



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Board of Supervisors **Meeting Date:** January 16, 2025

Staff Contact: Ken Furlong, Sheriff

Agenda Title: For Discussion Only: Presentation of a biannual report on Carson City jail conditions and information concerning deaths of prisoners within the jail. (Matthew Smith, msmith@carson.org)

Staff Summary: Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) 211.030 requires the Sheriff to submit to the Board of Supervisors (“Board”) a biannual report with statistics regarding the jail including any inmate deaths in the preceding six months and the circumstances surrounding any such deaths. NRS 211.020 requires the Board, at least twice each year, to consider, at a public meeting, the conditions of the jail, the number of deaths of prisoners in the jail and the available information and any known circumstances surrounding any such deaths during the immediately preceding six months. There was one prisoner death in the jail due to natural causes in the immediately preceding six months.

Agenda Action: Other / Presentation **Time Requested:** 10 Minutes

Proposed Motion

N/A

Board's Strategic Goal

Safety

Previous Action

July 3, 2024 (Item 13.B) – The second of two biannual reports on the Carson City Jail for 2024 was presented to the Board.

Background/Issues & Analysis

NRS Chapter 211 sets forth provisions governing local facilities for detention. NRS 211.020 makes the Board responsible for building, inspecting and repairing any county jail and requires the Board to (a) inquire, once every three months, into the security of the jail and the treatment and condition of the prisoners; and (b) take all necessary precautions against escape, sickness, infection, suicide and death. NRS 211.020 also requires the Board to review all available information concerning deaths of prisoners in the county jail and, at least twice each year, to include an item on the agenda of a public meeting for the consideration of the conditions of the jail, the number of deaths of prisoners and the known circumstances surrounding any such deaths.

NRS 211.030 requires the Sheriff to report to the Board the death of any prisoner in the jail not later than 48 hours of the occurrence and to submit to the Board a biannual report that contains aggregated

data similar to the information that is required to be submitted to federal authorities under the Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2013, Public Law 113-242, concerning the deaths of prisoners in the jail during the immediately preceding six months and the circumstances surrounding any such deaths.

This agenda item is to present to the Board the first of the two biannual reports required to be submitted by the Sheriff, and also satisfies the first of the two public meeting items required in each year for the Board to review and consider the conditions of the jail, and the number of prisoner deaths and the available information and any known circumstances surrounding any such deaths.

There was one death of an incarcerated person within the jail in the immediately preceding six months. On July 15, 2024, a 63-year-old male was found unresponsive on his bunk. Law enforcement personnel and paramedics administered life saving measures and transported the individual to the hospital. He was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The Coroner listed the cause of death as cardiac arrest/natural causes.

For this time period, from July 1, 2024, through November 20, 2024, the jail generated a total of 288 work orders (for minor repairs, maintenance and other routine tasks), six of which remain outstanding.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

NRS Chapter 211; Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2013, Public Law 113-242, 42 U.S.C. 3750 and 3791

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number: N/A

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact: N/A

Alternatives

N/A

Attachment(s):

[State of the Jail Report.pdf](#)

[2024 Detention Compstat - November.pdf](#)

Motion: _____

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)