

# Review of Consolidated Jail Plan for Dane County

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# Reason for the Study

- Primary objective is to close the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> floors in the City-County Building (CCB) that currently houses 225-250 people.
- \$148 million has been allocated by the County to create a replacement facility so the the CCB floors can be closed
- A Jail Consolidation Plan (JCP) has been developed that would first 1) create a new Tower facility and then 2) renovate the existing Public Safety Building
- The cost of the JCP has grown to at least \$170 million due to sharp increases in building materials and labor costs.
- Purpose of this report is to see if the JCP can be modified to meet the \$148 million funding level.

**Table 1. Current and Projected Bed Capacities and Jail Population**

Facility	Bed Capacity
City-County Building – Floors 6 and 7	341
Public Safety Building	465
Ferris Huber Center (closed)	144
Totals	950
Less Closed Ferris Huber Center	806
Current Under the Roof Population 10/18/21	581
Current Bed Needs at 15% Peaking/Classification	669
Proposed New System Bed Capacity	922
Net Excess Beds Based on Current Jail Population	+253

Figure 1. Dane County Under the Roof Jail Population  
2018-2021

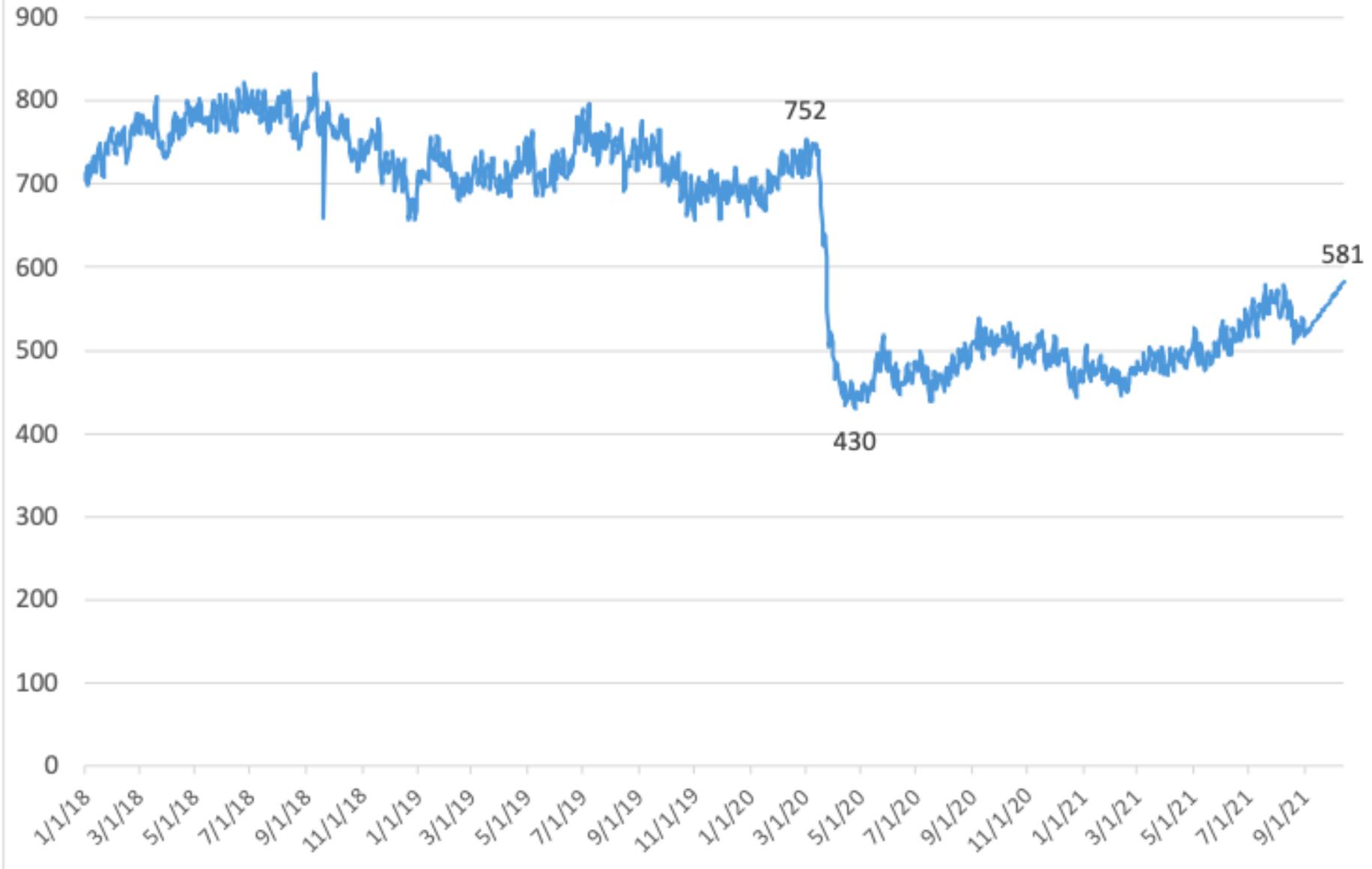
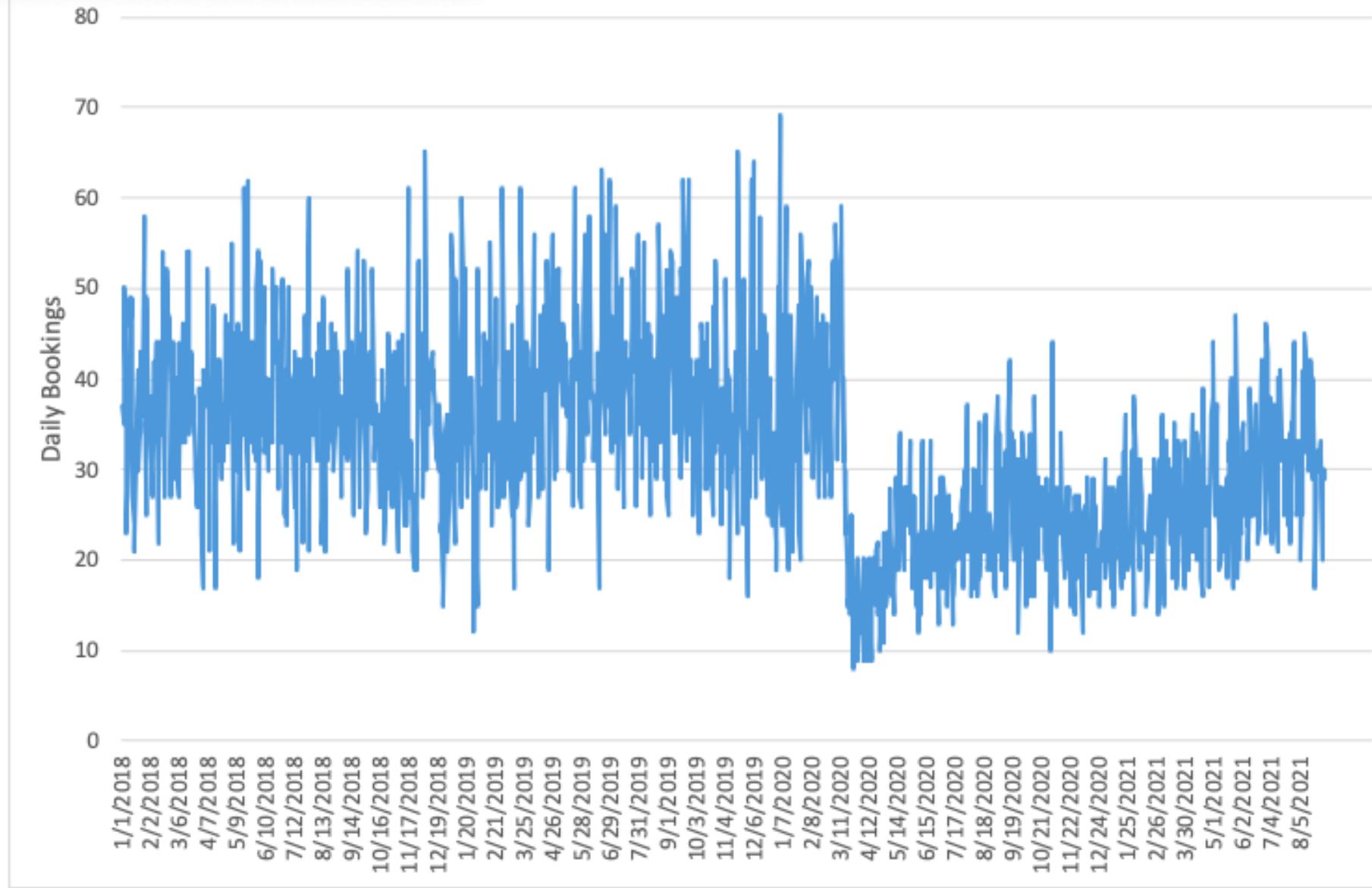


Figure 2.

### Dane County Daily Jail Bookings 2018-2021

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**Table 4. Option #1; Modifying Tower Bed Capacity and Renovating PSB**

	Scenario # 1	Scenario # 2	Scenario #3
	PSB and 5 Floor Tower	PSB and 6 Level Tower	PSB and 7 level Tower
PSB Beds	302	302	302
Tower Beds	364	492	620
Total Beds	666	794	922
Operational Bed Capacity @ 85%	566	675	784
Youthful Offenders Beds	28	28	28
M & F Acute Medical Health Beds	74	74	74
M & F Acute, Sub-Acute Mental Health Beds	39	39	39
Estimated Capital Costs	\$146.4 million	\$158.9 million	\$170.1 million
PSB Renovation Costs	\$29.2 million	\$29.2 million	\$29.2 million
Tower Construction Costs	\$117.2 million	\$129.7 million	\$140.9 million
Estimated Operational Costs	\$31.5 million	\$33.7 million	\$36.5 million

**Table 6. Summary of Option #2: Construct Tower Building With No PBS Renovation**

Bed Capacities	Bed Capacity
New Tower	377
PSB	465
Total Beds	842
Operating Capacity @ 85% of Beds	716
Types of Beds	
Single Cells	191
Double Cells	206
Dorms	445
Mental Health Beds	
Acute/Sub-Acute	60
Stepdown	36
Construction Costs	\$138 million

# Summary Recommendations

1. Adopt Option #2 which eliminates the unnecessary PSB renovation plans to create infirmary, upgraded and expanded basement kitchen and related support functions.
2. Redesign the proposed Tower facility to include new medical clinic, acute/step-down mental health units, and houses medium and maximum security residents now residing in the CCB.
3. Implement population control measures to ensure the population remains below 716 which would include:
  - a. Increasing the number of Huber Sentenced Residents on EM;
  - b. Removing all Youthful Residents under age 17 and House them in the Empty Juvenile Detention unit;
  - c. Terminating/reducing Federal Contract for Housing Federal Transit Residents;
  - d. Implementing Weekend Initial Appearance Court ;
  - e. Creating a Jail Population Review Panel for Detainees in Custody for more Than 120 days; and,
  - f. Funding the Crisis Stabilization Center with surpluses from the \$148 million JCP construction costs
4. Regardless of which option is adopted by the County, it should recalculate bed need using a 15% peaking/classification factor and not the 20% rate.