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TO: The Honorable Elizabeth Johnson,
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

FROM: Trinity County Board of Supervisors 

SUBJECT: Response to Grand Jury Judicial Committee
Final Report - Juvenile Detention Facility
JUR-2012-2013-001

DATE: September 24, 2013

The Grand Jury Judicial Committee has requested a written response to their final report on the Trinity County Juvenile Detention Facility. The Trinity County Board of Supervisors respectfully submits the following response.

Finding 1:

The leadership of the Center has formed a Community Advisory Committee in an effort to improve and coordinate the various services available to youth and their families. Participants in the monthly meetings include but are not limited to the District Attorney's office, Judge Elizabeth Johnson, as well as representatives from the Trinity Alps Unified School District, Trinity County Behavioral Health and the Human Resource Network.

Response: The Board of Supervisors agree with the finding.

Recommendation 1:

Continue with the expansion and solidification of the Community Advisory Committee.

Response: This has been implemented.

Finding 2:

The Juvenile Detention Center is fortunate to be housed in a modern and efficient facility.

Response: The Board of Supervisors agree with the finding.

Recommendation 2:

In the not so distant future some maintenance procedures may be required for the first time as the building reaches "middle age." Assuming the building has a "life expectancy" of 50 years, the building is 25% of the way to obsolescence. Preventative maintenance in the near future may be a key to the continuation of such a nice facility.

Response: This has been implemented. Preventative maintenance programs for the Juvenile Detention Facility will continue to be applied.

Finding 3:

The visiting committee was pleased to learn that the staff is actively pursuing grants and other alternative sources of funding to enhance the program offerings.

Response: The Board of Supervisors agree with the finding.

Recommendation 3:

Continue to investigate sources of alternative financial support. Maximize the use of underutilized bed space to house out of county inmates as a way to support some of the fixed costs of the facility.

Response: This has been implemented. The Board of Supervisors has and will continue to support the Probation Department in its desire for additional funding, including applying for future grant opportunities. The Board will also support the Probation Department in "renting underutilized bed space" as it applies to State and County Ordinances.