



## Report from Jail Summit II

On Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup>, the Scott County Board of Supervisors, the Community Jail and Alternatives Advisory Committee (CJAAC), and members of the Community Outreach Team held Community Jail Summit II to address the future of the Scott County jail and alternative programs. About 100 community leaders, stakeholders, and concerned citizens attended.

The future public safety of our community is our number one concern. Effective public safety includes both facility and program options to hold people accountable for their behavior and to offer opportunities for positive change. We believe that we can best achieve these goals by partnering with the community to develop solutions that are in the best interests of all Scott County citizens.

During the Summit, participants were asked to respond to a series of questions regarding the relationship between the community and the jail. These questions and community responses are listed in their entirety. Participants were also asked to prioritize the criteria by which solutions were to be evaluated. Their choices have been summarized in this document as well.

As we work together to develop solutions to address these problems, we encourage you to stay involved and to help us shape a solution.

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## What is the responsibility of the jail to the community?

**Common Themes:**

- **Safety for the public, staff, and inmates.**
- **Accountability for behavior in the community.**
- **Effective role in justice system.**

1. Safety for the community and for the individuals in the jail.
2. An important component to the law enforcement continuum.
3. Classification of inmates is very important.
4. Keep individuals in own community.
5. Provide programming to reduce recidivism.
6. Hold all persons accused or arrested until trial.
7. Have a facility to reduce liability.
8. Holding people in alternative programs accountable.
9. Holding area for justice system.
10. Be a safe place.
11. Moral obligation to "correct".
12. No community has to have their own jail.
13. Have to respond to new laws and mandatory sentence.
14. Provide humane (non-judgmental) care for inmates.
15. Keep people who have been accused of breaking the law in the community to stand trial.
16. Assure the safety of the community from violent offenders.
17. Protect the public, staff, and offender.
18. A place to do quick term assessments of needs and provide referrals and monitoring.
19. Admit and release inmates - the jail should be a deterrent to crime, not a revolving door for repeat offenders.

## What is the responsibility of the community to the jail?

### Common Themes:

- **Adequate resources to operate the jail.**
- **Educate themselves about jail functions.**
- **Access to community resources.**
- **Provide support and oversight.**

1. Provide adequate funding for jail.
2. To ensure that the jail is kept up and that there is funding to keep it running.
3. Provide reform programs to help keep the inmates from returning to crime and the jail system.
4. Provide outreach and community programs for people to provide services to keep them out of trouble.
5. Provide education about the functions of a jail - more than merely to punish and keep criminals away from society but to find out its functions: rehabilitation, etc. It's the community's responsibility to find this out.
6. Provide fair and humane treatment to people accused or convicted of a crime.
7. To provide programs, resources, or alternatives for behavior modification and to help people learn how to change or adjust their behaviors.
8. Provide funding and community support.
9. Provide a facility that meets legal requirements.
10. Provide opportunities and/or programs for education, employment, and other to prepare inmates for success after leaving jail.
11. To make sure the county officials and employees are held responsible for management of the facility.
12. Pay for it.
13. Provide community oversight: a) elected officials b) continue community committee.

## What is the responsibility of the jail to staff?

### Common Themes:

- **Provide a safe, efficient, professional work environment.**
- **Ensure opportunities for training and staff development.**
- **Provide adequate staffing level.**
- **Clear mission and effective management.**

1. Provide a safe workplace environment.
2. Provide an efficient workplace environment.
3. Ensure there is adequate space for programming.
4. Adequate/competitive compensation and benefits.
5. Responsible/responsive management.
6. Ongoing training program.
7. Tap all local, state, and federal resources (financial, training, programming).
8. Adequate staffing levels.
9. Safety, security, and space.
10. Provide programs to keep the clientele (inmates) occupied.
11. Staff development.
12. Sufficient/adequate staff.
13. A healthy environment.
14. Provide a safe working environment for correctional officers.
15. Provide on-going educational programs for the jail staff.
16. Safety.
17. Security.
18. Training - continual.
19. Good programming.
20. Not segregating staff and inmates.
21. Communication and observation.
22. Reasonable working hours.
23. Clarity of mission.
24. Good working conditions - light, air, sound.
25. Efficient working environment.
26. Provide humanitarian/legal/safe working conditions for staff.

## What is the responsibility of the jail to inmates?

### Common Themes:

- **Meet basic needs.**
- **Provide safe environment.**
- **Protect legal rights.**
- **Fair treatment.**
- **Provide opportunities to help inmates make a change.**

1. Safe environment.
2. Personal hygiene.
3. Food, clean clothing, shelter, medical care (physical and mental).
4. Physical activity.
5. Opportunities for education.
6. Spiritual and pastoral counseling.
7. Family visitation.
8. Access to legal counsel.
9. Well trained staff.
10. Fair treatment.
11. Clean environment.
12. Access to programs (substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, clergy, education-GED and vocational).
13. Access to phone (family and friends).
14. Opportunity for change.
15. Convenient access to courts and video courts.
16. Protecting constitutional/legal guarantees.
17. Protection from other inmates.
18. Physical well-being (medical and emotional needs)
19. Adequate nutrition.
20. Adequate clothing and personal hygiene.
21. Religious counseling/opportunity/access.
22. Access to family and attorneys.
23. Heat, water, humane conditions.
24. Transportation to court.
25. Feed, clothe, house.
26. Maintain a safe environment.
27. Provide health care.
28. Commit as a community to a network of programs to inmates that will reduce the risk of recidivism and give them life skills to become successful citizens.
29. Provide adequate medical and mental facilities and staff.
30. Help defendants to become court compliant.
31. Provide access to resources to help inmates.

## Community Priorities

Subject	Title	Priority Score	% of Subtotal	% of Total	Order
<i>Criteria to Evaluate Solutions</i>					
	Capital cost	32	12%	5.8%	4
	Operating costs	69	25%	12.5%	1
	Sensitive to community values and standards	13	5%	2.4%	8
	Consistent with laws and regulations	19	7%	3.4%	7
	Consistent with professional correctional practice	28	10%	5.1%	5
	Consistent with good community development practices	22	8%	4.0%	6
	Enhances community public safety	43	16%	7.8%	2
	Enhances inmate accountability for behavior (inside and outside the institution)	35	13%	6.4%	3
	Minimizes County liability	11	4%	2.0%	9
	Subtotal	272	100%	49.4%	
<i>Operating Philosophy Statement #1 To enhance public safety for Scott County citizens by:</i>					
	Holding offenders accountable for their behavior inside and outside the jail	49	19%	8.9%	3
	Recruiting and retaining, competent, professional correctional staff, who reflect the community we serve	37	15%	6.7%	4
	Operating a safe and secure facility consistent with contemporary standards and practices	70	28%	12.7%	1
	Offering cost-effective programs and services proven to increase	66	26%	12.0%	2
	Working collaboratively with other justice and human service agencies	32	13%	5.8%	5
	Providing meaningful opportunities that allow offenders to make restitution to the community through public service		0%		
	Subtotal	254	100%	46.1%	
<i>Possible Options</i>					
Replace Existing Facilities					
	at the Courthouse	8	32%	1.5%	
Remodel & Expand					
	Jail only	8	32%	1.5%	
	Annex only	8	32%	1.5%	
Third Facility					
	Remodel	1	4%	0.2%	
	Subtotal	25	100%	4.5%	
	Total	551		100.0%	