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TO: Weston Wamp, County Mayor
Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
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Sheriff Austin Garrett

FROM: Chris McCollough, County Auditor

DATE: April 21, 2025

SUBJECT: "Average Daily Cost" to House Prisoners as of 6/30/24

The attached schedule was updated as of June 30, 2024, and shows five years of cost data for housing prisoners in Hamilton County, Tennessee. The "Average Daily Cost" increased by \$8,367 daily (from \$83,627 at the end of fiscal year 6/30/23 to \$91,994 at the end of fiscal year 6/30/24). This was primarily due to increased direct personnel and benefits costs for operations of the facilities.

We would like to thank Carolyn Catchings for her input, assistance, and review of the attached FY2024 cost calculations. If you have any questions, contact Austin Durall at 209-6211 or me at 209-6212.

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Hamilton County Jail & Detention Center

Average Daily Cost to House Inmates

Five Fiscal Years 2020 - 2024

	Hamilton County Jail & Detention Center						JAIL & SILVERDALE COMBINED			
	Totals 6/30/2024	Cost Per Inmate Day 6/30/2024	Totals 6/30/2023	Cost Per Inmate Day 6/30/2023	Totals 6/30/2022	Cost Per Inmate Day 6/30/2022	Totals 6/30/2021	Cost Per Inmate Day 6/30/2021	Totals 6/30/2020	Cost Per Inmate Day 6/30/2020
COST CATEGORIES:										
Direct Costs-Pers. & Benefits	\$ 19,101,798	\$ 49.25	\$ 16,692,988	\$ 43.81	\$ 16,125,999	\$ 43.66	\$ 14,827,413	\$ 38.66	\$ 13,163,504	\$ 29.22
Direct Costs-Inmate Care, Facilities	12,809,243	33.02	12,579,554	33.02	10,980,224	29.73	3,049,279	7.95	2,498,716	5.55
Prorated Costs/Contracts/Consultants	896,583	2.31	756,075	1.98	736,537	1.99	6,905,318	18.01	3,997,331	8.87
CORE Civic Contract			-	-	-	-	7,241,166	18.88	15,990,493	35.49
Equipment Cost	159,788	0.41	174,655	0.46	241,217	0.65	671,662	1.75	210,312	0.47
Building Depreciation	440,724	1.14	414,584	1.09	610,391	1.65	621,556	1.62	851,646	1.89
Indirect Costs	2,257,243	5.82	1,814,528	4.76	1,712,581	4.64	1,774,841	4.63	1,828,306	4.06
Total Operating Costs	35,665,379	91.95	32,432,384	85.12	30,406,949	82.33	35,091,235	91.51	38,540,308	85.54
Less: Revenues/Reimbursements	(2,087,402)	(5.38)	(1,908,678)	(5.01)	(2,364,093)	(6.40)	(3,431,653)	(8.95)	(4,046,411)	(8.98)
Net Operating Costs	33,577,977	\$ 86.57	30,523,706	\$ 80.11	28,042,856	\$ 75.93	31,659,582	\$ 82.56	34,493,897	\$ 76.56
Total Inmate Days	398,540		389,204		389,088		418,106		495,453	
Less: Federal Inmate Days	(10,671)		(8,188)		(19,745)		(34,617)		(44,889)	
Net Inmate Days	387,869		381,016		369,343		383,489		450,564	
Avg. Daily Cost per Inmate	\$ 86.57		\$ 80.11		\$ 75.93		\$ 82.56		\$ 76.56	
AVERAGE DAILY COST	\$ 91,994		\$ 83,627		\$ 76,830		\$ 86,739		\$ 94,505	