

Madison County Resolution 21-2014
A Resolution Recognizing the Montana Association of Counties
And
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
Recommended Jail Standards

Whereas, Madison County operates a Detention Center and is obligated to operate the Detention Center in a manner that complies with Constitutional and other legal requirements; and

Whereas, the County wishes to operate its Detention Center in a manner that complies with legal requirements and that protects the health and safety of persons detained, the staff of the detention center and the public; and

Whereas, the Detention Standards adopted by the Montana Association of Counties and the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association are recommended to provide guidance that will help insure that the policies, procedures and physical condition of the Detention Center will meet Constitutional and other legal requirements and will help protect the health and safety of persons detained, detention center staff and the general public; and

Whereas, the Detention Standards are voluntary and not mandatory and are intended to serve as guidelines to best practices rather than establishing a required or mandated outcome.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved, that the 2014 Montana Association of Counties and Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Detention Standards are hereby recognized for the purpose of providing guidance in the development of detention center policies and procedures and any future alteration or new construction of detention center physical facilities. It is not intended that the Detention Standards establish any immediate requirements, rather the standards are adopted to help shape the development of policies and procedures and physical facility decisions regarding the Detention Center and to inform, within the limits of available resources, future budget decisions regarding services, staffing, and facilities at the Detention Center.

Be it Further Resolved that the recognition of the Detention Standards does not create any right in any person not already established by the Constitution or other applicable law related to the Detention Center. The Detention Standards are solely for the purpose of guiding the County in the future and ongoing operation of the detentions center subject to the limitations imposed by the facility and the availability of resources.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, 2014.

James P. Hart, Chairman

Dan A. Happel

David Schulz

ATTEST: _____
Peggy Kaatz
Clerk and Recorder