



Some facts on the Lake County Adult Detention Facility



Inmate Commissary Funding

The Inmate Commissary is designed to meet the basic hygienic and psychological needs of the inmate population by providing, for sale, a selection of toiletries, snack foods, reading and writing materials as well as some basic medical supplies. This in-house Commissary helps to strengthen the security of the facility by decreasing the chances of contraband being introduced into the facility from these types of items being dropped off or brought in by visitors.

In the current economic environment it needs to be known that the inmate Commissary is solely for the benefit of the inmate population. No tax payer dollars are used to fund our inmate Commissary here at the Lake County Sheriff's Office. The profits made from Commissary sales are used to fund several programs that are specifically for the benefit of the inmate population.

It may not be known that our inmate Commissary profits help to provide the basic supplies for the indigent inmate population. For those inmates who have no money in their Commissary account, our Commissary supplies indigent inmates with some basic essentials which include – deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, pen, sheets of writing paper, and two envelopes for correspondence. This cost of approximately \$700.00 a month is funded by the profit made from regular sales to the inmate population through our Commissary. Purchasing of the indigent items in 2011 ran a total of \$8,400.00.

The profits from the inmate Commissary sales also fund two aspects of support provided through the Lake County Adult Detention Facility. The first being the G.E.D. program and the second being the Inmate Law Library Computer Stations.

First, the inmate Commissary profits fund our G.E.D. program through Painesville Able. The annual cost for this program is \$10,019.90 a year. This program is designed to help those inmates who are incarcerated attend classes to help them obtain their G.E.D. certificate. Inmates who have completed and receive their G.E.D. are better prepared to return to society and seek employment.

Second, the inmate Commissary profits also fund the Inmate Law Library computer program. A law library for inmate use is required by law and ours is maintained by the profits from our Commissary sales. We have two computer stations that the inmates can use to access and review legal materials. Each of these computer stations are set up with an updated hard drive that contains current and updated state and federal law codes. This system is supported by Lexis Nexis. The Law Computers receive regular updates via new external hard drives that have the most current and up to date legal

materials for inmate use. Again, this program is paid solely by Commissary profits at a cost of \$3,582.00 per year.

Some other items that the inmate population enjoys are only paid for with Commissary profits. While these items may seem to be common place in today's society, here at the Lake County Sheriff's Office, tax payer dollars are not used to pay for these additional services that the inmate population receives.

These additional services that the Commissary profits pay for are:

Access to The Lake County News Herald newspaper. Each range of inmates, receives a daily copy of the newspaper. The cost of these newspapers is \$5,915.00 a year.

Access to cable television in each inmate range. The service, provided by Time Warner Cable, gives the inmate population access to local and basic channels. Once the ranges pass their morning inspections, the TV's are powered up and remain on in the ranges until facility lock down at 11 PM daily. The cost for this service from Time Warner Cable is \$1,186.80 a year.

Access to two movies a week that are played over the inmate televisions on Friday evening. One of the advantages in providing these additional movies on Friday is that the inmates monitor their own behavior. The inmate Commissary profits pay for the public performance licensing agreement with Swank Motion Pictures. This licensing agreement permits this facility to play 2 rental DVD's on Friday nights for the inmate population. The rental cost for these movies is \$12.00 a week, totaling \$624.00 a year. These DVD's are similar to those any household may rent for home use, current and new release movies. The licensing to play these movies costs \$1,267.50 per year.

During 2011, the Inmate Commissary profits {not tax payer dollars} paid \$30,941.20 for these services that the inmates at the Lake County Adult Detention Facility have access to while they are incarcerated at this facility.