

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of FY26 Capacity Agreement between Effingham County Prison and the Georgia Department of Corrections

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Department: Purchasing, Effingham County Prison

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Item Description: Consideration to approve and execute the FY26 Intergovernmental Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for inmate housing at the Effingham County Prison.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the FY26 Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections.

Executive Summary/Background:

The proposed agreement provides for the housing of up to 192 State Offenders daily at the Effingham County Prison from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The County will be compensated \$30.00 per inmate per day, an increase from the prior year rate of \$24.00.

This agreement outlines key responsibilities including:

- Full care and custody of inmates in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Accurate daily offender movement tracking via the SCRIBE system.
- Notification protocols for serious medical incidents and employee misconduct.
- Adoption and compliance with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).
- Reimbursement protocols for emergency medical services exceeding \$1,000 per incident, up to the Medicaid rate.

The agreement has been reviewed and approved to form by the County Attorney.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve and execute the FY26 Intergovernmental Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections.
2. Decline approval of the agreement and provide staff with further direction.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: *Purchasing, Prison*

Funding Source: Current Budget

Attachments: Intergovernmental Agreement between GA Department of Corrections and Effingham County