

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 03 (2018/19)

Re: **Supporting the Sheriff in Expanded Use of Electronic Monitoring to Alleviate Detention Center Space Shortage; Directing the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee to Study Alternatives to Incarceration; and Directing a Report on Long-term Options to Address Detention Center Space Needs**

WHEREAS, the current adult inmate population at the Sheboygan County Detention Center is reaching the capacity for the facilities, and

WHEREAS, Sheboygan County is facing the prospect of housing its adult inmates at out-of-county facilities if our own facilities are not expanded and/or alternatives to incarceration are not utilized, and

WHEREAS, housing Sheboygan County adult inmates at out-of-county facilities would cost approximately \$50 to \$75 per day, per inmate, not including transportation expenses at a cost to Sheboygan County of approximately \$750,000 - \$1.1 Million per year based on 40 inmates, and

WHEREAS, ordinarily an inmate sentenced to jail with Huber Law (work release) privileges is released into the community for up to 12 hours each day without any supervision and then is incarcerated in the Detention Center for the balance of each day, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has the statutory authority to allow inmates sentenced to jail with Huber Law privileges to be released on electronic monitoring devices wherein they are monitored 24 hours per day, and

WHEREAS, re-assigning Huber Law inmates to electronic monitoring would free up as many as 40 beds at the Detention Center for inmates sentenced to more significant crimes, and

WHEREAS, expanded use of the electronic monitoring option for Huber Law inmates on an interim basis would provide the County with a cost-effective option and would provide additional time for the County to consider alternatives to incarceration and assess and plan accordingly for an appropriately-sized addition to the Detention Center, and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee was established by the County Board to provide guidance to the Law Committee on all criminal justice planning in order to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the entire system, and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the County Board anticipated the need for an expansion of the Detention Center facility by making it a component of the County's Five-year Capital Plan but has not determined the form which such expansion would take;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheboygan County Board recognizes the Sheriff's statutory authority to place inmates sentenced under the Huber Law to electronic monitoring and supports expanded use of electronic monitoring options by the Sheriff as may be necessary in order to provide additional space at the Sheboygan County Detention Center for more serious offenders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee is directed to review the current incarceration facilities and the projected future needs for Sheboygan County and evaluate potential alternatives to incarceration including exploring what seems to be working for other communities and submit a written report of recommendations to the Law Committee by January 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff and Law Committee, together with the County Administrator, Health and Human Services Director, and Finance Director, are directed to continue to assess the demands and trends involving the Detention Center, to identify opportunities for modification or improvement, to explore alternatives, and by May 2019 provide a written proposal on expansion of the Sheboygan County Detention Center for the County Board's consideration.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of May, 2018.

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Opposed to Introduction:

