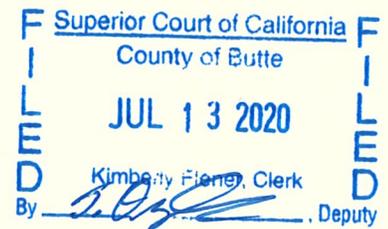




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July 7, 2020



Honorable Michael R. Deems, Judge of the Superior Court  
c/o Court Administration  
Superior Court of California, County of Butte  
One Court Street  
Oroville, CA 95965

RE: BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S RESPONSE TO 2019-2020 GRAND JURY REPORT

Dear Judge Deems:

On behalf of the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), I would like to thank the members of the Grand Jury for their many hours of dedicated service to the citizens of Butte County. The Grand Jury function is critical to ensuring the efficient operation of local government and I appreciate their efforts in regards to the Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Butte County. I would also like to thank them for acknowledging the dedicated and compassionate care provided by my staff to the inmates in our charge. In accordance with Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, please accept this response to the findings and recommendations of the 2019-2020 Grand Jury.

**Grand Jury Findings:**

The Sheriff's Office was asked by the Grand Jury to respond to Findings 1-7. The following responses are provided pursuant to that request:

F1: The BCJ was constructed in 1963, and in 1994 the second facility was built. The age of these two buildings contributes to the need for a new jail facility.

The respondent agrees with the finding.

F2: The daily BCJ inmate population fluctuates between 570-590 inmates, with a maximum jail capacity of 614 creating potential areas of concern for both inmates and staff.

The respondent agrees with this finding.

F3: Overcrowding could potentially lead to the spread of disease and viruses.

The respondent agrees with the finding.

F4: AB 109, Prop 47 and Prop 57 have negatively impacted the jail population and the Probation Departments.

The respondents agree with the finding.

F5: The grievance process is difficult to maneuver and subject to interpretation.

The respondent agrees with the finding.

F6: The medical examination table is an infection control hazard.

The respondent agrees with the finding.

F7: The computer lab, located in the Day Reporting Center, is outdated.

The respondent agrees with the finding.

#### **Grand Jury Recommendations:**

The Sheriff's Office was asked by the Grand Jury to respond to Recommendations 1-4. The following responses are provided pursuant to that request:

R1: Butte County Sheriff's Office should continue the pursuit of a new jail facility with the process that is currently in progress.

This recommendation has been implemented, the Butte County Sheriff's Office is exploring the expansion options based on current funding with a new design team.

R2: Butte County Sheriff's Office should simplify the inmate grievance procedure. For example, create a flow chart showing the responsibilities of the inmate and separate flow chart for the Correctional Officers by January 3, 2021.

This recommendation has been implemented, the Butte County Sheriff's Office is currently revising the grievance procedure to include the use of flow charts for both inmates and staff.

R3: Butte County Sheriff's Office, or responsible party, needs to replace the existing examination table per *Professional Service Contract* by October 1, 2020 (before the start of the flu season).

This recommendation has been implemented, we have purchased and installed a new examination table.

R4: Butte County Sheriff's Office should upgrade the outdated Computer Lab and workstations by January 3, 2021.

This recommendation has been implemented, we have purchased and installed upgraded computers, screens and chairs in the computer lab.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Butte County Board of Supervisors  
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