

# Saline County, KS

## Citizens Jail/Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

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### Minutes

Date: April 01, 2014  
Time: 11:30am to 2:00pm  
Location: Emergency Management Basement

#### Meeting participants:

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| Rick Freeman       | HMN Architects Inc. – Overland Park         |
| Mary Lou Roberts   | Committee Member                            |
| John Tillman       | Committee Member                            |
| Darrell Wilson     | Committee Member                            |
| Joel Wimer         | Committee Member                            |
| Jerry Fowler       | Committee Member                            |
| Christina Trocheck | Committee Member                            |
| Janice Morris      | Committee Member                            |
| Ben Frick          | Committee Member                            |
| Lori Blake         | Committee Member                            |
| Jim Gile           | County Commissioner                         |
| Randy Duncan       | County Commissioner                         |
| John Price         | County Commissioner                         |
| Rita Deister       | County Administration                       |
| Don Merriman       | County Clerk                                |
| Donna Moore        | Saline County Jail Administration Secretary |
| Rick Hansmann      | Saline County Captain                       |
| Brian Shea         | Salina County Captain Jail                  |
| Glenn Kochanowski  | Saline County Sheriff                       |
| Ray Hruska         | Citizen                                     |
| Gary Swatzenruber  | Citizen                                     |
| Tim Horah          | Salina Journal                              |

1. At 11:30 a tour of the court system was conducted by Todd Heitschmidt: Court Administrator and Ellen Mitchell; County Attorney. After the tour we went back to the Emergency Management basement meeting room for lunch and the presentation.
2. Dan Rowe; Treanor Architect, gave a presentation on the current Jail footprint. Mr. Rowe has worked with Jim Robertson, and designs jails, schools, and court system. He gave several examples of possible expansions and/or renovations by superimposing on top of the current footprint.
3. Other Discussion:
  - Can the Bond Amounts be lowered to make it easier to bond out?
  - Are there Re-Entry and GED Programs that we can utilize to get incarceration down and break the cycle of return offenders?
  - Space availability, funding, justification, and staffing (paid or volunteer and accountability) for Re-Entry and GED Programs.
  - Potential funding for paid staff positions instead of volunteers.
  - Work Release, Weekender: Separate Dormitory Housing to prevent contact and

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possible contraband smuggling.

- Mental Health Burden: Consulting and Confidentiality issues
- The New Douglas County Facility and Court System is state of the art system and it was suggested a visit would very informative.
- Juvenile Facility with day-school that works similar to work release where the juvenile would do their schooling in custody instead of being in contact of public students and then go home at night. The school pays for the teachers, the JJA pays for the officers, and the county pays for the facility.
- Janell Murphey from Salina Mediation of Youth Services [www.sirj.org](http://www.sirj.org) came in to talk a little about domestic violence intervention where juveniles are involved.

#### 4. Project/Meeting Schedule:

The next meeting with Jim Robertson will convene on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 11:30am in the Sheriff's Training Room with the Jail providing lunch.