

HOUSING PRISONERS IN COUNTY JAILS

The Michigan Legislature has approved funds for the MDOC to partner with local Sheriffs for housing Prisoners in County Jails. This action was acted upon with DOM 2012-24.

The County Jail Contract is a cost savings effort which allows more beds to be available in the Correctional Facilities and serves as a distribution of funds into local communities, by utilizing County beds that are currently vacant.

Correctional Facilities Administration Operations staff is responsible for identifying prisoners for placement. All areas involved in this process include, Records, Health Care, Mental Health, and Classification. All prisoners in the Department are screened based upon predetermined criteria; prisoner's request for placement in the county jail will be returned to them without response.

Except for grievances pending at the time of transfer, prisoners housed in a county jail are required to utilize the jail grievance process for all issues arising while they are housed at that facility. If the grievance is regarding an issue under the control of the Department, the grievance shall be forwarded by designated jail staff to the Manager of the CFA Classification Section or designee for resolution. The Department's decision to place the prisoner in the county jail is not grievable and will be rejected without response.

Prisoners in the county jail will not be released early or receive County Administrative Time. Prisoners will not be allowed to participate in work release, or furlough programs.

After a prisoner is transferred to a county jail, OTIS will show the respective county jail designation along with the county jail contact information.

Prisoners currently placed in a county jail will discharge directly from the jail.

Prisoners housed in a county jail are required to abide by all jail rules and policies;

Visiting -

- Visiting standards are dictated solely by each County Jail.

Telephones -

- Prisoner Phones – Prisoners will NOT have access to PCS while housed at the County Jails. Prisoners who have a balance on their PCS debit account will be refunded that amount. Central Office will notify PCS of all prisoners who transfer to the County Jail, and PCS will then process a refund which will be sent to the Southern Region Business Office for depositing into TRUST. **If friends/families have established a Prepaid account with PCS, they should request a refund through Customer Service (1-855-466-2832).**

Mail –

- All mail received at the facilities will be forwarded to the appropriate County Jail for the prisoner.
- In accordance to the DOM 2012-7, as the prisoners housed in the County Jail are still under the jurisdiction of the Department, prisoners may not correspond between the facilities and the County jail unless they are approved for the correspondence.

Clothing –

- All State issued clothing will transfer with the prisoner. The County Jail will determine what the prisoner is allowed to wear and what will need to be stored with their personal property. At the time of the prisoner's discharge, the State issued items will be returned to the Department.

Funds –

- Family members and others may continue to deposit funds into the prisoner's Department TRUST account in the same manner as for prisoners housed in a Department facility. However, prisoners housed in a county jail must sign an authorization to transfer funds from TRUST to their County Jail account.
- Prisoner's families will not be allowed to deposit money into their Jail accounts.
- Prisoners are not authorized to send money to family members or others. Funds may only be sent back into their MDOC Trust account.

Personal property -

- Property not allowed at the jail will be stored at the County Jail until discharged or unless the prisoner chooses to dispose of the property in a manner authorized under the jail rules and policy.
- MP3 players - Prisoners WILL NOT be allowed to possess their MP3 players while in the county jails. They will be stored with their personal property until they leave the county jail.
- Securepak - Prisoners WILL NOT be allowed to receive Securepak orders while housed at the county jails. When a family member goes on line to place an order, a notification will appear indicating that the prisoner is not eligible to receive a Securepak order.
- Keefe Commissary – there is only one county jail that we will be using that has Keefe as their commissary provider (Van Buren). At this location, prisoners will only be able to order what is allowed at that county jail. All other commissary orders will be dictated by the respective County Jail.

The currently participating County Jails are as follows;

VPC – Clare County

Clare County Jail
255 West Main Street
Harrison, MI 48625
(989) 539-7166

VPL – Lenawee County

Lenawee County Jail
549 North Winter Street
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 265-4400

VPV - VanBuren County

VanBuren County Jail
205 South Kalamazoo Street
Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-2171

VPR – Roscommon County

Roscommon County Jail
111 South Second Street
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 275-9070

VPO- Osceola County

Osceola County Jail
325 West Upton Avenue
Reed City, MI 49677
(231) 832-2288

VPM – Mason County

Mason County Jail
302 North Delia Street
Ludington, MI 49431
(231) 843-3475

VPJ– Jackson County

Jackson County Jail
1995 Chanter Road
Jackson, MI 49201
(517) 768-1609