

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GRANT COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-15

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Approved*

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
THE GRANT COUNTY DETENTION CENTER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Board of Grant County Commissioners (the BCC) has distinct statutory oversight of and responsibility for the operation and management of the Grant County Detention Center (GCDC);

WHEREAS, the BCC had previously created a GCDC Advisory Committee, which was subsequently allowed to expire;

WHEREAS, with increasing budget demands and growing jail populations, counties across the nation are facing difficult decisions on controlling county criminal justice cost;

WHEREAS, incarceration and increases in the County Jail population comes at great cost to the County and the Community at Large;

WHEREAS, the BCC would benefit from a fact-finding committee that would examine various issues as they relate to the impact of incarcerations on the community at large, understanding rights of the incarcerated, environmental conditions, access to health care, and programs and serviced for and reintegration of inmates and residents from the Detention Center to the community at large;

WHEREAS, the BCC wishes to receive advice from a comprehensive cross section of the community regarding the operation of the GCDC;

WHEREAS, a corrections oversight committee could: take a leadership role in assuring that the community is involved in their efforts; created community-wide ownership in their endeavors; reach diverse groups in the community; include key communities of interest and grassroots community leaders; and gain the commitment of stakeholders and key constituent organizations for a long term, sustained effort to ensure the community's confidence and public trust in the GCDC

WHEREAS, the County continues to work and collaborate with the New Mexico Association of Counties to achieve accredited status for the GCDC, which will ultimately make the GCDC one of only a few such accredited county detention facilities in the state of New Mexico

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County, as follows:

1. A Grant County Detention Center Oversight Committee (the Committee) is hereby created by the Board of Grant County Commissioners for the express purpose of providing factual information to the BCC regarding the GCDC.

2. The Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) voting members appointed by the BCC.
3. Four members of the Committee shall be appointed by the BCC for an initial term of two years and three shall be appointed for an initial term of three years. Thereafter members shall serve terms of two years. Members may be reappointed by the BCC to additional terms. There shall be no limitation on the number of consecutive terms that a member may serve. Members may be removed by the BCC with or without cause. In the event of a vacancy, the BCC shall appoint a member to serve out the remainder of the departing member's term.
4. Members of the Committee shall be appointed from the following cross sections of the community.
 - a. Mental Health Community
 - b. Medical/Substance Abuse Treatment Community
 - c. District Attorney's Office
 - d. Legal Community
 - e. Immigrant Advocacy Community
 - f. Homeless Advocacy Community
 - g. At Large Representative
5. Within six weeks of the creation of a vacancy on the Committee the County Manager will advertise for a new member in the area of expertise lost and bring forward a recommendation to the BCC to fill the vacancy
6. Members of the Committee shall annually elect a chair and vice-chair by majority vote of the quorum
7. The Committee shall meet up to 6 meetings per year to carry out its work.
8. All matters coming before the Committee shall be resolved by majority vote of the quorum:
9. The County Manager shall appoint a member of the County staff to serve as liaison to the Committee.
10. The Scope of duties of the Committee shall include, but not be limited to the following:
 - a. Twice annually conduct tours of the GCDC accompanied by the Administrator and/or the Deputy Administrator. As part of each tour, the Committee should conduct interviews with a reasonable cross-section of inmates, and attend a comprehensive briefing from GCDC staff regarding the services provided and the purposes for those services so that the Committee has an understanding of how the Detention Center operates;
 - b. Review and assess the County's community re-integration model and make recommendations to the Detention Center Administrator and the County Manager;

- c. Review and assess the Detention Center's Policies and Procedures as they relate to families and individuals who interact with the Grant County Detention Center, correctional staff, and Law Enforcement when visiting the Detention Center, and make policy and procedural recommendations to the Detention Center Administrator and the County Manager;
- d. Review and assess the Grant County Detention Center Policies and Procedures as they relate to inmate services and the protection of the rights of inmates, and make policy and procedural recommendations to the Detention Center Administrator and the County Manager;
- e. Make recommendations about how to assist members of the community impacted by the incarceration of a friend or family understand what to expect and how to obtain information from the Detention Center;
- f. Review internal audit reports provided periodically by the Detention Center Administrator to better understand operations as the Detention Center
- g. Participate in and assess each Critical Incident Review with the County Manager, Detention Center Administrator, and involved Detention Center staff within thirty days following Critical Incidents such as those requiring Use of Force or Lock Down;
- h. Develop, publish and present a Grant County Detention Center Oversight Committee annual report to include issues and recommendation to be presented to the BCC. The report shall be assembled by the Committee's County liaison and printed by the County.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 17 day of March, 2016

Brett Kasten, Chair

ATTEST

COUNTY SEAL

Robert Zamarippa, Grant County Clerk