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TO: The Honorable James Woodward,
Presiding Judge of Trinity Superior Court

CC: County Administrative Office "Clerk of the Board"

FROM: Anthony Miller – Facilities Operations Superintendent

SUBJECT: Response to Recommendations of 2011-12
Grand Jury Judicial Committee Final Report
Re: TCSO Jail Monitoring System

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The Grand Jury Judicial Committee has requested a written response to their final report on the 7, of August 2012. In my capacity as Facility Operations Superintendent, my response is as follows:

Finding #1: "The 8/15/11 response to the 2010-2011 Grand Jury Report stated," The video system is failing and plans are underway to have it replaced in the coming weeks". Although new security cameras have been purchased (some time ago), to date they have not been installed. At the time of the tour one of the old cameras appeared to be working".

Response: I agree with the finding and need for a new operational camera monitoring system. The camera project was developed designed and purchased by the TCSO with no collaboration with General Services, IT or Risk Management. Installation of the equipment was also being facilitated by the TCSO. During installation of the project General Services was contacted by the TCSO and ask to help drill holes and bridge other unforeseen obstacles that have impacted the progress of the project. General Service responded to these request including utilizing a probation work release participant for weekend help on the camera project. Before projects like this are implemented they need to be approved by The General Services Department and Risk Management.

Recommendation #1: "It is imperative for the safety of staff and inmates that the monitoring system be functional. It is top priority for the replacement. Complete the installation immediately".

Response #1: Project is being implemented, though some functions of this project are profession trade specific. The Trinity County General Services Department will continue to facilitate any needs or request that will help expedite the completion of the monitoring system. The completion date is anticipated to be September 1st 2012.

Finding #3: "There are a number of maintenance and repairs that need attention."

Response: I agree with this finding.

Recommendation #3: "In conjunction with County General Services staff, use jail trustees to perform required maintenance. For example, but not limited to, holes in the walls, weed control and security.

Response #3: Already implemented. The General Services Department will continue to utilize trustee manpower to help with various grounds or maintenance work when possible. Combined with the General Services current staffing levels and the required training to perform what one would think a simple tasks makes it a challenge to utilize this resource. The General Services staff will continue to prioritize and correct the jail maintenance needs and utilize and identify resources to help perform these tasks.

Finding #6: "Lack of Supervisorial personnel and funding has been the catch all excuse for many years. With the County's limited resources, management must prioritize both staffing and funding needs.

Response: I agree with this finding.

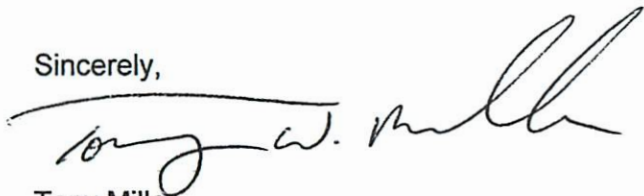
Recommendation 6a: To Minimize the County's liability issues, Management must prioritize resources for maintenance and repairs.

Response 6a: Has been implemented. Regular maintenance and repairs are performed by the General Services Department staff. Also emergency as needed services contracts have been developed by the General Services Department. These services contracts were developed to help expedite repairs or maintenance needs when needed working with private contractors. The General Services Department maintains a preventive maintenance program that is active and current for the TCSO facility doing monthly, quarterly and annual preventive maintenance.

Recommendation 6b: A strategic plan for funding a new facility should be developed and implemented immediately.

Response 6b: Requires further analysis. I agree that a strategic plan should be implemented for funding a new facility. As this would require a special committee, I would also recommend that this committee address the realities of the existing facility and the facilities current needs. The realities of a timeline for a strategic plan for funding and proposed new facility will require the current facility to remain in service for some time.

Sincerely,



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