

Joint Executive and Finance Committee November 15, 2005

Present: Executive: Chair Martin, Vice Chair Baumgartner,
Supervisors Pufahl and Westby

Finance: Chair Tramburg, Vice Chair Wopat, Supervisors
Olson, Baumgartner and Pufahl.

Also Present: Sarah Lloyd and Clerk Miller

Chair Martin called meeting to order indicating information provided did not require any action.

Handout was distributed to the committees: County Jail Operations 2006. The handout broke down the fixed verses variable expenses for operating the jail. Costs were based on 240 inmates in the jail. Each additional out-of-county inmate added was estimated to cost the county another \$9.22. The current \$50 charge more than covers this amount.

The current daily charge is \$50 per day to board additional out-of-county inmates. The question has been raised, why can't more be charged. Schepp indicated the market and what other counties charge dictates the Columbia County rate. If the county would go higher, they would lose contracts and revenues.

In 2006, an additional 35 inmates are budgeted, generating \$638,750 in revenues.

Meeting adjourned on Motion by Supervisor Baumgartner, second by Supervisor Olson at 9:19 a.m. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,

Harlan Baumgartner

Jeanne Miller