



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: January 6, 2021

Department: Sheriff's Office Agenda Planning Date: 12/30/2020 Time required: 5 min

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TITLE: Continue suspension of the Marion County Jail capacity management plan

Issue, Description & Background: The Marion County Jail capacity management plan was previously approved by the Board in August of 2016. Because of the declaration of emergency related to COVID-19, and the risks associated with maintaining the jail population at the current capacity, the Sheriff's Office consulted with stakeholders regarding reducing the opportunity for spreading the virus to adults in custody, employees, and other law enforcement, which was passed by resolution at the March 25, 2020 board session; continued at the June 17, 2020 and September 30, 2020 board sessions.

Financial Impacts: n/a

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: Limiting the lodging of arrestees at the jail will continue to impact local arresting agencies.

Options for Consideration: Consider a resolution continuing the suspension of the Marion County Sheriff's Office Capacity Management Plan during the COVID-19 emergency and authorize the Marion County Sheriff to restrict lodging of arrestees and to allow release of inmates as appropriate to maintain health and safety.

Recommendation: The Sheriff's Office recommends continuing suspension of the jail capacity management plan; reduction of the population of the Marion County Jail; and to allow the Sheriff to adjust the capacity at the Marion County Jail so long as the population does not exceed 415 adults in custody including 65 female, and 350 male adults in custody.

List of attachments: Resolution

Presenter: Commander Tad Larson; Jane Vetto

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of adopting a resolution to)
extend the suspension of the Marion County)
Jail capacity management plan due to the)
COVID-19 State of Emergency.)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on January 6, 2021, to consider extending the suspension of the Marion County Jail capacity management plan adopted by the Board on August 31, 2016 by Resolution 16R-25.

WHEREAS, the Marion County Board of Commissioners approved a COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency on March 16, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus COVID-19 has created an unprecedented crisis which threatens the health of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Jail houses a population of people who are often medically fragile in a confined space with close human contact; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has consulted with and will continue to consult with this Board, the Marion County Presiding Judge and Courts, the District Attorney and law enforcement officials, as well as public defenders, partner agencies and Marion County Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the Board acted on March 25, 2020, and approved Resolution 20R-5 suspending the capacity management plan adopted August 31, 2016, for 90 days; and

WHEREAS, the Board acted on June 17, 2020 and approved an extension of Resolution 20R-5 suspending the capacity management plan through September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board acted on September 30, 2020 and approved an extension of Resolution 20R-5 suspending the capacity management plan through January 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the dangers and risks associated with the COVID-19 health crisis continue; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the suspension of the capacity management plan as provided in Resolution 20R-5 is extended and continued and the Marion County Sheriff is authorized to establish

protocols that restrict and limit the processing and lodging of arrestees and that also allow for the release of inmates as necessary in order to reduce the danger of spreading the virus during this COVID-19 pandemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marion County Sheriff is authorized to adjust the capacity at the Marion County Jail so long as the total population at the Jail does not exceed 415 adults in custody, and so long as the female population does not exceed 65 adults in custody, and so long as the male population does not exceed 350 adults in custody;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, and the extension of Resolution 20R-5, shall be effective until midnight March 31, 2021, or until the Board terminates its emergency declaration, whichever occurs first.

DATED at Salem, Oregon this ____ day of January 2021.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner