

**SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED TRUST CREATING THE  
OKLAHOMA COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE AUTHORITY  
PERTAINING TO THE OKLAHOMA COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY**

**What is the purpose of the Trust?**

The purpose of the Trust—the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority—is to provide citizen oversight and transparency for jail operations and finances.

Additionally, the Trust empowers the Trustees to explore solutions related to rehabilitation, addiction, mental health and other diversion services, projects or future facilities.

**Will the Trust control or manage the Sheriff’s law enforcement duties?**

No.

**Why is a Trust needed?**

As the OK County Criminal Justice Advisory Council, government officials and community leaders continue the conversation on how to take action on a future jail facility and related services, the Trust provides the public an opportunity to scrutinize the finances and operations of the jail in an open and objective way.

The Trust model has been proposed by previous jail studies and taskforces and is similar to MAPS boards which include extensive citizen involvement.

**Who will be on the Trust?**

The Trust will be comprised of nine (9) Trustees. At least seven (7) Trustees will be private citizens along with the Sheriff or his designee and one County Commissioner or his/her designee. The Board of County Commissioners will approve all citizen appointees but the Sheriff or his designee will be on the Trust regardless.

**Will the Trust meetings be open to the public?**

Yes. The Trust will follow the Open Meetings Act.

**Who will manage the jail?**

Within the first year of the Trust's existence, the Trustees will decide whether to issue a Request for Proposal for jail management. The Sheriff can submit a proposal.

Alternatively, the Trustees could decide to hire a General Manager to serve as jail administrator.

**Why is the CJAC involved?**

As an advisory council to Oklahoma County officials, the CJAC has been given a brief opportunity to provide input on a Trust.

**Will the creation of the Trust require increased taxes?**

No.