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August 6, 2019

Judge of Superior Court
Honorable Kate Powell Segerstrom
Tuolumne County Superior Court
60 North Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report - Tuolumne County Jail Report

Grand Jury Findings

F1: The Jail is currently understaffed by four officers. With the opening of the new jail in 2019, additional officers will need to be hired.

Response: Partially agree. Unlike the Juvenile Facility, the Jail does not have specific or required ratios for staffing. When members of the Grand Jury toured the jail there were vacancies. However, it should be noted that positions for the jail were allocated and approved by the Board. Furthermore, the Sheriff is extremely dedicated to recruitment and retention of his staff. He also exercises incredible creativity when recruiting new deputies. The vacancies that existed during the visit have been filled.

F2: Safety issues found in the 2017-2018 Grand Jury report have not been addressed. These would include the gray water being collected in the drums rather than repairing the pipes and correcting the extension cord running down the hall.

Response: Disagree. This issue has been addressed has passed inspection by the Environmental Health and Public Health Departments as well as the Board of State and Community Corrections.

F3: There appeared to be a lack of adherence to security protocol.

Response: Disagree. This report does not provide information as to the specific security protocol in question. Without this necessary information, the Board of Supervisors is unable to comment on the appearance of the lack of adherence to security protocol. Furthermore, information provided to members of the Grand Jury is available to the public in the normal course of business and therefore should not be perceived as a security breach as it is public information.

F4: Better educational opportunities and rehabilitative programs may reduce repeat incarcerations.

Response: Agree. There are a myriad of educational and rehabilitative programs available to inmates within the County Jail.

Grand Jury Recommendations

R1: Recruit officers to fill current vacancies. This may include seeking additional budget funding.

Response: Already implemented -Vacancies within the jail at the time of the Grand Jury visit have been filled.

R2: Address safety and health issues. These will need to be addressed if the building continues to be occupied as planned.

Response: Already implemented - The issue in question has been addressed and the solution passed inspections from the Environmental Health and Public Health Departments as well as the Board of State and Community Corrections.

R3: Adhere to security measures. This could entail refresher training on admitting private citizens into the Jail.

Response: Already implemented-A minimum of 6.5 hours of training is provided each month that includes safety and security of the facility.

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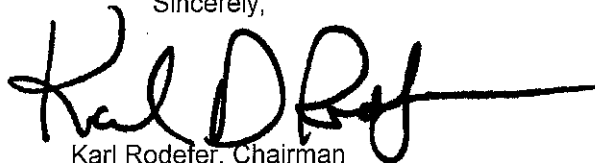
R4: Pursue educational opportunities and rehabilitation programs for inmates. This may include studying for and obtaining a GED or post-secondary degree, and counseling services. Maybe some retired professionals would be willing to donate their time.

Response: Already implemented-There are many educational and rehabilitative services available to inmates within the County Jail.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above findings and recommendations.


Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding same.

Sincerely,



Karl Rodefer, Chairman
Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

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