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RE: Oklahoma County Detention Center Per Diem Rate – FY 2023

## **INTRODUCTION**

Enclosed is a copy of the calculation of the FY 2023 per diem cost for housing inmates in the Oklahoma County Detention Center. The FY 2023 Adult Detention Per Diem Rate Study identifies the cost of staff, facilities and services required to maintain an adult prisoner in the county detention center based on expenditures and statistics for the year ended June 30, 2023.

## **BACKGROUND**

The calculation was prepared by Bret Schlyer, a Vice President with MGT Consulting Group (MGT). Mr. Schlyer has been in the government cost of service consulting industry for 29 years and currently serves as a Vice President in MGT's cost allocation practice. For the last seven years, Mr. Schlyer has led the engagement with the County, and now the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority (CJA), to prepare the Adult Detention Per Diem Rate Study. For the past five years, Mr. Schlyer has served as MGT's representative and presented testimony to the District Court hearing to establish the average daily cost of incarceration at the Oklahoma County Detention Center.

MGT is a national consulting firm based in Tampa, Florida. Each year, MGT prepares more than 300 cost of service studies for cities, counties, state agencies, including more than two dozen jail rate studies. Recently completed jail rate studies include the jurisdictions of:

- Sedgwick County KS
- Cochise County AZ
- Maricopa County AZ
- Pinal County AZ
- Fremont County CO
- Adams County CO

## **FY 2023 RATE CALCULATION**

MGT has prepared this study at the request of the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority using the same calculation methodology that has been utilized for the prior actual cost calculations prepared by MGT. To calculate the costs for FY 2023, MGT analyzed the expenditures, revenue and statistics from the CJA.

To calculate the per diem rate, MGT then prepared a Cost Allocation Plan for the detention center. This cost allocation plan includes only CJA expenditures and depreciation, and includes appropriate revenue offsets for items such as Social Security revenues, commissary revenue, donations and jail phone/video revenues.

Table A below identifies the per diem cost of housing inmates in detention center. Costs have been identified by major component to provide additional transparency into the cost profile for the facility.

Oklahoma County Detention Center Per Diem Rate History			
Average Daily Population: 1,495.31			
Component of Operation	Annual Cost	% of Total	Daily Cost Per Bed
Jail Housing & Facilities	22,034,115	60.72%	40.37
Jail Medical	8,812,027	24.28%	16.15
Jail Food	2,219,039	6.12%	4.07
Jail Admin	3,221,984	8.88%	5.90
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>36,287,165</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>66.49</b>

TABLE A

Table B identifies the per diem cost of housing inmates in the detention center over each of the last five years as well as the three and five-year averages for rates.

Oklahoma County Detention Center Per Diem Rate History	
Year of Operation	Rate
FY 2023 Per Diem Rate	\$66.49
FY 2022 Per Diem Rate	\$61.73
FY 2021 Per Diem Rate	\$56.15
FY 2020 Per Diem Rate	\$53.28
FY 2019 Per Diem Rate	\$53.12
5 year average (2019-2023 costs)	\$58.15
3 year average (2021-2023 costs)	\$61.46

TABLE B

#### FY 2023 RATE CALCULATION – 1<sup>st</sup> DAY COST VERSUS SUBSEQUENT DAILY COST

MGT has Additionally, MGT has analyzed the differences between the costs associated with the 1<sup>st</sup> day of incarceration, versus the costs of each subsequent day of incarceration. The first day of incarceration is more expensive than subsequent days in the facility due to several one-time activities such as initial intake, fingerprinting, classification, body scan, and medical intake exams that occur upon the arrival of a new inmate. These one-time costs, plus the average daily cost of housing and feeding have been aggregated to identify a rate for an inmate's first day in the facility, and a separate rate for each subsequent day they spend in the facility. Those rates have been calculated to be:

- First Day Rate - \$211.82
- Subsequent Daily Rate - \$61.74

To utilize the new rates, the First Day Rate should only be charged for the first day that an inmate is in the facility, with each subsequent day being billed at the Subsequent Daily Rate. The Total Daily Rate of \$66.49 should not be utilized in circumstances where the First Day Rate is also utilized.

If you have any questions about the calculations, or would like additional supporting documentation, don't hesitate to contact me at [bschlyer@mgtconsulting.com](mailto:bschlyer@mgtconsulting.com) or 316.214.3163.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BTS" followed by a stylized flourish.

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