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Subject: Jail / Criminal Justice Center - Detailed Cost and Debt Records

I am trying to determine the actual taxpayer cost of the current jail system before comparing that cost with the proposed Criminal Justice Center and bond. Summary financial statements are not enough to answer this question, so I am requesting the existing ledger-level and invoice-level records that show where the money is going.

I am making this request as a private citizen to assemble a reliable factual record, answer existing questions accurately, and perform a fair analysis of the need, cost, alternatives, financing, operations, and taxpayer impact associated with the proposed Criminal Justice Center bond and the separate long-range countywide healthcare discussion. The records are necessary so any eventual support, opposition, or recommendation can be based on documented facts rather than assumptions. I am requesting existing records only; I am not asking your office to create a new analysis or answer questions that are not already reflected in existing records.

I appreciate the time your office has already spent responding to prior requests. I am specifically trying to avoid duplication. Electronic copies in native or text-searchable format are preferred whenever available.

Respectfully requested,

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TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

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Under the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, I request electronic copies of the following existing records. Unless otherwise stated, the requested period is January 1, 2021 through the date the request is processed. For jail-capacity and outside-housing records that are readily available, I also request responsive records from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

Prior-production exclusion. Please exclude any documents your office has already produced to me in response to my prior public-information requests. I do not want duplicate copies or duplicate charges.

1. General-ledger detail, vendor expenditure reports, check registers or equivalent reports identifying payments for outside inmate housing, detention services, prisoner transport, jail medical services, inmate prescriptions, ambulance services, hospital/clinic services, jail repairs, jail maintenance, and jail professional services.
2. Invoices and payment support for counties, private detention facilities, hospitals, medical providers, pharmacies, ambulance providers, transport vendors, or other entities paid for Freestone County inmates.
3. Existing annual or monthly reports showing inmate-housing costs, medical costs, transport costs, jail overtime, jail fuel/vehicle costs, or other jail operating cost categories.
4. Adopted budgets, amendments and actual-to-budget reports for Sheriff/jail operations and any Criminal Justice Center / jail capital project accounts not previously produced.
5. Existing debt schedules, debt-capacity analyses, tax-rate calculations, bond scenarios, financial-advisor workpapers, issuance-cost estimates, debt-service schedules, or tax-impact schedules relating to the proposed bond.
6. Existing records showing County recoveries or reimbursements for inmate medical care, including insurance receipts, inmate reimbursements, subrogation, Medicaid-related inpatient reimbursements if any, indigent-care reimbursements, or other third-party recoveries.
7. Existing records identifying amounts billed to inmates for medical or confinement reimbursement, amounts collected, amounts outstanding, and amounts written off, in aggregate or de-identified form.
8. Any existing cost comparison, feasibility analysis, needs assessment, alternatives analysis, or financial model comparing a new jail/justice center with repair, renovation, expansion, continued outside housing, regional housing, or a smaller/phased project.

Please provide responsive records electronically when reasonably available. If a record contains confidential or protected information, I request the releasable portion with only the protected information redacted rather than withholding an otherwise public record in full. I am not requesting protected patient medical records, inmate medical charts, Social Security numbers, or other personally identifying medical information.

If clarification or narrowing would materially reduce the burden or cost of this request, please contact me before processing a large volume of records. If estimated charges will exceed $40, please provide an itemized written estimate before incurring the cost.

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