http://www.MSCNews.net/news/index.cfm?nk=26647

Gage County Supervisors Discuss Closing Jail

(AP) - Gage County supervisors are talking about closing the county jail and housing inmates elsewhere.

The discussion occurred Wednesday as the Board of Supervisors reviewed budget proposals from Sheriff Millard "Gus" Gustafson for his patrol department and the jail.

For the 2013-2014 fiscal year, Gustafson sought a little more than \$981,000 for his law enforcement budget and \$744,000 for the corrections department.

Board Chairman Matt Bauman says county voters in 2009 rejected building another jail to replace the current building, which needed work to bring it up to code.

Bauman says that "as you crunch the numbers initially, it looks like you may be able to board these prisoners cheaper than what we can continue to run" in jail costs.

Associated Press