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TO: County Commission
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Subject: Commission Resolution – DOCR Prioritization Plan

Last week's curtailment order by the North Dakota Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (DOCR) will have a direct impact on county jails. In Cass County that impact has the potential to be especially significant because of our own population challenges. Chair Peterson, Vice-Chair Grindberg, Sheriff Jahner and I have had several conversations and the best way to respond to this development.

It was agreed that drafting a resolution for Commission consideration urging the DOCR to take a collaborative approach to this challenging situation – and pledging Cass County's willingness to engage in such a process – would be a productive step.

A draft of that resolution will be provided to the Commission on Monday to consider.

SUGGESTED MOTION: Approve Public Safety Resolution Regarding Inmate Prioritization and Jail Capacity and direct staff to forward the approved resolution to the North Dakota Governor's Office and DOCR Leadership.