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COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT
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Agenda Item # 7a
Date 12/29/21



December 21, 2021

Pete Ricketts, Governor



Sheriff Steve Hespen
Dodge County Jail
428 North Broad Street
Fremont, NE 68025

Dear Sheriff Hespen,

The Dodge County Jail was found out of compliance by the Jail Standards Board during the February 14, 2020 meeting. The facility was cited for non-compliance on:

Chapter 3 – Records and Statistics

3-002.01 Admission/Release Form. Admission and release documentation containing the necessary descriptive information shall be completed for each inmate. This computerized documentation shall be submitted to Jail Standards according to Crime Commission specifications.

Admission and release documentation is being completed properly by your staff, however your software provider is not submitting your records according to Crime Commission specifications. The Crime Commission has not received your admission and release documentation for almost two years. The Board has been monitoring this situation as the Systems and Research Division of the Crime Commission has been working with your vendor to resolve this situation. It does not appear to be near resolution.

The Jail Standards Board discussed this situation at their December 3, 2021 meeting. The Board is requesting a corrective action plan from your organization within 30 days. The Board would like to know what steps you have taken to resolve this situation; whether you have taken any steps to enforce the provision in your contract with Central Square which requires that they submit data according to Crime Commission specifications; and what your plan is to resolve this situation. Please forward your corrective action plan to Jail Standards staff for Board review.

Don Arp, Jr., Executive Director

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This is an important issue as the jail data provided to the Crime Commission by jails in Nebraska is used for jail planning for local jurisdictions and for multiple legislative purposes by the Nebraska Legislature. If you have any questions please contact Denny Macomber at 402 432-1034.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Harvat", written in a cursive style.

Keith Harvat, Chair
Jail Standards Board

KH: dm

XC: County Attorney
Chairperson, County Board