

Local Jail Communications 2024 Legislative Report



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2024 LEGISLATIVE REPORT ON JAIL COMMUNICATIONS

I. Background

Minnesota Statutes, section [241.253](#), requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to compile county and regional jail communications data into a single report and submit the report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over criminal justice policy by March 21 of each year.

The statute also instructs each county and regional correctional facility in the state, including a jail, juvenile detention center, workhouse, or lockup, to report to the commissioner of corrections on their communications contracts for incarcerated people by February 28 of each year. The report must include:

- (1) the total number of phone calls, phone call minutes, video visits, and e-messages initiated or received by incarcerated people in such facilities during the preceding calendar year;
- (2) the total amount of revenue generated by vendors at each facility in the preceding calendar year;
- (3) the total amount of commissions earned by each county and regional correctional facility, including a jail, juvenile detention center, workhouse, or lockup, during the preceding calendar year; and
- (4) how the commissions were spent.

Subd. “b” defines “commission” as any form of:

- (1) monetary payment,
- (2) in-kind payment requirement,
- (3) gift,
- (4) exchange of services or goods,
- (5) fee, or
- (6) technology allowance.

II. Method

The DOC issued and distributed a form to each county and regional correctional facility within the state via email, which included jails, juvenile detention centers, workhouses, and lockups. Facilities were instructed to complete the form by providing the statutorily required information, ensuring compliance with the relevant laws and regulations. To ensure timely submission, the DOC also sent a reminder email to all facilities, highlighting the impending due date for form completion.

III. Licensed County Jail Facilities

78 county and regional correctional facilities reported their 2024 jail communication data to the DOC by March 1, 2025.

Data for county and regional correctional facilities in the state have been compiled by the DOC Inspection and Enforcement Unit and is attached to this report as Appendix A.

The DOC also requested facilities to submit their communications contracts, which the agency has retained and can provide to the legislature upon request.

Appendix A.

County	Facility	# of calls initiated or received by IP	# of call minutes initiated or received by IP	# of video calls initiated or received by IP	# of e-messages sent or received by IP	Total amount of revenue by vendors - phone	Total amount of revenue by vendors - video	Total amount of revenue by vendors - e-messages	Total amount of commission earned - phone	Total amount of commission earned - video	Total amount of commission earned - e-messages	How was commission spent?
Aitkin County	Aitkin County Jail	19,355	90,735	-	229,071	21,609	-	20,616	7,578	-	7,216	Funds were deposited into the inmate welfare account to be spent on the needs of the inmates.
Anoka County	Anoka County Secure Program	2,923	29,230	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Anoka County	Anoka County Non-Secure Program	2,080	20,800	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Anoka County	East Central Regional Juvenile Center	3,109	31,090	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Anoka County	Anoka County Jail	197,120	1,416,229	8,967	43,655	255,345	24,798	10,949	216,210	6,196	2,720	All commissions went to the inmate welfare fund to purchase workout equipment, games, programs, and recreation items for the inmates
Anoka County	Anoka County Workhouse	25,887	177,221	1,144	25,857	23,706	2,530	2,498	13,432	948	1,012	Purchased new mattresses, uniforms, bedding, shoes, Hygiene products, indigent clothing, cable TV service, games, new lockers in sleeping rooms.
Beltrami County	Beltrami County Adult Corrections Center	57,131	209,270	10,273	836,109	51,799	10,076	75,159	18,224	3,526	26,305	All purchases are spent on inmate welfare and programming, TV and cable, rec equipment, books, games, puzzles, phone cards, News paper, coloring books, colored pencils, DVD players,
Benton County	Benton County Jail	37,146	145,321	-	376,045	31,440	-	33,810	10,057	-	11,857	\$13,634.46 spent on upgrades to jail surveillance system, \$54.80 bank fees for inmate fund checking account, \$6210.90 Annual license and maintenance fees on jail management system, \$2000 on adult education courses
Blue Earth County	Blue Earth County Jail	83,383	358,918	3,024	895,104	82,922	3,464	80,665	28,107	1,212	28,236	Inmate Care through increase in Medical Contracted nursing hours.
Carlton County	Carlton County Jail	32,528	99,638	1,834	281,794	7,007	1,204	25,361	16,305	421	8,877	Inmate programs, equipment for new facility
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Cass County	Cass County Detention Center	4,974	20,136	48	68,847	4,040	133	6,196	1,427	40	2,168	We have spent a portion of 2024 proceeds on training costs for our correctional healthcare staff and replacement of (3) 55 inch televisions in inmate dayrooms.
Chisago County	Chisago County Jail	51,995	220,651	8,153	525,981	57,308	7,468	47,338	19,537	2,614	13,568	Programming supplies, religious materials, inmate supplies not necessarily planned in operating budget, software/hardware to enhance wellness rounds and program/service delivery, etc. If you want more information please request it directly from the facility or provide a bigger box to enter details.
Clearwater County	Clearwater County Jail	15,164	75,288	-	322,197	19,020	-	28,998	6,580	-	10,149	Inmate clothing, inmate supplies, inmate mattresses, inmate exercise equipment, cable subscription, inmate microwave, used funds to replace window broken by inmate.
Cook County	Cook County Jail	177	460	-	1,950	115	-	176	40	-	61	Forwarded to the Counties General Fund which pays for Sheriff's Office employee salaries. SO staff needs to review calls and messages, download and send to the County Attorney's office for use in court cases. Cost to testify in court regarding the phone calls and messages.
Crow Wing County	Crow Wing County Jail	123,385	505,353	3,236	1,387,033	107,242	9,769	124,833	37,732	3,331	43,692	The commissions are first used to offset any costs associated with the jail communications. The remaining proceeds are then used to offset inmate expenses.
Dakota County	Dakota County Juvenile Services Center	3,718	-	112	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Dakota County	Dakota County Jail	129,968	978,911	9,409	64,168	176,859	21,885	10,477	93,735	8,315	3,701	Reinvested back to inmates, Jail Programs, Law Library, Tablets
Faribault County	Faribault County Sheriff's Office	6,149	27,693	1,550	113,407	6,040	1,819	10,206	1,950	637	3,573	Updated 9 Computer towers for Security Camera System
Fillmore County	Fillmore County Jail	2,331	8,807	-	39,849	2,260	-	3,586	741	-	1,255	Mediacom Cable, programs, items to go in inmate library such as books, games, computer, items for rec area
Freeborn County	Freeborn County Adult Detention Center	141,591	591,117	45,649	1,080,719	145,256	45,350	97,265	49,556	15,873	34,042	Programs and supplies, radios, tvs exercise equipment, training, hygiene, etc
Goodhue County	Goodhue County ADC	34,922	261,860	406	15,893	35,144	2,416	1,774	14,548	483	355	Commissions are placed in an Inmate Welfare Fund. The welfare fund is used solely for the welfare and benefit of the inmate population.
Goodhue County	Minnesota Correctional Facility - Red Wing	58,967	410,879	-	-	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	25,400	-	83.55 but this is just for the adult population	Commissions were used for cable TV and recreation equipment.
Hennepin County	City of New Hope - Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	We use a basic phone in our jail, not tracked, thus '0' for our answers. No vendor.
Hennepin County	St. Louis Park Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Hennepin County	Hennepin County Adult Corrections Facility	28,000	270,645	1,072	-	36,694	424	-	-	-	-	N/a
Hennepin County	Hennepin County Adult Detention Center	486,086	4,789,424	11,466	-	669,709	45,864	-	-	-	-	The hennepin County Adult Detention Center does not receive any commission on phone calls or video visits.
Hennepin County	Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center	7,416	-	135	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Hennepin County	City of Maple Grove Police Department	210	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Hennepin County	Brooklyn Park Police Department	3,499	9,086	-	-	N/A unable to determine as Securus did not get back to me	-	-	-	-	-	No commission was made by the department.
Houston County	Houston County Jail	3,065	20,591	82	2,256	4,629	195	429	1,049	68	150	Used to purchase recreation items, inmate snacks, clothing, etc
Hubbard County	Hubbard County Jail	52,320	195,421	8,531	718,943	46,033	7,497	64,705	16,002	2,624	22,646	Deposited into the general fund.

Isanti County	Isanti County Jail	54,073	211,605	8,623	532,133	105,953	51,454	47,891	17,764	2,312	16,762	inmate exercise equipment, jail cameras
Jackson County	Jackson County Jail	4,871	17,902	908	70,452	4,273	655	11,270	1,476	229	2,219	inmate programs
Kanabec County	Kanabec County Sheriff's Office	12,010	41,994	1,201	153	9,362	1,583	13,756	3,312	554	48,145	Provides clothing and supplies for inmates, including programs/Recreation and commissary items.
Kandiyohi County	Kandiyohi County Jail	86,187	658,058	8,412	1,788,384	142,234	30,732	161,479	58,316	10,726	56,473	Inmate recreation equipment, TV's, headphones, games, books, religious items, law library books, updated news media, crafts, various programs
Kandiyohi County	Prairie Lakes Youth Programs - Secure Corrections and Detention	1,031	12,372	159	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PLYP youth phone calls, video calls, and messaging is free. There are no commissions on these items. On a side note, the information provided above is only for personal phone calls that occurred in the secure facilities. This number does not include initial phone calls, or calls with professionals. This number also does not include calls from our non-secure program or two group homes. . .
Kittson County	Kittson County Jail	150	498	-	5,488	355	-	494	109	-	173	Deposited in to the Kittson County Corrections General Fund.
Koochiching County	Koochiching County	4,343	37,610	544	183,435	10,178	916	16,509	3,444	321	5,778	TV's, newspaper subscriptions, books, batteries for tv remotes, cable tv service
Lac qui Parle County	Lac qui Parle County Jail	2,147	12,750	-	34,231	1,495	-	2,003	647	-	1,078	Work out supplies, tv, bedding, clothes, electronic equipment for workout
Lake County	Lake County Sheriff Office	4,086	14,401	686	40,825	3,266	802	3,674	1,149	281	1,286	we started using Guardian for WBC devices with these funds.
Lake of the Woods County	Lake of the Woods County Jail	639	2,027	206	19,321	2,528	199	1,739	197	70	609	Inmate supplies; bedding, clothing, hygiene products
Lyon County	Lyon County Jail	26,786	99,029	5,728	385,522	22,654	6,229	34,696	7,764	2,180	12,143	Inmate Programs and Supplies
Martin County	Martin County Jail	13,564	56,565	2,324	154,837	4,534	950	4,878	13,053	2,714	13,935	2 pieces of exercise equipment for gym/rec area and Dishwasher in 2024 for incarcerated person's food trays
McLeod County	McLeod County Jail	40,098	96,362	3,119	122,728	21,122	6,186	18,533	7,143	1,856	5,786	MI-FI's for tablet's for inmate use, postage, cable television, games, puzzles, cards, books, magazine/newspaper subscriptions, prizes for Bingo for inmates, colored pencils, coloring books, pizza parties for inmates, etc.
Meeker County	Meeker County Jail	23,154	85,997	3,948	281,723	20,062	29,945	25,355	7,081	1,047	8,874	paid for inmate exercise equipment, subscriptions, desk, radios, clothing, canteen, glasses, microwaves,. Anything that would be for the inmates
Mille Lacs County	Mille Lacs County Jail	28,736	258,436	305	67,115	54,271	1,521	7,104	38,532	-	710	Funds went to the inmate welfare account. Funds were spent on inmate programming.
Morrison County	Morrison County Jail	38,209	192,309	345	619,868	45,679	2,014	55,788	15,821	035347	35,347	The money goes into the Jail Inmate Services Account
Mower County	Mower County Jail	57,112	246,792	-	551,293	58,865	-	49,616	20,950	-	17,366	Use to pay for cable, programming support and various bedding/mattresses
Murray County	Murray County Sheriff's Office	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- We have no funds coming in
Nicollet County	Nicollet County Sheriff's Office	17,265	81,155	-	174,685	19,080	-	15,721	6,610	-	5,502	"Holiday" Treats; Cable Television (8 Cells \$6,235); TV's; Books, Board Games, Subscriptions: Magazines, Newspapers; Television Enclosure (\$1,352), Interpret Handbook/Legal Forms-Languages (\$7,028), Updated Items for Program Room & Outdoor/Indoor Recreation Supplies.
Nobles County	Prarie Justice Center	41,589	157,510	5,305	416,170	39,140	5,228	37,455	13,064	1,830	13,109	Put in the Inmate Commissary fund
Olmsted County	Olmsted County Adult Detention Center	107,314	766,455	6,322	31,900	145,866	11,112	7,946	87,520	5,556	1,994	commissions used to cover the costs for general detainee expenses in the facility
Otter Tail County	Otter Tail County Jail	36,866	144,587	-	342,502	33,185	-	30,825	10,653	-	10,789	Commissions were spent on cable tv, local newspaper, law library on texters, and inmate prizes for programming touraments
Pennington County	Pennington County Corrections Center	32,135	134,599	3,958	519,714	31,552	4,591	46,774	11,162	1,607	16,371	Programming supplies, Gym equipment/repairs
Pine County	Pine County Jail	40,503	136,985	6,843	483,522	32,315	5,139	43,517	10,934	1,799	15,231	Total Commissions/Revenue received in 2024 were \$27,963.31 – Commissions are entered into a fund balance account to be exclusively used to offset costs for inmate services to include free phone cards, contracted GED services, inmate release planning costs (transportation, food vouchers, etc.) inmate volunteer-based programming, recreation activities and supplies, inmate programming staff and misc. programming supplies. The cost of these services and supplies in 2024 were PROGRAM WAGES 25% = \$34,400, PHONE CARDS \$8,400, GED SERVICES \$14,855, RECREATION and PROGRAM SUPPLIES \$3,500 which far exceed annual commissions received through inmate communications.
Polk County	Northwest Regional Corrections Center	99,793	732,035	860	58,246	153,734	7,801	20,557	64,938	-	2,056	Our agency utilizes commissions received from communication services to assist in supporting programs, services and/or program positions which are provided in a manner that exceeds standards. While our budgeting does not directly reflect revenue from communication services supporting these ancillary services, programs and services that may be impacted with the sunseting of revenue include our Adult Basic Education program as well as cognitive behavioral programming options and program support positions offered within the jail.
Ramsey County	Ramsey County Adult Detention Center (ADC)	160,227	1,093,819	2,490	-	311,112	15,509	-	196,001	5,100	-	Inmate Programming--Hygiene, uniforms & Clothing, mattresses, linens, programming supplies, household supplies
Ramsey County	Ramsey County Juvenile Detention Center	28,195	232,510	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ramsey County Received zero commissions
Ramsey County	Ramsey County Correctional Facility	132,261	1,256,468	9,673	2,612	-	-	4,769	-	-	-	Ramsey County Received zero commissions
Redwood County	Redwood County Jail	14,056	63,819	2,461	215,534	14,676	2,278	19,398	5,130	797	6,789	New bunks, new recreation equipment
Saint Louis County	Arrowhead Juvenile Center	5,000	50,000	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

Saint Louis County	St Louis County Jail	169,706	713,152	34,531	1,613,765	169,897	34,243	145,239	58,586	11,985	50,833	We purchase program supplies, gym supplies, Inmate incentives (ie phone cards, candy, higher end hygiene), half of a programmers salary, indigent hygiene supplies, indigent winter weather clothing for those being released, re entry supplies
Saint Louis County	Northeast Regional Correction Center	66,811	261,557	18,459	889,794	62,794	17,690	80,081	21,876	6,191	28,029	please see PDF file attached
Scott County	Scott County Juvenile Alternative Facility	1,143	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Did not recieve any revenue, so no dollars were spent. In 2024 we did not keep track of the amount of time residents were on the phone, that is why there is a 0 for call minutes
Scott County	Scott County Jail	91,565	736,909	-	-	136,463	-	-	112,582	-	-	Jail operating costs, supplementing levy funding
Sherburne County	Sherburne County Jail	992,835	6,979,458	16,908	909,305	1,050,549	51,283	233,844	598,813	29,231	58,460	Jail body worn cameras, General supplies and equipment, mandown system and equipment, Guardian RFID, jail program supplies, inmate tables and stools for housing units, jail mattresses and pillows, interview room cameras, fingerprint scanner, intime clock software, computer equipment and cabinets for inmate school room, carpet replacement in jail, jail laundry room dryer, dumpster services for jail, jail emergency response team supplies and equipment, wheelchairs and medical supplies
Steele County	Steele County Detention Center	22,701	70,922	1,574	45,766	14,403	2,620	4,756	5,189	834	2,156	They were cycled back into the general fund to off set detention center programming budgets.
Traverse County	Traverse County Sheriff's Office	4,545	16,836	306	58,671	3,661	319	5,280	1,256	112	1,848	Phone cards
Wabasha County	Wabasha County Jail	7,280	28,288	-	64,081	5,386	-	5,767	1,903	-	2,018	All income that comes into the jail goes in the general fund of Wabasha County.
Wadena County	Wadena County Sheriff's Office	17,530	77,240	246	228,573	18,121	135	20,392	6,334	47	7,137	Pays for phone cards for the detainees that are in custody.
Waseca County	Waseca County Jail	7,681	35,243	2,320	161,117	8,562	2,135	14,501	2,947	747	5,075	These funds are used towards inmate supplies, hygiene supplies, canteen supplies, and recreation supplies
Washington County	Washington County Jail	120,757	926,365	206	22,138	92,460	1,646	2,452	62,004	-	490	All Inmate: Recreation equipment, games, art supplies, GED supplies, all hygiene items, all linen, uniforms, under garments, mattresses, paper, pencils, some cell cleaning supplies, tennis shoes, sandals, programs supplies, books, book carts, presenters such as NAMI fees, parenting supplies
Watsonwan County	Watsonwan County Jail	7,941	32,782	162	71,548	7,541	129	6,439	2,568	45	2,254	purchased an ipad to use for mental health visits, court, etc. New mattresses, hair clippers, reading glasses, and other indigent items.
Wilkin County	Wilkin County Jail	12,382	56,490	1,804	123,572	12,309	1,836	111,212	4,288	642	3,892	Not sure
Winona County	Steven Buswell	18,726	67,603	1,700	181,864	16,883	1,738	16,366	5,942	608	5,728	Programs, health safety welfare improvements
Wright County	Wright County Sheriff's Office Jail	204,785	919,202	1,769	1,697,049	225,431	3,143	152,734	77,047	934	53,457	Phone system surveillance/recording system and updates, Video visitation system updates and surveillance, Free phone line in Booking for initial inmate phone calls, Phone cards for Initial Phone calls, Sheriff phone in the lobby for free phone calls after release, Callcast - interactive informational screen in units, Legal Library/lexis Nexis subscription, Annual law book subscriptions, Newspaper subscriptions, Magazine subscriptions, Inmate TV Streaming Services, Inmate GPS (work release), Microwaves in Housing units Inmate, Programming: - Adult Basic Education contract -Computers -Calculators -Barber equipment -Misc. office supplies for inmate programs use -Postage for indigent needs -Recreation equipment -Gym shoes for inmate use -Video gaming consoles -Video games -AM/FM radios for inmate use -AM/FM radio headsets for inmates -Batteries for AM/FM radios - Laundry supplies -Prescriptions -BHS contract for Jail Social Worker -Inmate worker pay/canteen items -Drug testing for inmate program needs -TV's in housing units -TV antenna system for housing units -Board games
Yellow Medicine County	Yellow Medicine County Jail	13,480	52,129	1,953	151,242	12,748	1,396	13,612	4,499	489	4,764	Inmate needs, Microwaves, TV's games things for the gym. All monies goes back to inmate needs