

Move-out of state inmates may cost county \$500K

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During an otherwise routine weekly meeting of the Comanche County commissioners Monday morning, William Hobbs, administrator of the Comanche County Detention Center, told commissioners a proposal to move some inmates to state and private facilities would cost the jail money.

During his weekly report to the commissioners, Hobbs was asked about how a proposal by Corrections officer Robert Patton, director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections to move some inmates at overcrowded county jails across the state who have traditionally been held at county facilities would affect the Comanche County jail.

Hobbs said the proposal would most likely cost the jail about \$500,000 annually. County jails receive \$27 per inmate a day from the state Department of Corrections.

“It’s a significant chunk of revenue,” said Hobbs.

Patton’s proposal is opposed by a number of county sheriffs and county jail administrators. A protest of the proposal is planned at the State Capitol today by sheriffs and jail administrators.

In other business, the commissioners received bids on emulsions and road oils from Asphalt Fuel and Supply LLC, Coastal Energy Corporation, Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions Inc., Vance Brothers and Wright Asphalt Production Company. The commissioners voted to buy the needed supplies from whichever company is the low bidder at the time of purchase. The cost of emulsions and road oils varies significantly from time to time due to a number of market factors.