

**AGENDA ITEM 19**

Discuss and consider forming a committee to study Mental Health Services at the Williamson County Jail.

**Commissioner Heiligenstein** stated that the county jail is becoming the mental health facility in the county. He proposed to the court to form a committee to make a recommendation regarding mental health related issues.

Jack Hall introduced Annette Hawkins, the medical department manager for the jail. She handed out a report and discussed psychotropic drug distribution in the jail. Jack Hall handed out a report on medical litigation against the county in the last ten years.

**Judge Doerfler** suggested that this item be put on next week's agenda.

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**MEMORANDUM**  
**Williamson County Sheriff's Office**  
***Corrections Bureau***

To: Assistant Chief Deputy Jack Hall  
Corrections Bureau  
Williamson County Sheriff's Office

From: Deputy D. Mickler  
Court Liaison Officer  
Williamson County Sheriff's Office

Date: September 8, 2003

Subject: Information Concerning Medical Litigation

Sir,

In response to your request for information pertaining to legal action taken against the county for medical reasons, with a before and after breakdown from the time of Dr. Carlo Klott's services being retained, I present the following information –

- 1) Dr. Carlo Klott's services were retained approximately October of 1999.
- 2) At the time of his being retained by Williamson County, there were three active legal actions in Federal Court.
- 3) In December of 1999, approximately two months after Dr. Klott was put on staff, a civil action was filed in the 277<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Williamson County as a result of a suicide which occurred at the Williamson County Jail.
- 4) From 1990 to 1999, there were a total of 40 legal actions filed against Williamson County stemming from allegations pertaining to the Medical Section.

This breaks down to an average of 4.0 legal actions per year being filed against Williamson County for allegations concerning the Medical Section of the Williamson County Jail prior to Dr. Klott's retention.

- 5) Of the three legal actions still active at the time of Dr. Klott's employment, two were settled and one was dismissed.
- 6) The legal action filed in late 1999 is still pending.
- 7) From December 1999 to the present date (including the suicide in late 1999), there have been 6 legal actions taken against the Williamson County Sheriff's Office due to medical complaints.

This breaks down to an average of 1.5 legal actions per year being filed against Williamson County for allegations concerning the Medical Section of the Williamson County Jail after Dr. Klott's retention.

- 8) Of the six cases filed after Dr. Klott's date of employment, including the civil action filed due to the suicide in December of 1999, 3 have been dismissed, one shows to be inactive (possibly dropped), the case concerning the suicide of 1999 is still pending, and the case filed this year, 2003, is being reviewed.

- 9) Of the cases filed against Williamson County from 1990 to 1999, 42% were dismissed, 28% show inactive, 3 of the cases were settled, and **2 of the cases show judgments against Williamson County.**
- 10) There have been no judgments found against Williamson County due to complaints against the medical section since Dr. Klott's services were retained.

If the percentages were compared, the litigation against the county has substantially decreased of the past four years as compared to the previous four years. There were 16 legal actions filed against the county due to medical complaints from 1996 to 1999, with ten of those being filed in 1997 and 1998 (5 each year) and four in 1999. One of the aforementioned judgments was handed down in that previous four year time period and two of the settlements, one in 1997 and one in 1999. This information is based on records kept by the Sheriff's Office, and information received from the District Clerks Office, from the County Attorney's Office, and from the law offices of Mike Davis and Mark Dietz.

Respectfully,

Deputy D. Mickler

## WILLIAMSON COUNTY JAIL

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APRIL - JUNE 2003

WILLIAMSON COUNTY TOP 50 DRUGS BY COST

FEBRUARY - APRIL 2003

DRUG	PRICE	QUANTITY	DRUG	PRICE	QUANTITY
1 SEROQUEL 100MG TAB	\$3,977.01	1555	1 ZYPREXA 20MG TABS	\$2,506.87	148
2 RISPERDAL 4MG TAB	\$3,501.54	489.5	2 RISPERDAL 4MG TAB	\$2,226.21	298.5
3 SEROQUEL 200MG TABS	\$3,261.47	676	3 CEPHALEXIN (PP) 500MG CAPS	\$1,738.01	2820
4 ZYPREXA 20MG TABS	\$2,540.74	150	4 SEROQUEL 200MG TABS	\$1,616.27	335
5 ZOFRAN 8MG	\$1,730.16	68	5 ZYPREXA 10MG TABS	\$1,569.05	185
6 AMITRIPTYLINE (PP) 100MG TABS	\$1,654.36	4242	6 SEROQUEL 100MG TAB	\$1,375.99	538
7 CEPHALEXIN (PP) 500MG CAPS	\$1,651.74	2880	7 PAXIL 40MG TAB	\$1,369.67	487
8 ZYPREXA 15MG TABS	\$1,526.64	120	8 FLUOXETINE (PP) 20MG CAPS	\$1,011.58	1441
9 FLUOXETINE (PP) 20MG CAPS	\$1,363.28	1942	9 AMITRIPTYLINE (PP) 100MG TABS	\$920.01	4220
10 ZYPREXA 10MG TABS	\$1,017.76	120	10 RANITIDINE (PP) 150MG TABS	\$849.30	3690
11 PROTONIX 40MG TABS	\$1,014.51	348	11 ABILIFY 15MG TABS	\$836.55	90
12 ROCEPHIN (10 VIALS) 1GM VIAL	\$989.54	22	12 ZYPREXA 15MG TABS	\$763.32	60
13 MIRTAZAPINE 30MG TAB	\$881.39	404	13 DEPAKOTE ER 500MG TAB	\$697.26	432
14 RANITIDINE (PP) 150MG TABS	\$876.51	3916	14 GEODON 80MG CAPS	\$684.46	174
15 PAXIL 40MG TAB	\$835.30	297	15 PROTONIX 40MG TABS	\$654.01	205
16 CIPRO 500MG TABS	\$816.80	160	16 ZOLOT 100MG TAB	\$653.36	280.5
17 SEROQUEL 25MG TABS	\$758.87	540	17 MIRTAZAPINE 30MG TAB	\$643.61	295
18 VALPROIC ACID (PP) 250MG CAPS	\$629.22	1380	18 VALPROIC ACID (PP) 250MG CAPS	\$615.55	1350
19 RISPERDAL 2MG TAB	\$627.24	134	19 ACTOS 45MG TAB	\$586.24	120
20 ZOLOT 100MG TAB	\$626.59	269	20 METFORMIN HCL 1000MG TABS	\$558.11	506
21 LEXAPRO 10MG TABS	\$603.03	321	21 LEXAPRO 10MG TABS	\$486.56	259
22 ACTOS 45MG TAB	\$561.82	115	22 GEODON 80MG CAPS	\$472.08	120
23 CELEXA 40MG TABS	\$518.09	225	23 ALBUTEROL (17GM) INH	\$438.75	25
24 LEVAQUIN 500MG TAB	\$502.27	59	24 DEPAKOTE 500MG TAB	\$430.12	240
25 METFORMIN HCL 1000MG TABS	\$496.35	450	25 ENULOSE (480ML -16OZ) 10GM/15ML	\$425.30	15
26 CARISOPRODOL 350MG TABS	\$393.19	877	26 EFFEXOR XR 150MG CAP	\$383.82	148
27 EFFEXOR XR 75MG CAP	\$392.95	150	27 ZOCOR 80MG TABS	\$363.08	60
28 ZOCOR 80MG TABS	\$363.08	60	28 RISPERDAL 2MG TAB	\$341.70	73
29 LINDANE (480ML) 1% LOTN	\$351.38	5	29 RISPERDAL 3MG TAB	\$339.56	60
30 NORVASC 10MG TAB	\$344.46	180	30 ZYPREXA 7.5MG TABS	\$325.93	51
31 EFFEXOR XR 150MG CAP	\$342.43	120	31 EFFEXOR XR 75MG CAP	\$296.10	118
32 ZYPREXA 5MG TABS	\$334.78	60	32 ZYPREXA 5MG TABS	\$284.57	51
33 PLAVIX 75MG TAB	\$333.96	90	33 ABILIFY 10MG TABS	\$278.85	30
34 ALBUTEROL (17GM) INH	\$326.76	21	34 LANTUS INSULIN U-100 INJ	\$270.36	60
35 TRAZODONE 100MG TABS	\$308.41	1318	35 EFFEXOR 75MG TAB	\$258.90	180
36 TRILEPTAL 300MG TAB	\$307.02	180	36 LEVAQUIN 500MG TAB	\$255.38	30
37 ACTOS 30MG TAB	\$292.50	60	37 ZOCOR 40MG TABS	\$242.10	60
38 DEPAKOTE ER 500MG TAB	\$290.52	180	38 ENALAPRIL 20MG TABS	\$241.62	180
39 MACROBID 100MG CAP	\$289.68	160	39 TRAZODONE 100MG TABS	\$240.79	1029
40 COREG 3.125MG TABS	\$285.12	180	40 CARISOPRODOL 350MG TABS	\$221.17	471
41 ACCUTANE 40MG CAPS	\$284.55	30	41 SMZ-TMP DS 800/160MG TAB	\$196.10	740
42 ABILIFY 10MG TABS	\$278.85	30	42 CIPRO 500MG TABS	\$196.02	40
43 BUSPIRONE HCL 15MG TABS	\$270.87	150	43 SINGULAIR 10MG TAB	\$193.49	30
44 BUPROPION 75MG TABS	\$247.30	390	44 COREG 3.125MG TABS	\$189.08	120
45 HYDROXYZINE HCL 25MG TABS	\$215.16	335	45 LISINAPRIL 10MG TABS	\$184.16	240
46 PAXIL CR 12.5MG TAB	\$201.20	88	46 CHLORDIAZEPOXIDE 25MG CAPS	\$179.24	945
47 LISINAPRIL 20MG TABS	\$197.12	240	47 WELLBUTRIN SR 100MG TAB	\$173.40	120
48 SMZ-TMP DS 800/160MG TAB	\$196.11	740	48 TWINRIX SDV (HEP AB)	\$172.70	2
49 SINGULAIR 10MG TAB	\$193.49	30	49 NORVASC 10MG TAB	\$172.23	90
50 DEPAKOTE 250MG TAB	\$192.68	210	50 BUSPIRONE 10MG TAB	\$171.86	565

WILLIAMSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

CHARGE DOCUMENT

Inmate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SO#: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Booked: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICES CHARGED:**

Physician: _____	(\$15.00)	Medical Transport: _____	(\$ 7.50)
Dental: _____	(\$15.00)	Pharmacy Service: _____	(\$ 3.00)
X-Ray: _____	(\$10.00)	E.R. Visit: _____	(\$45.00)

**Charge Services –**

First 10 days of incarceration are free for Initial Assessment, if a request is received from the inmate within the first 10 days of incarceration. This assessment does not cover Prescriptions, Emergency Room visits, Dental requests, transports, or X-Rays. Inmates brought to the infirmary by the Jail Medical Staff will be entitled to a free initial assessment if done within the first 10 days of incarceration. Emergency Room visits, follow-up clinical and/or visits and other services will be charged as above.

**Free Services –**

TB screening and Follow-up Chest X-Ray  
Intake Screening  
10 Day "New Intake" Initial Assessment (Upon Inmates Request)  
Transport to Specialty Clinics (i.e. David Powell, MHMR, Jack Sansing, Dialysis)  
Follow-up Visits if Ordered by Jail Physician and/or Nurse  
MHMR Clinical and/or Lab (if ordered by Jail Physician or Psychiatrist)  
Clinical, Lab, and/or X-Rays ordered by Health Department

**Exempted Inmates –**

The following Inmates Classifications shall be exempted from being charged for bi-monthly sick call visits and from most other medical services, with the unalterable exceptions being Pharmaceutical Services, Dental Services, ER Visits, Medical Transport and X-Rays:  
Inmates with Trusty Status (Monthly Only)  
Inmates with Chronic, Long Term, or Terminal Health Problems  
Inmates with Inpatient Status (patients held in the infirmary or special needs cells)

**Indigent Health Care –**

No inmate shall be denied medical treatment or necessary medical care, regardless of his or her financial status.

Providers Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

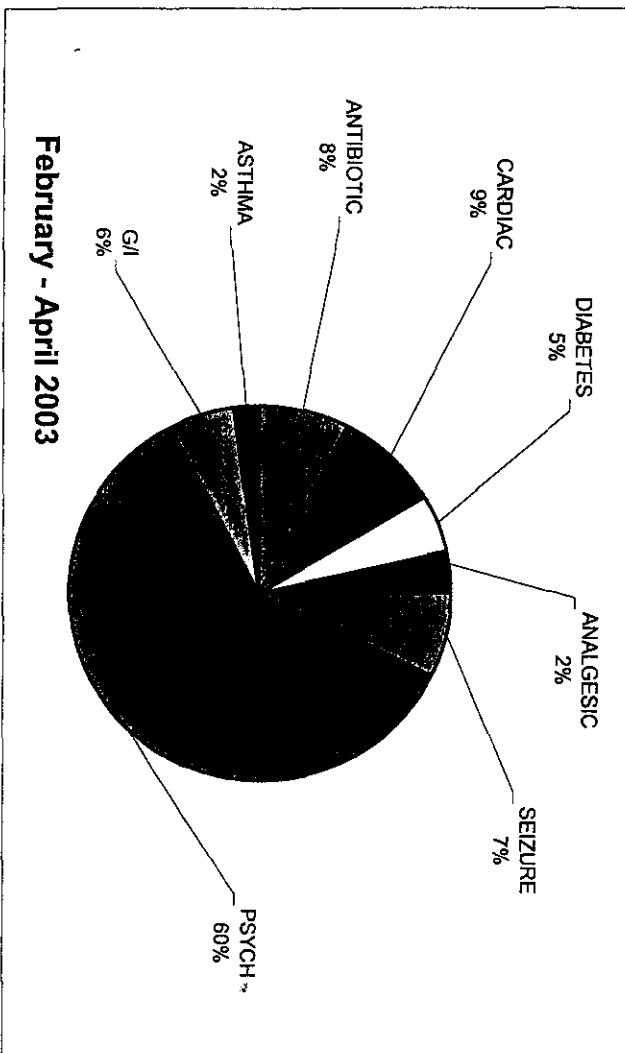
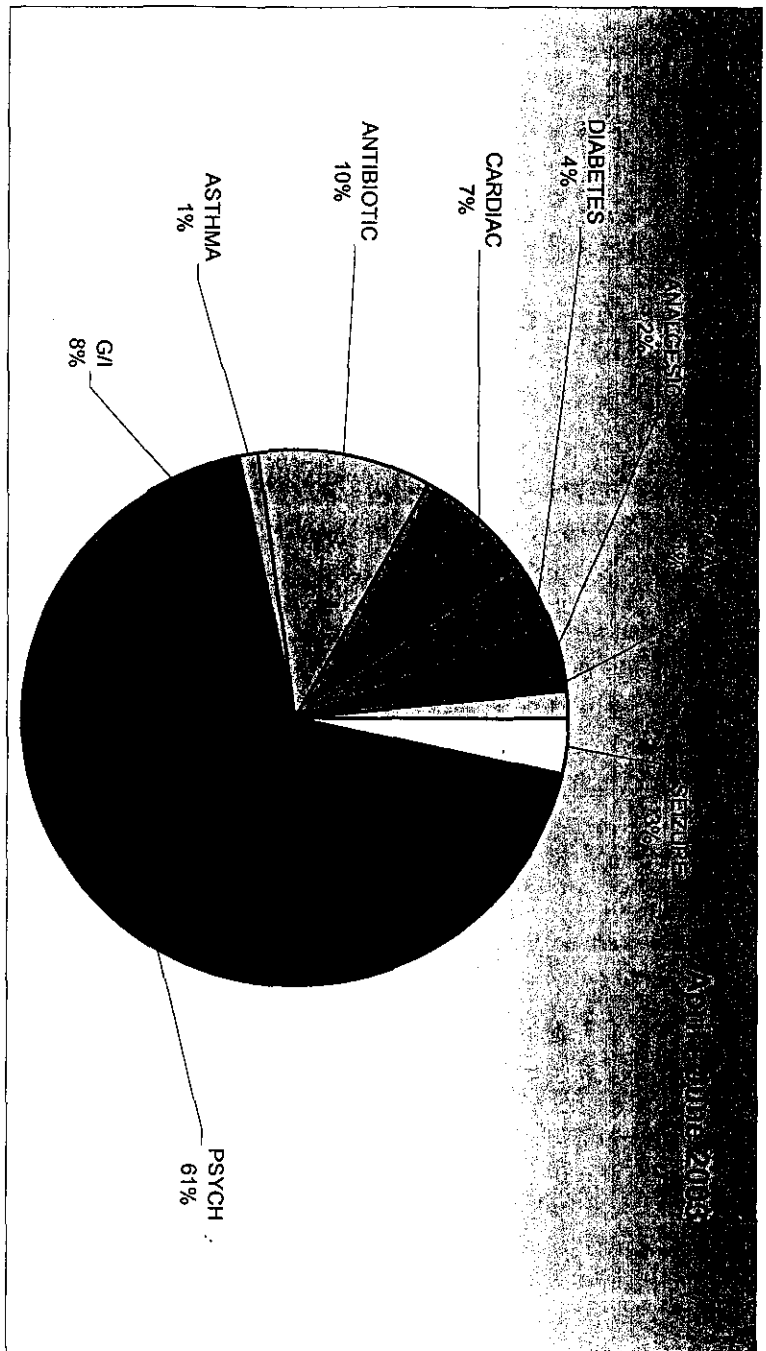
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Inmate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Data Entry Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Status: (circle one) Indigent Non-Indigent

Entered By: \_\_\_\_\_ Emp. ID. # \_\_\_\_\_

WILLIAMSON COUNTY DISEASE STATE PERCENT EXPENDITURES



**AGENDA ITEM 20**

Consider clarifying the motion on adoption of the budget stating it was the intent of the Court to include Public Works Director position and a part time position in Road & Bridge.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To clarify the motion on adoption of the budget stating it was the intent of the Court to include Public Works Director position and a part time position in Road & Bridge.

Vote: 5 - 0

**AGENDA ITEM 21**

Discuss and take appropriate action on road bond program.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

**AGENDA ITEM 22**

Discuss and take appropriate action on jail/courthouse annex expansion.

Ed Lee updated the court on the jail/courthouse annex expansion.

**AGENDA ITEM 23**

Consider authorizing advertising and setting date of October 1, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom to receive proposals for the installation of a radio system for the new jail facility.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Limmer**

Motion: To authorize the advertising and setting the date of October 1, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom to receive proposals for the installation of a radio system for the new jail facility.

Vote: 5 - 0

**AGENDA ITEM 24**

Consider authorizing advertising and setting date of October 15, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditor's office to receive proposals for Food & Beverage Concession Services for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Limmer**

Motion: To authorize the advertising and setting the date of October 15, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditor's office to receive proposals for Food & Beverage Concession Services for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Vote: 5 - 0

**AGENDA ITEM 25**

Consider rejecting bids received for asphalt mixes and asphalt emulsions.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To reject the bid received for asphalt mixes and asphalt emulsions.

Vote: 5 - 0

**AGENDA ITEM 26**

Consider approving contract with Dialogic for EMS Automated Emergency Notification System per awarded proposal #03WC903.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

Motion: To approve the contract with Dialogic for EMS Automated Emergency Notification System per awarded proposal #03WC903.

Vote: 5 - 0