WABASH COUNTY AUDITOR

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WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

will meet on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Wabash County Courthouse meeting room, second floor, to conduct regular county business.

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order – Chairman Barry J. Eppley**

Review of minutes from 11/12/2019

New Business:

Departmental Reports:
- **Cole Wyatt, County Highway Superintendent**
- **Ryan Baker, Wabash County Sheriff**
- **Keith Walters, County EMA Director**
- **Steve Downs, County Attorney**
- **Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director**
- **Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor:**
  - **Accounts payable claims and allowances for docket ending 11/18/2019**

Old Business:

Public comments regarding non-agenda items

Review Items:

IDEM Notice: Approval – Laketon Refining Corp. - Changes in administrative nature
IDEM Notice: Approval – Strauss Veal Feeds Inc. - Initial Permit

Reminder:
10:00 a.m. **Drainage Board meeting in the Wabash County Surveyor's office**

NOTE: (Following approval). Minutes of the Wabash County Commissioner meetings are posted on the county website: www.wabashcounty.IN.gov / County Commissioners/ Minutes

BEFORE THE WABASH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

TO

LAKETON REGIONAL AREA SEWER BOARD

It is hereby certified that on November 18, 2019, the Wabash County Commissioners' appointed John A. Adams to the Laketon Regional Area Sewer District Board for the remainder of Mike Wallis's term (December 31, 2019), who resigned from the board.

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Barry Eppley, Chairman

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Jeff Dawes, Vice-Chairman

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Brian Haupert

Attest:

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Marcie Shepherd, County Auditor

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To:	Interested Parties
Date:	November 12, 2019
From:	Jenny Acker, Chief Permits Branch Office of Air Quality
Source Name:	Strauss Veal Feeds, Inc.
Permit Level:	Registration
Permit Number:	169-42024-00088
Source Location:	600 Strauss Provimi Road, North Manchester, IN 46962
Type of Action Taken:	Initial Permit

Notice of Decision: Approval - Registration

Please be advised that on behalf of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management, I have issued a decision regarding the matter referenced above.

The final decision is available on the IDEM website at: http://www.in.gov/apps/idem/caats/
To view the document, choose Search Option **by Permit Number**, then enter permit 42024.

The final decision is also available via IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (VFC). Please go to: http://www.IN.idem/gov and enter VFC in the search box. You will then have the option to search for permit documents using a variety of criteria.

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To:	Interested Parties
Date:	November 12, 2019
From:	Jenny Acker, Chief Permits Branch Office of Air Quality
Source Name:	Laketon Refining Corporation
Permit Level:	MSOP Administrative Amendment
Permit Number:	169-42016-00006
Source Location:	2784 West Lukens Lake Road, Laketon, IN 46943
Type of Action Taken:	Changes that are administrative in nature

Notice of Decision: Approval

Please be advised that on behalf of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management, I have issued a decision regarding the matter referenced above. Pursuant to 326 IAC 2, this approval was effective immediately upon submittal of the application.

The final decision is available on the IDEM website at: http://www.in.gov/apps/idem/caats/
To view the document, choose Search Option **by Permit Number**, then enter permit 42016.

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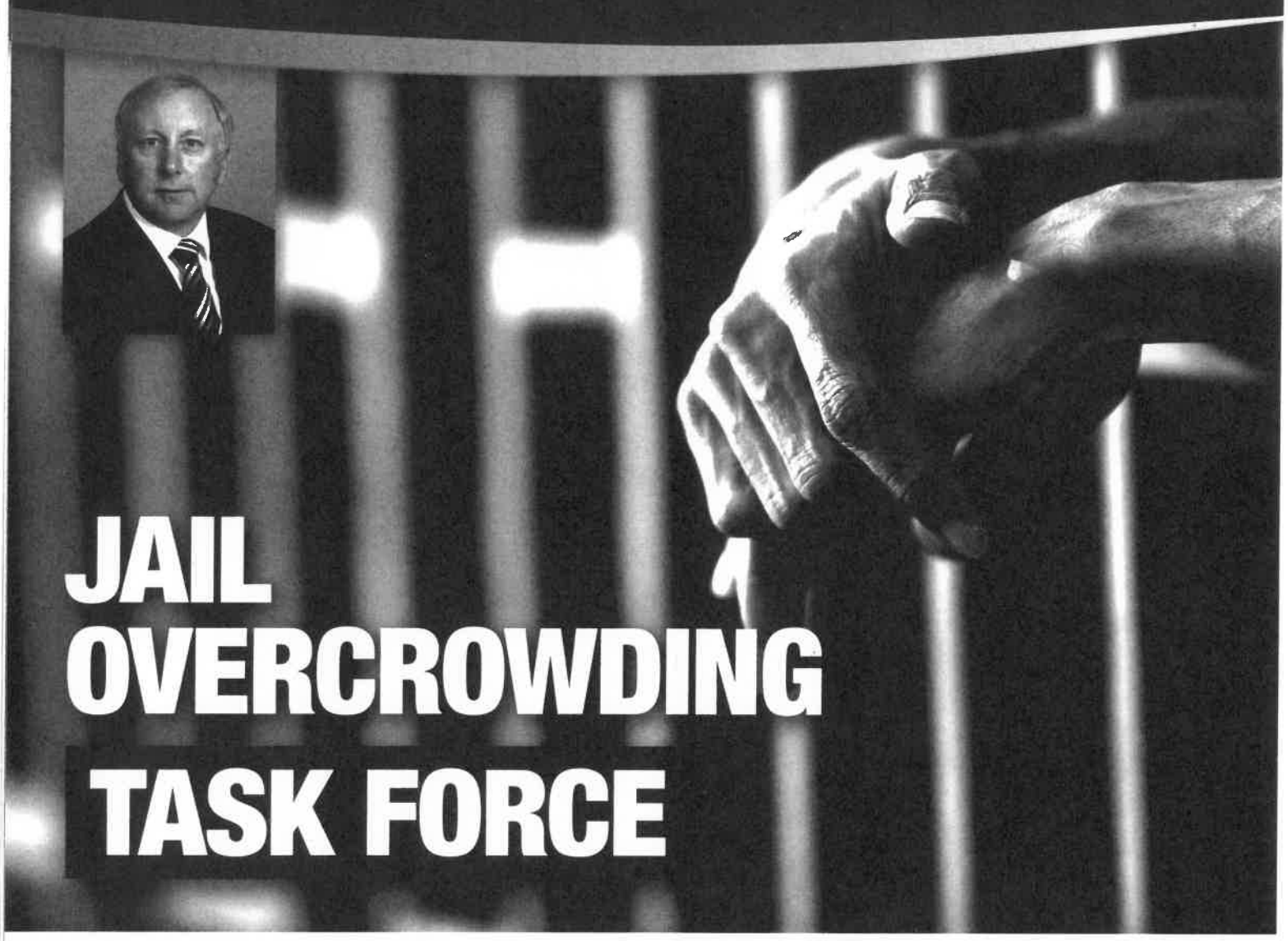


JAIL OVERCROWDING TASK FORCE

By David Bottorff, *Executive Director* | dbottorff@indianacounties.org

The Jail Overcrowding Task Force had its initial public meeting on Monday, September 30, the opening day of the AIC's Annual Conference in French Lick. Over 15 people testified at the hearing, including county commissioners, county councilors, sheriffs and John McKnight of Bliss McKnight. You can watch the hearing on the AIC's YouTube website; https://www.youtube.com/user/AoINCo.

The next jail Overcrowding Task force meetings are October 30, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Ivy Tech Community College Auditorium, Valparaiso, IN and November 6 a time and location to be determined later. County officials should attend these meetings to share your knowledge and information about your county jail with the task force.

The Jail Overcrowding Task Force was created through HEA 1065 and was assigned the following charge by the General Assembly:

(1) Conduct a statewide review of jail overcrowding to identify common reasons and possible local, regional, and statewide solutions.

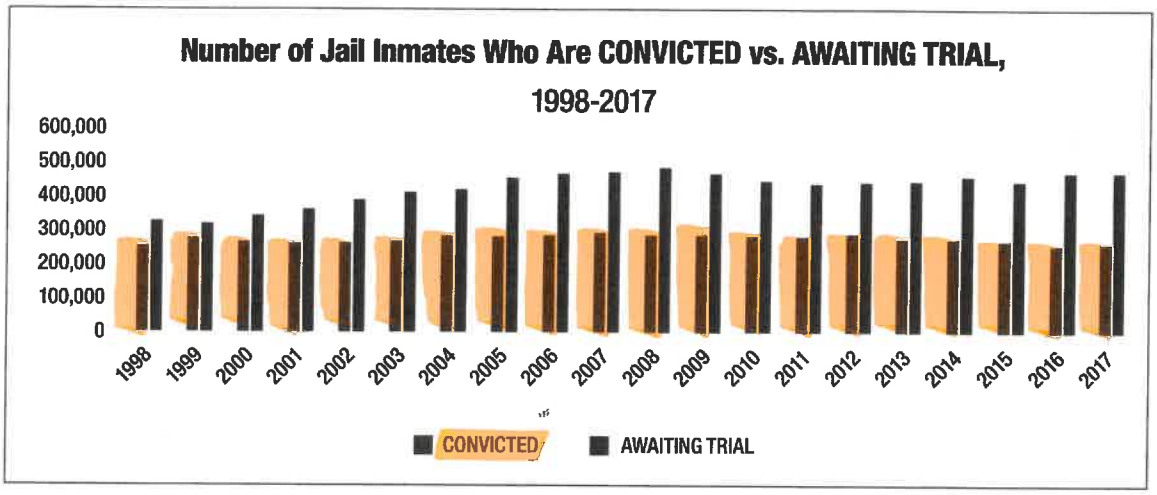
(2) Study the issue of how to reduce recidivism for convicted felons in county jails by offering programs that address:

- (A) mental health and drug and alcohol treatment services;
- (B) educational programs; and
- (C) other evidence based programs designed to reduce recidivism.

County jails were never designed to provide mental health and addiction treatment programs so this is a fundamental change for counties and jails.

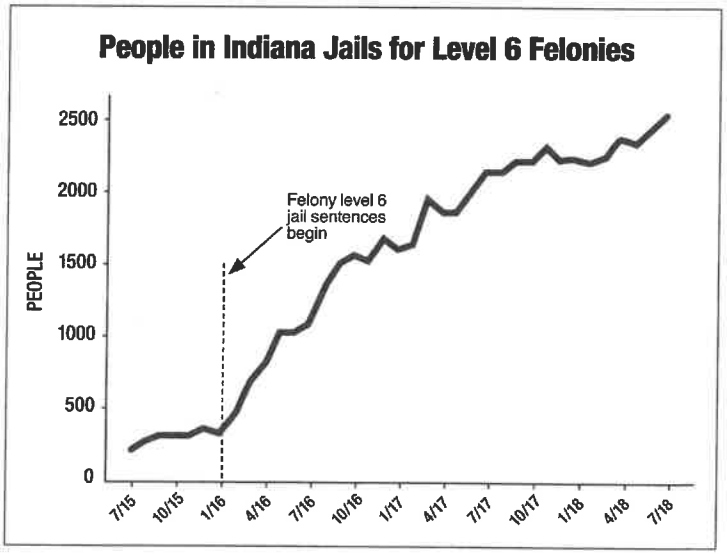
SO WHY ARE JAILS FULL?

One of the biggest reasons is the growth in the pre-trial population of jails. There has been a significant increase in the pre-trail population of people in Indiana jails. Better data is needed to confirm the number of pre-trial detainees but it would appear the increase in pre-trial detainees has increased over 50% for Indiana jails since 2010. Are pre-trial detainees having difficulty getting someone to bail them out? Are family members hoping people receive treatment for addiction of mental health issues while in jail? Does the incarcerated person simply want to serve some of their time in pre-trial status? More information is needed but this population is increasing costs for county governments and exposing counties to great liability risks.



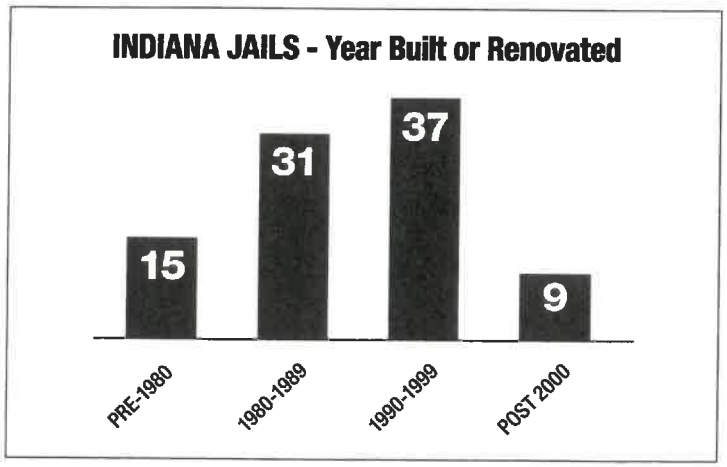
Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Departmet of Justice

This is a national phenomena, not just an Indiana issue. Data from the U. S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics reveals that nationally jails held 745,200 inmates in 2017, virtually identical to the 747,500 they held in 2005, and significantly higher than the 584,400 they held in 1998.



The number of individuals held in jail while awaiting trial has soared 45.3 percent, from 331,800 in 1998 to 482,000 in 2017. By contrast, the number of convicted inmates is almost the same as it was 20 years ago (252,600 in 1998 vs. 263,200 in 2017). About 95 percent of the jail population's growth is thus accounted for by people who haven't been convicted of a crime.

Also, the requirement that Level 6 felons not be sent to the Department of Corrections has added to the jail population. From July 2016 to July 2018, over the Level 6 inmates in county jails or under the supervision of counties rose from less than 500 inmates to around 2,000 adding to the jail population.



Some counties are building new jails to improve safety and meet new jail standards. Forty-six counties were built prior to 1990 so the need to upgrade or build a new jail helps reduce liability cost and improves safety for inmates and jail officers.

If you have information on why your jail is overcrowded or why local programs reduce jail populations and recidivism, please attend the meetings and share your county's information. •