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County Commission or City/Town Mayor

Re: Budgeting Reminder – Jail Per Diem Rate

Via Certified Mail

Dear Commissioners/Mayors,

As you are preparing your budgets for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2023, please remember that West Virginia Code §15A-3-16. Funds for operations of jails under the jurisdiction of the commissioner, subsection (g) currently extends the statutory per diem cap of \$48.25, paid by counties and municipalities to incarcerate inmates in regional jails, through July 1, 2023.

The State Budget Office is required by law to establish the per diem rate annually based on the three most current years of jail operating expenses. **The current per diem rate established by the State Budget Office is \$54.48. Absent further legislative action, jail billings to counties and municipalities will be based on the rate of \$54.48 beginning with the July 2023 billing cycle.**

If you have any questions, please contact Angela Nitardy, Supervisor, Accounts Receivable Unit at 304-352-0218 or by email at Angela.D.Nitardy@wv.gov.

Very respectfully,

Michael V. Coleman, Director

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