

Jail Committee Charter

The Jail Committee is charged with finding the best option for the County and its residents to resolve the Detention Center's issues. Specifically what can be done to alleviate the issues associated with:

- Overcrowding
- Safety for inmates and staff
- Issues related to segregating the population

The Committee will be comprised of the following

- Three Board members – Frankie Waters, Jerry Langley and John Rebholz
- Three members of the public (Applications can come direct and be considered with Commissioner nominations)
 - One Southside – to be determined by allowing each Commissioner to nominate 1 person and voted upon by Board
 - One City of Washington – as appointed by City Council
 - One Northside outside the city– to be determined by allowing each Commissioner to nominate 1 person and voted upon by Board
- Three stakeholders
 - District Attorney
 - Member of Sheriff's office, preferably Lt. Bryan
 - One member of the judiciary (Judge Sermons or Judge Parker)

The committee will research and evaluate the current situation including:

- Sentencing and parole guidelines and if any options are available
- The practice of housing inmate in other facilities and the overall costs associated with that
- What are the laws and issues related to segregating the populations
- What are the safety concerns and options to resolve them
- Evaluate the financial costs of partnering with another neighboring county that either has excess facility or has a jail issue similar to ours
- Evaluate options to outsource the jail operation in total
- Evaluate what is needed/required in a new jail
- Financial impact of all options including doing nothing

The meetings will always be open to the public and minutes posted on the County website.

This Jail Committee Charter was adopted, in a five (5) to two (2) vote by the Beaufort County Board of County Commissioners of North Carolina on the 13th day of January, 2020.

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