

County Jail Budget Reviews

November 5th through November 7th

- ✓ 12 Counties Visited, 3 Counties via Conference call in three days.
 - Review of 6 month budget
 - Review of FY10 & FY11
 - BPG(Budget Process Group) questions addressed
- ✓ County Jail Budget Review Covering the Following:
 1. Discussion concerning the CAP line item distribution
 - This was an issue for every County.
 - Counties were instructed to restate their CAP by line item, within major expenditure grouping (wages, contractual, commodities, etc)
 - Counties COULD NOT RESTATE their CAP. Any line item changes would “net” zero
 2. Once the CAP was redistributed appropriately Counties were instructed to identify:
 - Line item deficiencies resulting from:
 - Inappropriate CAP
 - Increased cost as a result of Market Forces
 3. Counties were asked to identify issues if Jails had to manage to their CAP
 - What impacts would there be if jails were asked to manage to their CAP?

Budget Issues:

- ✓ Seasonality – for 6 month budget a seasonal methodology for expenditures should be created. (fuel, vehicle replacement)
- ✓ Consistent reporting of CCA (Community Corrections Act) funding. Counties report the receipt of CCA funding on a cash basis. Given this type of reporting there would be no receipt of CCA funds from January through June (transition period).
- ✓ TBRJ(Two Bridges Regional Jail) – given the agreement between Sagadahoc and Lincoln Counties to distribute TBRJ appropriations based on inmate population, the CAP may be better reflected as a combined TBRJ CAP. This will allow the counties to distribute the CAP based on current county law. This change would require statutory changes to existing State Law.
- ✓ The need for a policy regarding the use of Fund Balance:
 - To offset subsequent county jail appropriations.
 - To fund the BOC Investment Fund as a result of cost efficiency measures instituted by the BOC.
- ✓ TBRJ’s CAP reflected the use of appropriated fund balance in the neighborhood of \$463K which was not identified in the CAP. This lowers the CAP as the use of fund balance to offset appropriations lowers the actual cost of operations in the CAP.
- ✓ MCCA Risk Pool – Negotiations concerning liability insurance for the 15 Counties has allowed the annual premium to now be paid in two installments; January and July. This lowers expenditures for the Counties affected by the 6 month transition.
- ✓ Clarification of responsibility for existing County Jail Debt Service and funding mechanisms.
- ✓ Counties would like an opportunity to discuss with the Board of Corrections their budgets and issues as they pertain to their jail facilities.