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WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
County Courthouse

March 6, 2015

MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT
JAIL / LAW ENFORCEMENT / COURTS COMMITTEE

Monday, March 9, 2015
(immediately following Personnel)
JDC Classroom, 885 W Clydesdale, Fayetteville

Vice Chair Joe Patterson
Eva Madison
Joel Maxwell

Chair Tom Lundstrum

John Firmin
Sue Madison
JP District # 2 (TBA)

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order.
2. Adoption of Agenda.
3. Report from the Juvenile Detention Facility. (3.1)
4. Report from the Sheriff's Office on Enforcement and Adult Detention. (4.1, 4.2)
5. Other Business: Any other business to be discussed by the Committee will be brought up at this time.
6. Public Comments.
7. Report from Circuit Court Juvenile Judge Stacey Zimmerman.
 - Safety / Security Concerns
 - Building / Parking Issues
8. Adjournment & Tour of the Juvenile Justice Complex.

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REGIONAL JUVENILE CENTER DETENTION DATA COMPARISONS

The following information is a comparison of detention data elements for the month of FEBRUARY 2014 and 2015

STATISTICAL INFORMATION	2014	2015	
AVERAGE NUMBER OF INTAKES PER DAY	1.04	1.43	
NUMBER OF INTAKES (total for period)	29	40	
NUMBER OF DAYS OF DETENTION (total for period)	119	216	
AVERAGE AGE	15.66	15.38	
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY	4.10	5.40	
TOP FIVE OFFENSES USED FOR DETENTION			
2014		2015	
OFFENSE	# OF INTAKES	OFFENSE	# OF INTAKES
<i>BATTERY-3 (Misdemeanor)</i>	5	<i>PROBATION VIOLATION (Felony)</i>	7
<i>JUVENILE IN NEED OF SUPPORT (Non Offender)</i>	4	<i>PROBATION VIOLATION (Misdemeanor)</i>	6
<i>PROBATION VIOLATION (Felony)</i>	4	<i>CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATION (Misdemeanor)</i>	5
<i>PROBATION VIOLATION (Misdemeanor)</i>	3	<i>BATTERY-3 (Misdemeanor)</i>	5
<i>AGGRAVATED ASSAULT (Felony)</i>	2	<i>ASSAULT (Misdemeanor)</i>	4

**JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER
DAILY POPULATION COUNT FOR FEBRUARY 2015**

This information was developed using the Center's Daily Population Count Forms, which were designed to provide the Juvenile court staff with daily population information.

DAY	MONTH	POPULATION
1	FEBRUARY	14
2	FEBRUARY	15
3	FEBRUARY	11
4	FEBRUARY	11
5	FEBRUARY	11
6	FEBRUARY	13
7	FEBRUARY	16
8	FEBRUARY	16
9	FEBRUARY	15
10	FEBRUARY	16
11	FEBRUARY	14
12	FEBRUARY	10
13	FEBRUARY	13
14	FEBRUARY	12
15	FEBRUARY	12
16	FEBRUARY	12
17	FEBRUARY	14
18	FEBRUARY	13
19	FEBRUARY	11
20	FEBRUARY	12
21	FEBRUARY	11
22	FEBRUARY	11
23	FEBRUARY	11
24	FEBRUARY	12
25	FEBRUARY	12
26	FEBRUARY	9
27	FEBRUARY	10
28	FEBRUARY	11

Washington County Juvenile Detention Center

Totals and Averages

This report covers 28 days

2/1/2015 to 2/28/2015

The Avg. Daily Intake is 1.43

Intakes	40
Days of Detention	216
Average Age	15.38
Average Stay	5.40

Totals and Averages by County and Percentage of Facility Use

Start Date 2/1/2015

End Date 2/28/2015

This report covers 28 days

County	# Intakes	# Detention Days	Average Stay	Av. Daily Intake	Percentage of Total Days
Washington	40	216	5.40	1.43	100.00 %
	40	216	5.40	1.43	100.00 %

Totals and Averages by Court

Court	# of Intakes	# of Days	Avg. Stay
Juvenile	37	180	4.86
Circuit	3	36	12.00

WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Feb-15

Sentenced	5
CURRENTLY HOLDING	4

1	Circuit Court Holds
0	FINS
0	DYS
1	Early release to treatment or other appropriate facility
1	C-Step
0	Interstate Compact

TRANSPORTS

19	Transports
14	Transports in town
5	Out of town transports
0	Other Law Enforcement Officer
19	JDC Transports

Washington County Sheriff's Office
Activity Report

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February

January-February

2015

2014

2015

2014

Patrol

Calls for Service:	2,061	2,104	4,483	4,391
Animal Calls:	75	96	171	183

Civil Process

Papers Entered:	353	282	634	676
No Charge:	260	195	455	462
Papers Served:	266	332	1,179	665
Service Attempts:	447	580	1,569	1,082

Warrants

Warrants Entered:	502	554	1,145	1,231
Warrants Served:	552	595	1,159	1,102

Training

Hours Trained:	3,965	3,312	8,021	5,635
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Communications

Regular Calls:	13,329	11,388	26,953	23,504
911 Calls:	556	545	1,148	1,151

Washington County Detention Center

Activity Report

	<u>February</u>		<u>January-February</u>	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Detention				
Intakes:	908	860	1,917	1,801
Sent To Prison:	26	62	46	133
Daily Average:	628	631	600	612
Daily Average: (Female)	115	91	107	83
Detention Board Days				
State Prisoners:	6,337	7,150	12,401	14,562
Federal Prisoners:	988	2,152	2,192	4,411
County Commits:	1,114	938	2,106	2,084
Pre-Trial:	8,201	6,584	17,301	13,870
All Detainees:	16,981	17,053	34,837	35,502
Outside Workers				
Community Service:	189	223	382	478
Work Release:	380	296	769	589
Transport				
Transport Miles:	27,292	24,833	53,217	48,579
In County:	944	663	1,225	826
Out of County:	84	124	184	252

Animal Shelter

Total Worker 252
Total Hours 1296

Juvenile Court

Many types of cases are heard in Juvenile Court: Delinquency, Family in Need of Services (truancy, habitually disobedient, substance abuse treatment or counseling needed for the juvenile), Foster Case/Dependency Neglect, and Juvenile Drug Court. Also, Juvenile Court Diversion officers meet with juveniles and their families each month to assign public service, rules and counseling to "Divert" the juvenile out of court.

Each week, juvenile court hears approximately 120 cases each week. The juvenile and one or two parents come to court, often joined by grandparents or other relatives. In addition to the families coming for a court hearing, our 6 probation officers, 4 FINS officers, 2 Intake Officer and Diversion officers meet with hundreds of juveniles and their families in our offices each month.

On average 1,200 people come through our doors each month.

Types of Cases

Juvenile delinquency cases

Juveniles are delinquent if they commit an act which is in violation of Arkansas law and the court determines that the juvenile did, in fact, commit the act. Once a Juvenile is found delinquent, the Court will sentence the Juvenile to one or more of the following:

Probation

Long or short term residential treatment (for alcohol/drug abuse, sexual abuse, or mental instability)

Up to 90 days in the juvenile detention center

Commitment to the Division of Youth Services

Community service

Restitution to the victim

Ankle monitors

Drug Screens

Monitoring (curfews, monthly reports, random drug screens, etc.)

Education classes (alcohol/drug, shoplifting, lifestyle management, and other appropriate education)

Family in Need of Service cases (FINS)

FINS cases are initiated when an adult family member, school official, prosecuting attorney, or other interested party files a petition alleging a juvenile meets one of the three criteria for a FINS case. These criteria are:

- The Juvenile has been habitually absent from the home without justification or permission (example: a runaway)
- The Juvenile has been habitually absent from school without justification (example: excessive school absences or tardiness)
- The Juvenile is habitually disobedient to the reasonable and lawful commands of his or her parent, guardian, or custodian (example: juvenile disobeys rules of the home excessively for a prolonged period)

Once a FINS case is found to be true by the Court (adjudicated), the Juvenile and parents, guardians, or custodians will be subject to the Court's orders and rules. This includes reporting monthly to an assigned juvenile officer, and periodically appearing before the Court for review hearings until the Court is satisfied the Juvenile is no longer in need of services and court supervision.

The purpose of FINS is to provide necessary services to at risk juveniles and their families, to open communication between all interested parties, and to help the juvenile become a productive member of society.

Foster Care/Dependency Neglect cases

“Dependency neglect” cases arise when a complaint or allegation of child neglect or abuse is made to the Arkansas Department of Human Services, and the child is placed into foster care. The person or persons suspected of abuse or neglect may have their lawyer present, the child is represented by an attorney ad-litem appointed by the court and the Department of Human Services is represented by a department staff attorney. Grandparents, other relatives, or persons, who have a legitimate interest in the case may also be present.

Juvenile Drug Court

Juvenile Drug Court is an early intervention alternative to traditional court procedure which may be offered to juveniles arrested for non-violent, non-felony offenses and who appear to be abusing drugs and/or alcohol. The juvenile and his/her parents are order to participate in all services. Our Juvenile Drug Court is held at 5:00 pm twice a month.

Teen Court

In one aspect, Teen Court is no different than Circuit Court – Teen Court holds juvenile offenders accountable for their actions. A volunteer local attorney presides as judge over Teen Court, but every other normal court position is filled by volunteer teenagers, including: prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, bailiff, clerk and jury. Licensed and practicing “shadow” attorneys are available to help their teenage counterparts as needed in preparation for and conduct of trials. Teen Court meets once or twice a month at 6:00 pm.

The teen court process begins when a young person is apprehended for violating the law. An intake officer will meet with the teen and may be offer the option of having his or her case heard by teen court rather than traditional circuit court.

Diversions

The intake officer during an intake interview will determine if the teen is a good candidate to have his or her case diverted.

Juvenile Court currently operates numerous diversion programs. These programs are deterrent-focused programs. Our programs are offered to diverted and adjudicated juveniles and Families In Need Of Services (FINS) include the following:

Aikido

Hooked on Fishing Not On Drugs (HOFNOD) with the Outdoor Adventure Club

Creating Lasting Family Connections (CLFC)

These programs may meet weekly or monthly, and may meet afterhours or on the weekends at the Juvenile Court building.

Number of Open Cases

Currently, there are approximately 1,315 open juvenile court cases, in addition to 76 juveniles on Diversion contracts.

Safety Concerns

On the many cases in which the parent(s) are incarcerated, the parent is brought from jail through the front door in shackles, through the lobby, through the children and families in the lobby. The lobby is very small and with the volatile cases heard each day, the lobby can become a hostile environment very quickly.

On the many cases in which a child is in foster care, the child comes to court but does not need to sit in the lobby with the abusive parent, so we have a separate secure room where children in foster care can await coming into court. Unfortunately, often times the child in foster care has been physically and sexually abused by a parent and to have that child be in the lobby with the abusive parent is damaging to that child. Therefore, the child playroom is very much needed. However, there are days when we have 5-8 children in the playroom with a DHS worker. The room is too small.

In addition, the front entrance area to the building is too small, there isn't enough room for the deputies to stand and screen people coming to court without being in the way of either the Juvenile court door or the JDC door.

Juvenile Court Staff

Currently there are **23 Juvenile court staff** (this number does NOT include JDC staff, which works on the other side of the juvenile Justice complex). Our juvenile court staff includes:

JUVENILE JUDGE	1 COURT REPORTER
6 PROBATION OFFICERS	2 COURT SECURITY DEPUTIES
4 FINS OFFICERS	1 BAILIFF
1 part time FINS officer	1 TRIAL COURT ASSISTANT
2 INTAKE OFFICERS	
1 DIVERSION OFFICER	
1 DIVERSION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	
1 TEEN COURT COORDINATOR	
1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	