

Sponsor: Downey

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, SERVICE DIRECTOR AND ANY OTHER NECESSARY OFFICIAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON REGARDING THE CUSTODY, SUPERVISION, CONFINEMENT AND BOARD OF PRISONERS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wellston wishes to enter into an Agreement with the County of Washington for the custody, supervision, confinement and board of City of Wellston prisoners.

**WHEREAS**, the County of Washington has prepared a proposed contract attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Wellston, County of Jackson, and State of Ohio that:

**Section One:** The Mayor, Service Director and any other necessary official, be and is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the County of Washington for the custody, supervision, confinement and board of City of Wellston prisoners, a copy of said Agreement is attached hereto, expressly made a part hereof by reference and marked Exhibit "A".

**Section Two:** It is hereby found and determined that all formal acts of this council concerning and relating to adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this council and the deliberations of the council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the legislative authority of the City of Wellston this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

  
Rick Hudson, Council President

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of Council



Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.



Anthony Brenner, Mayor

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Clerk of Council



Reviewed by: Joe Kirby, Attorney at Law

March 10, 2026

City of Wellston  
Mayor's Office  
203 East Broadway Street  
Wellston, OH 45692

Enclosed is the 2026 Jail Contract. If you are interested in housing prisoners in the Washington County Jail during 2026, please approve and sign the attached contract. The cost will be \$100.00 per day.

Please return signed contract to:  
Washington County Commissioners  
C/O Cindy Thomas  
223 Putnam Street  
Marietta, OH 45750

Respectfully,



Cindy Thomas  
Washington County Commissioners Office

**CONTRACT FOR HOUSING PRISONERS**  
**In the**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL**

**WHEREAS**, this contract is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Ohio hereafter referred to as "County", the Sheriff of Washington County, hereinafter referred to as "Sheriff", and the \_\_\_\_\_ hereafter referred to as "Contractor".

**WHEREAS**, Contractor wants to use the Washington County Jail to house as prisoners those persons who have been lawfully committed to custody by arrest or court order for any reason, and/or who have been charged with any misdemeanor or felony offense and are awaiting a bond hearing, and/or who are awaiting a trial and have not otherwise posted bail or been released by court order, and/or who are serving a jail sentence after conviction.

**WHEREAS**, this agreement is intended to set forth the rights, duties, responsibilities, and obligations of the County and Contractor for the term hereinafter set forth.

**WITNESSETH:**

In consideration of the mutual covenants herein made, each of the parties agree as follows:

1. The County shall receive, keep, board and safely maintain in the Washington County Jail the following persons:
  - a. All persons arrested by \_\_\_\_\_ for violations of state criminal statutes until such persons have had an initial appearance before a judge, after which such persons shall be deemed to be in the custody of Washington County for purposes of compensation under this contract.
  - b. All persons arrested for violation of municipal ordinances from arrest through termination of any jail sentences imposed for that violation except as provided in paragraphs 4 through 9 below.
  - c. Persons incarcerated pursuant to subparagraphs (a) and (b) above shall be designated as prisoners in this contract.
2. The cost to be paid to the County by the Contractor shall be the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day for each person incarcerated in the Washington County Jail under paragraph (1).
3. Prisoners confined in the Washington County Jail shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the jail, which apply to all the prisoners therein.
4. The County may reject and refuse to receive any prisoners who may be afflicted with a prior medical problem, afflicted with any contagious, infectious, venereal disease, mental illness, illness or injury that has not been treated prior to entry into the Washington County Jail.
5. Sheriff may refuse to receive any prisoner based upon current jail population, internal security conditions of the jail, or any other reason that the Sheriff deems pertinent at the time.

6. Contractor agrees to pay for any and all medical, surgical, dental, or ophthalmology expenses incurred on behalf of a prisoner including doctor fees, hospital charges, and prescription costs.

7. Contractor shall transport and provide security anytime a prisoner must leave the Washington County Jail for any reason, unless a court orders that no transportation or security is needed.

8. Contractor shall bear the expense of the burial of a prisoner who dies in the Washington County Jail, if the body is not claimed for interment at the expense of friends or relatives.

9. No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall be received except on the approval of the Washington County Juvenile Court.

10. The Washington County Sheriff's Office shall provide an itemized statement of the amount due each month for housing prisoners. Payment shall be made by the Contractor to the Washington County Sheriff, 205 Putnam Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750 within thirty (30) days of the date of the statement. The Washington County Sheriff may refuse to accept prisoners if timely payment is not made.

11. Contractor agrees that during the period of time this contract covers, it shall and will abide and be governed by any and all rules and regulations which now are, or at any time in the future may be, in force at the Washington County Commissioners, Common Pleas and Probate-Juvenile Judges, and the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.

12. The parties to this contract agree that notice be given to certain persons when particular inmates are to be released from custody, namely victims of domestic violence offenses, named/protected persons in temporary protection orders, named/protected persons in civil protection order and victims of menacing by stalking crimes. To that end, Contractor specifically agrees to furnish to the Sheriff, through the Washington County Jail staff, a current telephone number or numbers and/or contact information for all such protected persons, at the time the inmate is brought to the Washington county Jail. Contractor shall update the information as any change becomes known. The County agrees that the Washington County Jail shall contact those victims and/or protected persons of any inmate pending release provided that a working telephone number has been furnished to the County. In situations where no working telephone number is provided, Contractor shall be responsible for making the required notification to said victims and/or protected persons of an inmate's pending release upon being notified thereof by the Jail when such notification has been given to the victim and/or protected persons, and shall furnish the date and time of day said notification has been made. Contractor acknowledges that failure to comply with these notifications terms will result in the refusal by the County to accept as inmates those persons who have victims or other persons who are subject to release notification information, without voiding the entire contract altogether.

13. This agreement may be terminated by either party during its term, by giving the other party ninety (90) days written notice.

14. This agreement shall be effective as of May 1, 2026, and terminated April 30, 2027.

15. All former contracts and/or agreements between the parties hereto relative to the subject matter of this contract are hereby canceled and terminated.

This agreement entered into on behalf of the City of Wellston pursuant to Resolution Number 2026-15 passed 5/7/26, 2026.

Any alteration of contract shall result in the contract being null and void.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers on the day first written above.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Police  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

**Washington County Commissioners**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Charlie Schilling, President

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Eddie Place, Vice President

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Greg Nohe

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Warden, Sheriff

**Witness**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ben Cowdery, Clerk

Approved as to form

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Nicole Coil, Prosecuting Attorney