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COUNTY OF TRINITY
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**TRINITY COUNTY GRAND JURY
2005-2006**

**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE
FINAL REPORT**

TRINITY COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY

**This Report was Approved
On June 6, 2006**

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BACKGROUND:

The California State Board of Corrections classifies the Trinity County Detention Facility (the county jail) as a Type II facility. This facility is used to detain persons who are awaiting or undergoing trial proceedings. These include convicted persons sentenced to serve time of up to one year, and minimum-security state parolees in custody due to parole violations. The maximum capacity of the facility is 53.

METHOD OF INVESTIGATION:

The Judicial Committee of the Grand Jury toured the jail. It was found that the facility is still in a state of disrepair, i.e. the broken window (reported by previous Grand Juries), the deterioration of shower areas, and general deterioration due in large part to age.

The inspection included the Dispatch Center, a state of the art system, the kitchen, dorms, library, exercise area and the showers. The inmate telephone system which has received complaints in prior years is adequate and functional.

FINDING 1:

The Dispatch Center is an asset to the facility and is an example of using grant funding to make a difference in county departments.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

No recommendation on this finding.

FINDING 2:

There are repairs which can be made to improve the general disrepair of the facilities. Help is needed to accomplish repairs on the facility.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

It is recommended that the General Services staff tour the facility and document repairs that can be made by them, and schedule those repairs at the earliest opportunity. General Services should look into the Trinity River Conservation Camp Work Program for use in general repairs to the facility. The cost is approximately \$200.00 per day for a 17 man crew and supervisor.

FINDING 3:

Trinity County does not have the funds to build a much needed larger Detention facility.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

It is recommended that a Grant Writer be hired by the county to seek General Funds for a new facility.

CONCLUSION:

Considering the limits on funding, the overcrowding and disrepair of the jail, the Grand Jury feels that the jail staff is doing a satisfactory job; the few complaints received by the Grand Jury were minor, and quickly taken care of. The kitchen was exceptionally clean and organized.

RESPONSES REQUIRED:

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Finding</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Respond in</u>
Board of Supervisors	2,3	2,3	90 days
Director, General Services	2	2	30 days
CAO	3	3	60 days



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TO: The Honorable Anthony C. Edwards,
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

FROM: Wyatt Paxton, Director of Building and Development Services

CC: Kelly Frost, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: Response to Recommendations of 2005-06
Grand Jury Judicial Committee Final Report
On Trinity County Detention Facility

DATE: August 2, 2006

The Grand Jury Judicial Committee has requested a written response to their final report on the Trinity County Detention Facility. In my capacity as Director of Building and Development Services, my response is as follows:

Finding #2: *There are repairs which can be made to improve the general disrepair of the facilities. Help is needed to accomplish repairs on the facility.*

Response: I agree.

Recommendation #2: *It is recommended that the General Services staff tour the facility and document repairs that can be made by them, and schedule those repairs at the earliest opportunity. General Services should look into the Trinity River Conservation Camp Work Program for use in general repairs to the facility. The cost is approximately \$200.00 per day for a 17 man crew and supervisor.*

Response: A portion of this recommendation has been implemented in that this department has documented all reported repairs needed. Repairs will be made as budgetary constraints and department staffing allow.

The recommendation that Trinity River Conservation Camp crews be used in making repairs to the facility will not be implemented due to regulations that prohibit inmates from contact with State or Federal inmates.

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Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

FROM: Larry A. Layton, County Administrative Officer 

CC: Kelly Frost, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: Response to Recommendations of 2005-06
Grand Jury Judicial Committee Report on
Trinity County Detention Facility

DATE: August 15, 2006

The Grand Jury Judicial Committee has requested a written response to their final report on the Detention Facility. In my capacity as County Administrative Officer, my response is as follows:

Finding #3: *Trinity County does not have the funds to build a much needed larger Detention facility.*

Response: I agree.

Recommendation #3: *It is recommended that a Grant Writer be hired by the county to seek general funds for a new facility.*

Response: The County is aware we are lacking funds for a new detention facility and our only opportunities for this funding will be through state grants. We are preparing information for an application when the money becomes available from the state. We will be recommending to the Board of Supervisors that they fund a needs study, which is a necessary component in acquiring any state funding.

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TO: The Honorable Anthony C. Edwards
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

FROM: Trinity County Board of Supervisors

CC: Kelly Frost, Deputy Clerk of The Board

SUBJECT: Response to Recommendations of 2005-06 Grand Jury Judicial Committee
Report On Trinity County Detention Facility

DATE: October 3, 2006

The Grand Jury Judicial Committee has requested a written response to their final report on the Trinity County detention facility. The Board of Supervisors response is as follows:

Finding #1: *The Dispatch Center is an asset to the facility and is an example of using grant funding to make a difference in county departments.*

Response: The Board of Supervisors agrees.

Recommendation # 1: *No recommendation on this finding.*

Finding # 2: *There are repairs which can be made to improve the general disrepair of the facilities. Help is needed to accomplish repairs on the facility.*

Response: The Board of Supervisors agrees.

Recommendation # 2: *It is recommended that the General Services staff tour the facility and document repairs that can be made by them, and schedule those repairs at the earliest opportunity. General Services should look in to the Trinity River Conservation CampWork Program for use in general repairs to the facility. The cost is approximately \$ 200.00 per day for a 17 man crew and supervisor.*

Response: Will be implemented in part. The Buildings and Development Services department has completed a portion of this recommendation and has

documented all reported repairs needed. Repairs will be made as budgetary constraints and department staff allow.

The recommendation that Trinity River Conservation Camp crews be used in making repairs to the facility **will not** be implemented due to regulations that prohibit inmates from contact with State or Federal prisoners.

Finding #3: Trinity County does not have the funds to build a much needed larger Detention facility.

Response: The Board of Supervisors agrees that currently there are no existing funds to complete the planning, building and maintenance for a much larger Detention facility.

Recommendation #3: It is recommended that a Grant Writer be hired by the county to seek General Funds for a new facility.

Response: Will not be implemented. The Board agrees that currently there are no existing funds to complete the planning, building and maintenance for a much larger Detention facility. However, the board would like to see some additional analysis regarding the need for a new facility. This analysis could include (but not be limited to): data re prisoner population by month for the last several years that includes times of overcrowding (weekends, seasonal, etc), written policy (ies) re early/conditional release and how that relates to overcrowding or alleviating overcrowding, data on parts of the facility that could potentially be in violation of law, code or statute and analysis re the availability of situations that can be alleviated without building a new facility.