

DICKENS COUNTY DATA REPORTING IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Pursuant to Article 60.10, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, the Dickens County Local Data Advisory Board adopts the following as the Data Reporting Improvement Plan. A Resolution of the Dickens County Commissioners Court was passed on November 9, 2009 creating the Dickens County Local Data Advisory Board. The following Data Reporting and Improvement Plan shall include:

1. describe the manner in which the county tends to improve the county's disposition completeness percentage;
2. ensure that the county takes steps necessary for the county's average disposition completeness percentage to be equal to or greater than mandated by statute;
3. include a comprehensive strategy by which the county will permanently maintain the county's disposition completeness percentage at or above the percentage mandated by statute.

DATA TO INCLUDE IN CCH: Chapter 60, CCP requires that information on arrests, prosecutions and the disposition of the case for persons arrested for Class B misdemeanor or greater violation of Texas criminal statutes be included in CCH. This statute also creates an Incident Tracking Number (TRN) and an Incident Tracking Number Suffix (TRS) as keys for linking charges from arrest through adjudication.

LOCAL REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES: Chapter 60, CCP establishes a flow of information at the local level that is required for successful CCH reporting from each county. The statute places responsibility for reporting to CCH on specific local criminal justice agencies, as follows:

Arresting Agencies: The police department and sheriff's department that arrest a person for a Class B misdemeanor or higher violation of a Texas statute is required by Chapter 60, Code of Criminal Procedures to report that event to DPS within seven (7) days. The report, if on paper, must be on the Criminal History Reporting form (CR-43) created by DPS. The report must include the arrest person's fingerprints, the TRN and other data required by statute. If available, electronic transmission of the data is the preferred method. A critical component of successful reporting is cooperation within the county. A large part of that cooperation is each reporting agency passing the TRN and TRS is the

next level. The arresting agency needs to send the TRN and TRS to the appropriate prosecutor or Juvenile Probation Department.

District Attorney/County Attorney: Chapter 60, CCP requires that any County Attorney, District Attorney or other prosecutor receiving a class B misdemeanor or greater offense must report to DPS the decision to accept, reject, change or add to the charge for trial. As with the arresting agencies, prosecutors may report on paper or electronically, including the TRN as received from the arresting agency. The prosecutor must send the TRN and TRS to the District & County Clerk once the information has been reported.

District and County Clerks: Chapter 60, CCP requires the District and County Clerks whose courts try class B misdemeanor or greater violations of Texas statues must report the disposition of this case to DPS. The clerks are dependent upon receiving the TRN and TRS from the prosecutor. The reports may be reported on paper or electronically.

Juveniles: ALL TRN's on a juvenile are to go directly to the Juvenile Probation Department, where the probation officer will complete each section.

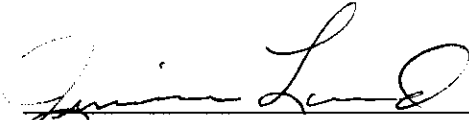
OUT OF COUNTY WARRANTS: All prisoners arrested in Dickens County on an out of county warrant for a criminal charge are entered into Crime Star, jail book, and paper CR-43 with basic information and prints to be sent to or given to the county the warrant is out of. If the warrant is for re-arrest on a previous charge a CR-43 is not completed and they are booked into the jail and held until they either bond out or the county that the warrant is out of comes to get them, according to state law.

OPEN ARRESTS: As of April 30, 2010, there are a total of 52 open arrests in Dickens County from 2007 to 2010. These arrests are currently open due to the fact they are either pending in (district or county court), the case has not been filed yet, or a correction has been submitted to DPS and it has yet to be entered in at the present time.

PLAN TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE: The Dickens County Local Data Advisory Board is to meet as needed and members will be replaced by there replacement in there position. The Dickens County Automated Data Processing Board Member will run open arrest reports every three to six months and coordinate with the corresponding office as to the reason why the arrest is still open.

The members of the advisory board pledge to cooperate in compiling the data required by law and forwarding the appropriate information to agencies in the county and to DPS. We also agree to communicate with one another any problems or discrepancies that occur in compiling the reports.


Dated this 30th day of April, 2010.



Jimmie Land, Sheriff
Dickens County Sheriff's Office



Becky McPherson
District Attorney



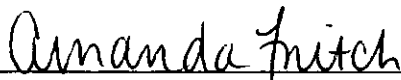
Trey Poage
County Attorney Pro-Tem



Becky Hill, Deputy Clerk
Dickens County & District Clerk



Martha Garza
Juvenile Probation Department



Amanda Fritch
Dickens County Automated Data Processing

A Resolution of the Dickens County Commissioners Court

Creation of Dickens County Local Data Advisory Board

Whereas, Chapter 60, *Texas Code of Criminal Procedure* (CCP) defines the Computerized Criminal History System (CCH) as the statewide repository of criminal history data reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) by local criminal justice agencies in Texas. CCH is one component of the Texas Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS). The other component of CJIS is the Corrections Tracking System (CTS) managed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).

And, whereas, Chapter 60, CCP requires that information on arrests, prosecutions and the disposition of the case for persons arrested for Class B misdemeanor or greater violation of Texas criminal statutes be included in CCH. The Statute identifies many of the actual data elements. In addition, although not required by statute, CCH has traditionally included limited supervision data reported to DPS by TDCJ. Of special note is that Chapter 60, CCP creates an Incident Tracking Number (TRN) an Incident Tracking Number Suffix (TRS) as the keys for linking charges from arrest through adjudication. Use of the TRN and TRS ensures that the outcome of each arrest charge can be tracked through the system, but establishing this capability requires each reporting entity to be extremely careful in its management of cases to include and pass along the TRN and TRS.

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Prosecutor: Chapter 60, CCP requires that any County Attorney, District Attorney or other prosecutor receiving a class B misdemeanor or greater offense must report to DPS the decision to accept, reject, change or add to the charge for trial. As with the arresting agencies, prosecutors may report on paper or electronically, including the TRN as received from the arresting agency.

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And, whereas, pursuant to Article 60.10, *Texas Code of Criminal Procedure*, the Dickens County Commissioners Court is required to create the Dickens County Local Data Advisory Board and charge that board with the creation of Dickens County's Data Reporting Improvement Plan.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved , that the Dickens County Commissioner's Court hereby creates and establishes the Dickens County Local Data Advisory Board established this board to meet and establish a data reporting and improvement place which will:

1. describe the manner in which the county tends to improve the county's disposition completeness percentage;
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It is further resolved that the following individuals are appointed to such board to represent the agencies identified below:

Dickens County Sheriff's Department: Sheriff Jimmie Land

Dickens County District Attorney: Mrs. Becky McPherson

Dickens County Attorney: Mr. Trey Poage

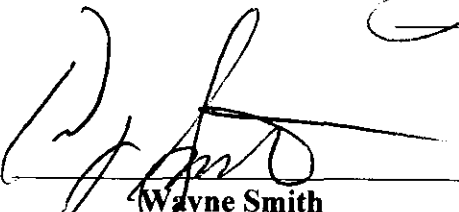
Dickens County County & District Clerk: Mrs. Becky Hill (designee)

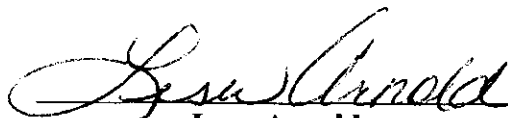
Spur Police Department: XX

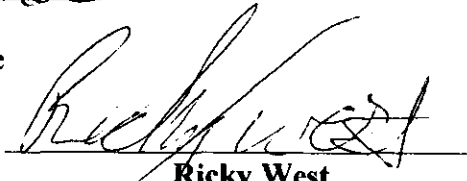
Juvenile Probation Department: Ms. Martha Garza


Dickens County Automated Data Processing: Mrs. Amanda Fritch


Dated: **November 9, 2009.**



Wayne Smith
Commissioner Precinct One


Lesa Arnold
Dickens County Judge


Ricky West
Commissioner Precinct Two


Doc Edwards
Commissioner Precinct Three


Sheldon Parsons
Commissioner Precinct Four

Attest: 
Winona Humphreys
Dickens County Clerk