Legislative Report

By Adrian Arnold
State Representative

Historically, the local jail has been an institution rating little concern by the average citizen. Yet, its effect on our criminal justice system and thus our own responsibilities as citizens is massive.

One of the major issues facing the 1982 Kentucky General Assembly will be the maintenance of local jails. This includes resolving problems with funding from state or local governments, or from both, to maintain any mandated standards through federal or state guidelines or judicial intervention.

The 1980 General Assembly also addressed this issue, but due to funding shortages and lack of time for proper study and research, no definite conclusions were adopted.

Recognizing the need for legislation from the 1982 Session, Governor Brown appointed a Task Force on Local Jails to study and make recommendations to the General Assembly. In this same concern, the Legislative Research Commission directed that a subcommittee on jails be funded for study, research and formulating recommendations to legislators in 1982.

Obviously, the major hindrance to proper maintenance of local jails is inadequate funding. An 1863 Federal statute, Amendment 8 of the Federal Constitution, mandates protection of Constitutional rights of inmates. This addresses abuse of personal rights through inhumane treatment and has been interpreted by the courts as a failure to provide certain standards. These standards cannot be maintained without funds.

Jails in Kentucky, as in most states, do not meet federally mandated standards. Federal courts have determined that jails must be brought up to these standards. Ideally, this should be done in Kentucky within the near future to avoid costly federal law suits. In many states, local governments have been sued under federal law for violations of the civil rights of prisoners and failure to meet minimum constitutional standards for jails. The results of these suits have often been disastrous for local governments with the local government and its officials being held liable for hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages. In addition, the federal courts have in some cases taken over the operation of the local jail and ordered that costly steps be taken to improve the jail. The Federal courts can, and will close the jails that do not meet the standards.

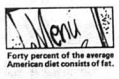
So far, Kentucky counties have been lucky; this state has been faced with only a few jail suits. It appears, however, that such suits are soon to occur in many Kentucky counties, perhaps as a statewide suit. While we all may agree that our jails do not need to be luxurious or like a plush hotel, we do need to protect our citizens from further criminal activity and our counties and county officials from the danger of an expensive federal law suit. We can do this by beginning to reform and upgrade our jails on our own. As a general rule, the courts have been more lenient where it is clear that steps are being taken to improve jail conditions and where a long-range plan for meeting standards exists.

To address the issue, there are two concepts under study by Kentucky Legislators. Firstly, regional jails, with four or five counties sharing the responsibility for one facility; and secondly, the attempt to generate enough funding for a jail in each county. The possibility of a combination of both concepts is also being researched.

Guidelines followed dictate safe and humane quarters for prisoners. The General Assembly does not envision luxury facilities for incarceration; however, adequate provisions for inmates are necessary. For example, fire safety standards as directed by the state fire marshall include two exits for proper evacuation in emergencies, speaker systems, and other normal provisions are enforced for all public facilities. Sanitation standards require routine and thorough change in living and bathing areas, many of which are filthy. Research on mandated separate facilities for prisoners include the following classifications: misdemeanor violators, felons, male and female, juvenile, mentally disturbed, violent inmates, detoxification units, recreation, counselling and booking. These mandates concern separation by both sight and sound of prisoners in each classification.

Rising crime rates unfortunately continue to increase local jail population. This, in turn, increases the demand for upgrading facilities as quickly and efficiently as possible.

The subcommittee is presently touring some facilities to gain knowledge of existing conditions of local jails and staffing. From information gathered on these tours, legislation will be drafted to guide and provide for renovation of the local jail system.



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Revenue Department property tax ratio

The Department of Revenue has provided the 1980 property tax assessment-sales ratios for every county in the state under the provisions of state law (KRS 132.250). This information reflects a comparison of the certified assessments for last year with actual sales.

The Kentucky Constitution requires that all property in Kentucky be assessed for tax purposes at its full fair cash value. The assessment-sales ratio is the best available measure of the extent to which property has been assessed according to that Constitutional standard.

The department computes the ratio based on actual sales and assessments in each county. Information on actual real estate sales from county clerks' records in every county in the state is collected each year. Each sales price is then compared with its corresponding tax assessment and a ratio of assessment to sale price is computed. The assessment and sale information as reflected in the individual ratios is used to compute the percentage of the fair cash value achieved by assessments in the county. In compiling the averages, the ratios for the three classes of real estate (residential, farm and commercial) are calculated separately. Then an overall average is figured, giving each of the three classes its proportional weight according to its percentage of the county's total.

Care should be used in interpreting the table. While the ratio is the best available measure of assessment based on the market, it is not perfect. The actual sales of property in a county during one year may not be entirely representative of the values of all other unsold property in that county. This is especially true in small counties and where few sales were reported in one or more classes of property. However, based on its experience of collecting sales and assessment information for 60 years, the department believes that the ratios show valid general relationships between market values and assessments.

The countywide ratios cannot be applied to the assessments on individual parcels. For example, if the assessment ratio is 95 percent, that does not mean that each individual's property is assessed at 95 percent of its fair cash value. It simply means that the typical countywide assessment is 95 percent of indicated market value.

1980 ASSESSMENT-SALES RATIOS

Adair	100.3	Knox	92.5
Allen	97.4	Larue	102.6
Anderson	92.8	Laurel	90.6
Ballard	114.5	Lawrence	97.8
Barren	84.4	Lee	110.9
Bath	85.5	Leslie	98.7
Bell	78.2	Letcher	86.9
Boone	88.3	Lewis	95.3
Bourbon	95.2	Lincoln	89.7
Boyd	75.1	Livingston	108.4
Boyle	99.5	Logan	78.7
Bracken	101.9	Lyon	99.7
Breathitt	97.6	McCracken	87.2
Breckinridge	90.5	McCreary	101.2
Bullitt	95.5	McLean	89.2
Butler	86.0	Madison	91.4
Caldwell	93.8	Magoffin	100.6
Calloway	100.2	Marion	91.5
Campbell	90.9	Marshall	101.1
Carlisle	87.2	Martin	101.4
Carroll	105.8	Mason	94.5
Carter	89.2	Meade	100.2
Casey	110.2	Menifee	107.5
Christian	95.8	Mercer	90.5
Clark	96.4	Metcalfe	90.4
Clay	90.3	Monroe	94.9
Clinton	116.7	Montgomery	87.8
Crittenden	101.5	Morgan	83.2
Cumberland	97.4	Muhlenberg	91.9
Daviess	99.6	Nelson	93.8
Edmonson	96.2	Nicholas	88.2
Elliott		Ohio	105.2
Estill	90.7	Oldham	92.2
Fayette	93.6	Owen	101.9
Fleming	104.5	Owsley	93.2
Floyd	107.7	Pendleton	90.9
Franklin	80.7	Perry	91.2
Fulton	99.0	Pike	84.8
Gallatin	106.8	Powell	102.0
Garrard	106.4	Pulaski	95.2
Grant	93.2	Robertson	102.5
Graves	102.2	Rockcastle	
Grayson	106.2	Rowan	108.4
Green	98.7	Russell	104.8
Greenup	73.0	Scott	102.8
Hancock	99.5	Shelby	85.8
Hardin	97.3	Simpson	91.2
Harlan	67.7	Spencer	117.8
Harrison	92.4	Taylor	99.2
Hart	101.8	Todd	104.4
Henderson	100.3	Trigg	92.6
Henry	100.1	Trimble	98.3
Hickman	102.1	Union	97.8
Hopkins	106.9	Warren	88.7
Jackson	88.0	Washington	98.7
Jefferson	71.9	Wayne	88.7
Jessamine	92.3	Webster	104.0
Johnson	88.7	Whitley	95.2
Kenton	90.7	Wolfe	102.8
Knott	104.5	Woodford	108.6

Assessment totals not submitted for certification as of Jan. 19, 1981.

Field review of assessment-sales ratio is currently in progress.

New bills drafted to aid counties

A legislative subcommittee on county finance has drafted four new bills to improve fiscal management in Kentucky counties.

"We discovered many county clerks have idle funds which are drawing no interest," said Rep. Marshall Davenport (R), Somerset, chairman of the subcommittee. Rep. Davenport presented the bill drafts to the full committee at their meeting Thursday.

Bill Request 90 will help alleviate that situation. It gives county clerks the authority to invest funds, he said. This bill also sets up guidelines for investing the funds. Currently the fiscal court has authority to invest funds.

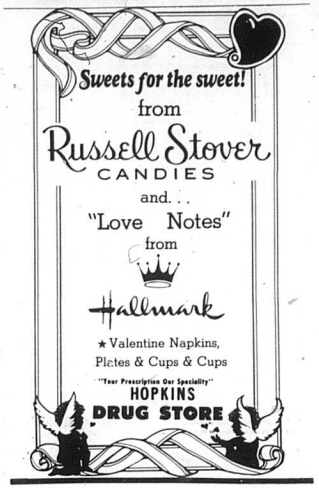
Bill Request 91 asks for Sheriffs to make a tentative settlement on taxes and fees by March 15. The settlement on taxes and fees collected will be subject to an audit. Currently the settlements are made after the audit.

"We found during a recent study that more than $4 million dollars in automobile taxes are not being collected throughout the state," said Davenport. "The delinquency rate is 19 percent on real estate and 29 percent on tangibles."

Bill Request 92 asks for one tax bill to be sent to a residence which will include the amount of taxation on both kinds of property.

Bill Request 104 affects those counties which have a population of 75,000 or more. It asks that 25 percent of the fees collected by the county clerks and sheriffs during each calendar year be paid quarterly to the fiscal courts or urban-county governments of the respective counties.

Currently the money is paid annually. The new bill would allow the counties to use their money throughout the year for operational costs or investment programs.



High gasoline costs make carpooling necessary

Gasoline costs and the increasing cost of living have made carpooling a necessity for many Kentuckians.

As carpooling solves one problem, however, it creates another. The problem arises of what to do with the vehicles not used when carpoolers meet at a designated spot each day.

Some riders leave their vehicles parked along the side of the road, which is not only dangerous but illegal, said Barry House in the Department of Transportation. "At one spot we have had eight to 20 cars parked alongside the road at a time."

However, the Kentucky Transportation Department is offering a solution to carpoolers caught in this predicament — park-and-ride lots.

The lots are paved by the department to be used strictly by carpoolers who need a place to park their vehicles until they can return at the end of their work shift.

Three lots exist in Kentucky, two are in some stage of construction and three are planned for next season, House said.

State-owned right of way is considered the best place for the lots since no purchase of land is necessary, House said. The lots are funded with 75 percent federal funds and 25 percent state funds.

The park-and-ride lots now available in Kentucky are being used extensively by carpoolers, he said.

The first lot, constructed on KY 80 in Laurel County, has been full nearly 24 hours a day since it opened in December 1979, House said. Workers for three different shifts use the 30-space lot.

The other two existing lots are a 55-space lot in Estill County and a 90-space lot in Hardin County.

In Kentucky, the park-and-ride program is still in the demonstration stage since the first lot is only a year old, House said.

But the idea of park-and-ride lots is not new. Connecticut was the forerunner and now has more than 100 lots, House said.

Funds are now available for more lots in Kentucky and the department is keeping an eye out for potential locations, House said. "We are open to requests from cities and counties," he said. A lot will be considered where a demonstrated demand is shown.

House foresees many park-and-ride lots throughout the state in the future. "The idea is catching on," he said.

Advance planning a must

It is becoming increasingly clear that high school students who plan ahead for college have a better chance of successfully completing their educational goals.

The planning process generally is started by these successful students in the spring of their junior year in high school. In addition to exploring various college publications, these students often take the ACT assessment at this time.

The American College Testing program produces the ACT for about one million college-bound students each year. In 1979-80, 25,022 Kentucky students took the ACT.

The information that ACT provides is particularly helpful to high school students who are exploring what they want to do after high school. The ACT student report is designed to organize information that is useful in educational and career planning.

Students who wish to take the ACT this spring need to register for it before Feb. 27. This registration is for students who will take the ACT on Mar. 28.

ACT registration information can be obtained from high school guidance personnel and college admissions officers.

UK lectures

"The Kentucky Painter from the Frontier Era to the Great War" will be the subject of three gallery talks at the University of Kentucky Art Museum.

Bruce Weber, curator at the museum and one of the organizers of the exhibit, will present the talks.

They are:

— Friday, March 6 at 12:30 p.m. "Aspects of Kentucky Painting after the Civil War Era."

Visitors to the museum are encouraged to bring a "brown bag" lunch in the Reception Room of the Center for the Arts prior to the last two gallery talks. The Reception Room will open at 11:30 a.m. those days.

In addition, Thom (cq) Gentle, director of the Intermuseum Conservation Association, Oberlin College, Ohio, will give a lecture at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15, in the UK Center for the Arts Recital Hall.

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Saltwell news

by Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Adams Jr. and twin daughters, near Georgetown, visited Mr. and Mrs. Orville Doyle on Tuesday.

Timmy Williams, Fleming County, spent Tuesday night with Mike Sowell in Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Snapp and Mrs. Alberta Snapp were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth "Bill" Snapp and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar spent Tuesday with Mrs. Ramona Wilson in Carlisle.

Mrs. Jesse Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rutledge and Rhonda, Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. James Mann and Mrs. Catherine Hollar, Carlisle, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lovell "Peanuts" Allison at Carnico Country Club, honoring the birthdays of Mrs. Hollar and Mrs. Alexander.

Services for Mrs. Homer Hill, 90, who passed away on Thursday at Harrison Memorial Hospital were conducted on Saturday afternoon at Whaley Funeral Home by Rev. Marion Snapp, with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. William Withrow, who has spent the past month with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Withrow and family and other relatives returned to their home in St. Joseph, Missouri, on Tuesday.

Rev. Arnold Harris entered Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, on Thursday for treatment and remains a patient there.

Mrs. Bobby Brady enjoyed a "Handbag" party at the home of Mrs. Linda Courtney, Harrison County, on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver and children Jeff and Jason visited Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady on Thursday night. Daley Kennedy also visited the Bradys on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ramona Wilson and Richard Cain were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

Several from here attended the Lay School of Theology held at Flemingsburg on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Routt and sons Tracey and Adam of near Clintonville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fryman and Tommy Ritchie.

Mrs. Hazel Snapp spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Keith McCord and sons of Chatam.

Bob Kenney and sons Greg and Jason, Covington, spent Sunday with Mrs. Gladys Kenney. Mrs. Fred Hollar and Ramona Wilson were also supper guests of Mrs. Kenney.

Fred McDonald entered Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington, on Sunday and remains a patient there.

Andrea Galbraith, Carlisle, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar and children. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Galbraith and Mrs. Ramona Wilson and Mrs. Fred Hollar were also Sunday afternoon visitors.

Martha and Daley Kennedy visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blakeman and daughters, Lexington, on Friday night.

Our community extends sympathy to the family of Crimpsie Ritchie, who passed away on Thursday at his home in Newport. Funeral services were held at Barterville Church on Monday afternoon with burial in Barterville Cemetery.

Mrs. Edna Wagoner and George Sosby have moved from the Cameron property on the Johnson Road to the property of Benny M. Dotson on Bald Hill Road on Friday.

There will be a Community Action program held at the Headquarters Church this Thursday night, Feb. 12, at 7 o'clock. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Mrs. Ramona Wilson and Richard

"The heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of."
Blaise Pascal

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I wonder if God thinks about you and me in the same manner. We're always doing things that he disapproves of and knows that many of them are harmful to us. We are young to him as new Christians, but hopefully we will grow out of our childish ways and on to maturity. It's almost a miracle that he has so much patience with us...makes me feel like a fool when I lose my temper with my son. Thank the Lord he hasn't lost his temper with me. He is ready and willing to forgive us and take us back.

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File early get refund within weeks

Taxpayers who file income tax returns this week can expect refunds in four to six weeks, according to Revenue Commissioner Robert H. Allphin.

People who wait until April to file may have to wait significantly longer for a refund, Allphin said.

"The earlier people file their returns, the quicker we can get refunds for them," he said.

The Department of Revenue estimates 950,000 Kentucky taxpayers will receive refunds this year, an increase of eight percent over last year, Allphin said.

But the early pace of returns being filed with the Department this year is slower than last year's pace. At the end of January last year, 77,000 returns had been filed, compared to 70,000 this year.

If this year is similar to last year, about a third of the state's 1.3 million taxpayers will file their returns on April 15, the deadline. Those last-minute filers include many persons who are due refunds they could have claimed much earlier.

Deputy Commissioner Margaret Nance, who heads the Department's Processing Bureau, said taxpayers can ensure quick handling of their returns if they will follow a few simple rules. These rules are:

— Use the precoded mailing label with your name and address on it at the top of Form 740. Returns with labels can be processed immediately.

— If you do not have a mailing label, be certain to type or print your complete name and address and do not forget to include your zip code and phone number on the form.

Returns without the zip codes must have this information added manually within the department.

— If someone else prepares your return, mail the return yourself. Often tax preparers collect returns for a few weeks before mailing them in bulk to the department.

— Complete the return carefully and accurately. This includes signing the form and attaching the correct withholding statement that is provided by your employer.

Every year thousands of returns must be mailed back to taxpayers who forgot to sign them or failed to attach the withholding statement.

Taxpayers should also use care in filling in lines 20 and 21 on the 740 Form.

Line 20 is for donating a portion or all of the refund to two state wildlife programs, a new feature on the 1980 return.

Line 21 is for designating the amount of the tax overpayment the taxpayer wants refunded.

Statistics indicate several thousand taxpayers will erroneously donate the entire amount of their tax refund to these wildlife funds this year, requiring the department to mail the forms back to the taxpayer for verification or correction, Allphin said.

The department estimates it will refund to Kentucky taxpayers this year $128 million, up 24 percent over last year. The average refund is estimated to be $135 per return, up 15 percent from 1980.

The larger number of refunds and the higher amount to be refunded reflects the depressed condition of the state's economy.

Attend 12th D. I. meet in Atlanta

Leonard and Beverly Irvin of Carlisle were among the 3,500 members of Dairymen, Inc. (D.I.) who attended the cooperative's Twelfth Annual Meeting last month in Atlanta, Ga.

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