of successful parolee reintegration into society, thereby decreasing the likelihood of their return to County Jail.

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The Sheriff has also fully implemented the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendation of establishing a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council that provides a forum to address Criminal Justice System issues related to jail overcrowding.

<u>Finding 2</u>: The Blue Ribbon Commission recommended that the county focus on crime prevention, reducing recidivism, improving early release programs and exploring other proven options to incarceration, in addition to constructing a new 300-bed facility in the north county.

# Response to Finding 2: The Sheriff's Department agrees with the finding.

<u>Recommendation 2</u>: The Board of Supervisors fund the implementation of the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendation to enhance existing community corrections programs.

#### Response to Recommendation 2: This recommendation has been partially implemented.

On July 13, 2010 the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to place *Measure S-2010*, the *Local Crime & Gang Reduction, Fire Protection and Jail Construction/Operation ½ Percent Transactions (Sales) Tax Initiative*, on the November 2, 2010 ballot. If passed by the voters, *Measure S-2010* would provide funding for the construction and operation of the new jail, implementation of programs designed to reduce recidivism, and provide alternatives to incarceration, as well as provide additional funding to all local law enforcement agencies for community protection, and to local fire agencies in order to bolster front-line fire protection services.

Part of the *Measure S-2010* funding may be used to enhance the current community corrections efforts (such as GPS electronic monitoring) and/or to establish or re-establish other programs (such as work furlough). *Measure S-2010* would provide an independent oversight committee to administer approximately \$5 million per year in coordinated "wrap-around" treatment, recovery and community corrections services, where mental health, alcohol and drug abuse, housing and other providers will deliver integrated case management efforts to address recidivism.

<u>Finding 3</u>: The construction cost of a new 300-bed jail in the north county is currently estimated to be at \$80.2 million and the county's share is estimated at \$23.9 million.

# Response to Finding 3: The Sheriff's Department agrees with the finding.

<u>Recommendation 3a</u>: The Board of Supervisors move to secure funding for a new 300-bed jail facility in the north county by making a substantial fiscal commitment to the capital budget with identified sources of funding.

# Response to Recommendation 3a: This recommendation has been partially implemented.

The Board of Supervisors has funded the purchase of the land for the North County Jail, the EIR for the property, and the preliminary plans for construction.

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<u>Recommendation 3b</u>: The Board of Supervisors work with the Sheriff's Department to plan for a means by which to fund annual operating expenses for a new 300-bed jail in the North County.

# Response to Recommendation 3b: This recommendation has been partially implemented.

As mentioned, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to place *Measure S-2010* on the November 2, 2010 ballot. In addition to providing funds for the construction of a new 304-bed North County jail, *Measure S-2010* would generate approximately \$15 million per year for jail operating expenses for 10 of the Measure's 14 years.

<u>Finding 4</u>: The annual cost to the county of operating a new 300-bed jail in the north county is currently estimated at \$17 million.

# Response to Finding 4: The Sheriff's Department agrees with the finding.

Measure S-2010 is expected to generate \$15 million per year for jail operating expenses. Upon the completion of the new 304-bed North County jail, the current Santa Maria branch jail will be transitioned to another use. The current \$2 million per year budgeted for operations of the Santa Maria jail will be transferred to the new North County jail operations budget, for a combined total of \$17 million per year for North County jail operating costs.

<u>Finding 5</u>: Additional sources of funding are necessary to build and operate a new 300-bed jail in north county and to ensure receipt of the \$56.3 million AB900 state construction funds.

# Response to Finding 5: The Sheriff's Department agrees with the finding.

The source for the "match" funds needed to ensure the receipt of the \$56.3 million AB900 state construction funds would be secured by the passage of *Measure S-2010*, as discussed in the Response to Recommendation 3b, above.

The construction costs for the 304-bed jail would be funded by *Measure S-2010*, as discussed in the Response to Recommendation 3b.

The source of funds for the operating costs for the new 304-bed jail North County jail are discussed in the Response to Finding 4, above.

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September 7, 2010

# **COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Honorable Judge Arthur A. Garcia Santa Barbara County Superior Court 312 C. East Cook Street Santa Maria, CA 93456-5369

Board of Supervisors' responses to Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Grand Jury Report on "An Overcrowded Santa Barbara County Main Jail – How Long Will This Situation Continue?"

Dear Judge Garcia:

During its regular meeting of September 7, 2010, the Board of Supervisors adopted the following as the Board's response to the findings and recommendations in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Grand Jury Report entitled "An Overcrowded Santa Barbara County Main Jail – How Long Will This Situation Continue?"

The Board of Supervisors thanks the Grand Jury for its work on this most important issue regarding the County's jail overcrowding problem. The County Supervisors have carefully reviewed the findings and recommendations presented in the Grand Jury Report and provide the following responses:

Finding 1

Overcrowding in the main jail continues to have a negative impact on jail operations and inmate health and safety.

Response: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding. The Sheriff's Department continues to operate under a Court Order Decree limiting the inmate population. For the last several years the jail has routinely operated at approximately 120% of rated capacity as determined by the Corrections and Standards Authority (CSA). This is well above the suggested capacity of 85%, which allows for proper inmate management. The ability to keep persons with incompatible charges, criminal sophistication, medical and mental health issues or other vulnerabilities separated from each other is negatively impacted by jail overcrowding. The overcrowded conditions complicate the classification of inmates and require an intense, ongoing effort to properly house offenders while providing for the health and safety of inmates, custody deputies, and professional support staff alike.

# Finding 2

The Blue Ribbon Commission recommended that the county focus on crime prevention, reducing recidivism, improving early release programs and exploring other proven options to incarceration, in addition to constructing a new 300-bed facility in the north county.

**Response**: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

# Finding 3

The construction cost of a new 300-bed jail in the north county is currently estimated to be at \$80.2 million and the county's share is estimated at \$23.9 million.

**Response**: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

# Finding 4

The annual cost to the county of operating a new 300-bed jail in the north county is currently estimated at \$17 million.

**Response**: The Board of Supervisors partially agrees with this finding. *Measure S-2010* is expected to generate \$15 million per year for jail operating expenses. Upon the completion of the new 304-bed North County jail, the current Santa Maria branch jail will be transitioned to another use. The current \$2 million per year budgeted for operations of the Santa Maria jail is anticipated to be transferred and utilized for the new North County jail operations budget, for a combined total of \$17 million per year for North County jail operating costs.

#### Finding 5

Additional sources of funding are necessary to build and operate a new 300-bed jail in north county and to ensure receipt of the \$56.3 million AB900 state construction funds.

**Response**: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding. The source for the "match" funds needed to ensure the receipt of the \$56.3 million AB900 state construction funds could be secured by the passage of *Measure S-2010*, as discussed in the Response to Recommendation 3b, above.

The construction costs for the 304-bed jail would be funded by *Measure S-2010*, as discussed in the Response to Recommendation 3b.

The source of funds for the operating costs for the new 304-bed jail North County jail are discussed in the Response to Finding 4, above.

#### Recommendation 1

The Board of Supervisors fully implement the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendations to fund prevention, intervention, and recovery programs that address key factors contributing to crime and imprisonment.

**Response**: This recommendation has been partially implemented. The Board of Supervisors has supported the Sheriff's efforts to fund prevention, intervention, and recovery programs. Specific programs include the Sheriff's Treatment

Program (STP), learning programs at the Helen Pedotti Inmate Learning Center, the Safe Serve certification program, and New Beginnings program for substance abuse. In addition to expending funds on such programs, the Sheriff secured a State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) grant to provide for two State Parolee Day Reporting Centers in the County of Santa Barbara.

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The Sheriff has also fully implemented the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendation of establishing a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council that provides a forum to address Criminal Justice System issues related to jail overcrowding.

#### Recommendation 2

The Board of Supervisors fund the implementation of the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendation to enhance existing community corrections programs.

**Response**: This recommendation has been partially implemented. On July 13, 2010 the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to place *Measure S-2010*, the Local Crime & Gang Reduction, Fire Protection and Jail Construction/Operation ½ Percent Transactions (Sales) Tax Initiative, on the November 2, 2010 ballot. If passed by the voters, *Measure S-2010* would provide funding for the construction and operation of the new jail, implementation of programs designed to reduce recidivism, and provide alternatives to incarceration, as well as provide additional funding to all local law enforcement agencies for community protection, and to local fire agencies in order to bolster front-line fire protection services.

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#### Recommendation 3a

The Board of Supervisors move to secure funding for a new 300-bed jail facility in the north county by making a substantial fiscal commitment to the capital budget with identified sources of funding.

**Response**: This recommendation has been partially implemented. The Board of Supervisors has funded the purchase of the land for the North County Jail, the EIR for the property, and the preliminary plans for construction. As noted, construction and operational monies are being pursued via Measure S on the November 2010 ballot for voter consideration.

# Recommendation 3b

The Board of Supervisors work with the Sheriff's Department to plan for a means by which to fund annual operating expenses for a new 300-bed jail in the North County.

**Response:** This recommendation has been partially implemented. As mentioned, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to place *Measure S-2010* on the November 2, 2010 ballot. In addition to providing funds for the construction of a new 304-bed North County jail, *Measure S-2010* would generate approximately \$15 million per year for jail operating expenses for 10 of the Measure's 14 years.

Thank you once again for your report. If I can be of any further assistance, please contact my office at any time.

Sincerely,

Janet Wolf Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Fletcher Phillips, Foreman-SB County Civil Grand Jury 2009-10