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**641.01 CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE; PRISONERS PLACED IN JAIL, REPORTS.** The county board of each county is authorized to construct and maintain, at the expense of the county, a jail for the safekeeping of prisoners, and also, adjoining and connected therewith, a residence for the use of the sheriff.

Any peace officer placing a prisoner in such jail shall report immediately to his superior officer concerning the fact of that placement. A jailer or custodian shall be present during the time any prisoner is detained in such jail.

[ *RL s 5462; 1955 c 425 s 1* ] (10947)

**641.02 FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE, SAFEKEEPING; FEES.** Any county jail may be used for the safekeeping of fugitives from justice in this state, in accordance with the provisions of any act of congress. The officer holding any such fugitive in custody shall pay the county \$2 as a commitment fee, and a fee to be determined pursuant to section 641.03 for the use of the county, for his board.

[ *RL s 5463; 1955 c 425 s 2; 1959 c 499 s 1; 1975 c 94 s 3* ] (10848)

**641.03 FEDERAL PRISONERS; FEES.** When any person is committed to any jail by any process issued under authority of the United States, the sheriff or jailer shall receive such person into custody, and safely keep him until discharged by due course of law, subject in all respects to the same liabilities and remedies as though committed under process issued under state authority. The United States shall pay to the county the minimum sum of \$5 per day for each prisoner so kept and boarded. Provided, that in any county of this state, the sheriff shall at the request of the county board of commissioners determine the average daily per capita cost for the food, clothing, medical and incidental expense for the care and maintenance of persons committed to the county jail for the preceding year. The amount found to be the average daily per capita cost of such committed persons shall be paid to the county by the United States for each prisoner so kept and boarded during the current year.

[ *RL s 5464; 1917 c 304 s 1; 1931 c 91 s 1; 1955 c 425 s 3; 1957 c 225 s 1; 1959 c 499 s 2; 1971 c 60 s 1; 1975 c 94 s 4* ] (10849)

**641.04 COMMITMENT PRESERVED.** Every instrument, or attested copy thereof, by which a prisoner is committed or liberated, shall be endorsed, filed, and safely kept in a suitable box by the sheriff or jailer, and delivered to his successor; and, when the process by which any prisoner is committed is required to be returned to the court, such sheriff or jailer shall keep a copy thereof, duly certified by himself, which shall be prima facie evidence of his right to retain such prisoner in custody.

[ *RL s 5465* ] (10850)

**641.05 REGISTER OF PRISONERS; RETURN TO COURT.** Every sheriff shall keep in a book furnished by the county a register of all prisoners committed to any jail under his charge. It shall contain the name of every person committed, by what authority, his residence, date of commitment, and, if for a criminal offense, a description of the person, when and by what authority liberated, and, in case of escape, the time and manner thereof. At the opening of each term of district court he shall make a certified transcript therefrom to such court, showing all cases therein not previously disposed of. Every sheriff who neglects or refuses to so report shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

[ *RL s 5466* ] (10851)

**641.06 APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYEES; COMPENSATION.** The sheriff of every county maintaining a jail, shall appoint a competent woman as matron, who, under his direction, shall have exclusive charge of all female prisoners. Matrons and jailers shall hold office during the pleasure of the sheriff and judges and may be removed at any time by the sheriff or by the judges.

[ *RL s 5467; 1907 c 257 s 1; 1913 c 332 s 1; 1955 c 425 s 4; 1969 c 1151 s 8* ] (10852)

**641.07 PRISONERS, LABOR.** Every able bodied male prisoner over 16 years of age confined in any county jail or statutory city lockup under judgment of any court of record, justice court, or other tribunal authorized to imprison for the violation of any law, ordinance, bylaw, or police regulation, may be required to labor during the whole or some part of the time of his sentence, but not more than ten hours per day. Such court or tribunal, when passing judgment of imprisonment for nonpayment of fine or otherwise, shall determine and specify whether such imprisonment shall be at hard labor or not. Such labor may be in the jail or jail yard, upon public roads and streets, public buildings, grounds, or elsewhere in the county. Persons awaiting trial may be allowed, upon request, to perform such labor. Each prisoner performing labor may be paid a reasonable compensation by the county if imprisoned in violation of state law or awaiting trial upon a charge thereof, and by the city if confined for the violation of any ordinance, bylaw, or police regulation; the compensation to be paid to the wife, family, or dependents of such prisoner, or such other person as the court sentencing him may direct, and shall be in such amount as such court shall determine upon application of the person or official under whose superintendence the work shall be performed, and shall be allowed by the board of county commissioners of the governing body of the city upon such order of the court.

[ *RL s 5468; 1913 c 373 s 1; 1955 c 425 s 5; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7* ] (10853)

**641.08 SUPERVISION.** When a sentence is for violation of a state law, and the prisoner is confined in a county jail, such labor shall be performed under the direction of the county board, and superintended by the sheriff, who shall furnish necessary materials and tools at the expense of the county, and the county shall be entitled to the benefit thereof. When the sentence is for a violation of an ordinance, bylaw, or regulation of a city, such labor shall be performed under the direction of its governing body, and superintended by the marshal or chief of police, who shall furnish the materials at the expense of such city, which shall be entitled to the benefit thereof.

[ *RL s 5469; 1913 c 373 s 2; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7* ] (10854)

**641.09 POWER OF OFFICERS.** The officer in charge of prisoners so sentenced to labor may use all reasonable means necessary to prevent escape or enforce obedience. For refusal to labor or obey necessary orders in reference thereto, a prisoner may be kept in solitary confinement but shall not be so confined more than ten days for any one offense, nor more than 90 days in all. Such punishment shall not be treated as any part of the sentence.

[ *RL s 5470; 1978 c 778 s 3* ] (10855)

**641.10 PAYMENT FOR LABOR; PROTECTION.** For each day's labor the prisoner shall be credited \$3 on any judgment for fine and costs and, when imprisoned in default of payment of a fine or fine and costs, he shall be discharged when he has performed sufficient labor to pay the same. The officer in charge of such prisoners shall protect them from insult and annoyance while at labor or going to and returning therefrom. Every person who shall insult, annoy, or communicate with such prisoners, after being by such officers commanded to desist, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor

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and punished by imprisonment for not more than five days or by fine of not more than \$10.

[ *RL s 5471; 1955 c 425 s 6* ] (10856)

**641.11** [ Repealed, 1975 c 94 s 7 ]

**641.111 FEES; SPECIAL LAWS; EXCEPTION.** Until January 1, 1979, nothing in Laws 1975, Chapter 94 shall be construed to preclude the payment of fees to or the retention of fees by a sheriff in a county operating under a special law which provides that the sheriff is to receive the compensation provided by law for boarding prisoners.

[ *1975 c 94 s 8* ]

**641.12 COLLECTION OF BOARD BILLS.** At the end of every month the sheriff of each county shall render to the county auditor a statement showing the name of each fugitive from justice, United States prisoner, one committed from another county or one committed by virtue of any city ordinance, the amount due the county for board of each and from whom, and also of all amounts due for board of prisoners for the preceding month.

[ *RL s 5473; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1975 c 94 s 5* ] (10858)

**641.13 PRISONERS FROM OTHER COUNTIES, BOARDING FEES.** When any prisoner is ordered confined in any county other than that in which his offense was committed, the other county shall keep him at the expense of the county sending him, and the other county board shall collect from the county sending him, for his board such an amount as is charged for local county prisoners for each day, or fractional day, and, in addition thereto, the county board of the other county shall collect from the county sending the prisoners, sums as have been necessarily expended for clothing, bedding, and medical aid for the prisoners. In addition thereto the county board of the other county may collect from the county sending the prisoners such sum as the county board may determine for other expenses incurred by the other county in providing jail facilities for the prisoners. The county board of the county from which the prisoners are sent, at its first session after their commitment, shall authorize the county auditor to issue to the county where they are committed orders upon the county treasurer for the maintenance of the prisoners while they remain in such jail.

[ *RL s 5474; 1929 c 320 s 1; 1951 c 319 s 1; 1953 c 299 s 1; 1959 c 499 s 4; 1969 c 615 s 1; 1971 c 60 s 3; 1975 c 94 s 6* ] (10859)

**641.14 JAILS, HOW KEPT.** The sheriff of each county, by himself or deputy, shall have charge of the jail, and be responsible for its condition. No female prisoner shall be kept in the same room with a male prisoner, and no minor under 18 years shall be kept in the same room with adult prisoners. No insane prisoner shall be kept in the same room with any other prisoner unless that person is detailed as a nurse; and, so far as the construction of the jail will permit, strict separation of prisoners shall be maintained. No person awaiting trial shall be kept in a room with any other prisoner.

[ *RL s 5475; 1976 c 318 s 16* ] (10862)

**641.15 PRISONERS; FEEDING, CARE.** The county board shall provide jail suits of coarse material, without distinctive marks, suitable underclothing, bedding, towels, and medical aid for prisoners, and fuel for the jail and the sheriff's residence. Unless otherwise furnished, the sheriff may require a prisoner to wear a jail suit during his confinement, but shall restore his own clothing upon discharge. No prisoner shall be required to wear clothing previously used until it has been thoroughly cleansed. The sheriff or jailer shall keep the jail in a clean and healthy condition, and have each prisoner's shirt washed at least once a week, and shall furnish to each sufficient clean water for drinking and bathing, and serve each three times a day with a sufficient quantity of wholesome, well cooked food. If the construction of the jail will permit persons held for trial to be kept separate from those serving sentence, a difference in their diet shall be made.

[ *RL s 5476; 1955 c 425 s 7* ] (10863)

**641.16 BIBLES AND RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.** Every keeper of a jail shall provide for each prisoner able and willing to read the same a copy of the Bible, at the expense of the county, and any minister of the gospel desirous of giving moral and religious instruction to prisoners shall have access to them at proper times. All immoral

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books and papers and those largely composed of accounts of crime shall be excluded from every jail.

[ *RL s 5477* ] (10864)

**641.165 CONTRABAND ARTICLES FORBIDDEN; PENALTY.** Subdivision 1. **Definition.** "Contraband" is any controlled substance as defined in section 152.01, subdivision 4, or any intoxicating or alcoholic liquor or malt beverage.

**Subd. 2. Acts prohibited.** (a) Whoever introduces or in any manner causes the introduction of contraband, as defined in subdivision 1, into any jail, lockup, or correctional facility, as defined in section 241.021, subdivision 1, without the consent of the person in charge, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

(b) Whoever introduces or in any manner causes the introduction of a dangerous weapon, as defined in section 609.02, subdivision 6, into any jail, lockup, or correctional facility, as defined in section 241.021, subdivision 1, without the consent of the person in charge, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years.

**Subd. 3. Exceptions.** The provisions of this section shall not apply to physicians carrying drugs into such institutions for use in the practice of their profession, nor to peace officers carrying revolvers or firearms in the discharge of their duties.

[ *1959 c 64 s 1; 1974 c 291 s 2; 1978 c 778 s 4* ]

**641.17 SCHOOLS IN JAILS AND WORK FARMS.** The county board of each county in this state wherein is maintained a county jail or work farm may provide a school or schools for the instruction in the elementary branches of learning of all persons detained therein as prisoners, and in such case shall provide the necessary furniture, appliances, and teachers to be paid for out of the county annual revenue fund; such schools to be maintained for not less than two hours each school day or night sessions if necessary, and school attendance by the prisoners shall be made compulsory as far as possible. The teachers necessary for such purpose shall be appointed by the county board, with the approval of the county superintendent of schools, who shall exercise supervision thereover in connection with his other duties as such superintendent.

[ *1913 c 460 s 1* ] (10865)

**641.18 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.** When any prisoner is unruly or disobeys any regulation for the management of jails, the sheriff or jailer may order him kept in solitary confinement as provided in section 641.09.

[ *RL s 5478; 1978 c 778 s 5* ] (10866)

**641.19** [ Repealed, 1963 c 753 art 2 s 17 ]

**641.20 REMOVAL OF PRISONERS IN CASE OF FIRE.** When, by reason of fire or other casualty, the prisoners in any jail are exposed to danger, the keeper may remove them to some safe place to avoid such danger.

[ *RL s 5480* ] (10868)

**641.21 JAIL, ADVICE AS TO CONSTRUCTION.** When any county board determines to erect a new jail, or to repair an existing one at an expense of more than \$5,000, it shall pass a resolution to that effect, and transmit a copy thereof to the commissioner of corrections, who, within 30 days thereafter, shall transmit to that county board the advice and suggestions in reference to the construction thereof as he deems proper.

[ *RL s 5481; 1955 c 425 s 8; 1959 c 263 s 2; 1976 c 299 s 3* ] (10869)

**641.22 PLANS AND ESTIMATES SUBMITTED.** After the receipt of such advice and suggestions, such board shall procure plans and estimates of the cost of such new jail or repairs, and submit the same to the commissioner of corrections for suggestions and for approval, so far as relates to the safety and sanitary conditions of the proposed building. Such suggestions and approval shall be in writing and filed with the county auditor before any contract for such erection or repairs shall be binding, or any warrant is drawn for payment for labor or materials therefor.

[ *RL s 5482; 1959 c 263 s 2* ] (10870)

**641.23 FUNDS, HOW PROVIDED.** Before making any contract for the erection of a county jail, sheriff's residence, or both, the county board shall either levy a sufficient tax to provide the necessary funds, or issue county bonds therefor, but it shall create no bonded indebtedness for that purpose in excess of the limit now or thereafter established by law.

[ *RL s 5483* ] (10871)

**641.24 BONDS.** Such bonds shall be issued in sums of not less than \$100, nor more than \$1,000, each and bear interest at not more than six percent per annum, payable semiannually, and the principal payable at a time fixed by the county board, not more than 20 years from their date. The board shall, from time to time, levy a tax sufficient to meet the interest and principal as it becomes due, until their payment has been fully provided for.

[ *RL s 5484* ] (10872)

**641.25 DISTRICT JAILS; HOW DESIGNATED.** The commissioner of corrections, with the consent of the county board, may designate any suitable jail in the state as a district jail, to be used for the detention of prisoners from other counties in addition to those of its own, and, when such jail or its management becomes unfit for such purpose, may rescind its designation. Whenever there is no sufficient jail in any county, the examining magistrate, upon his own motion, or the judge of the district court, upon application of the sheriff, may order any person charged with a criminal offense committed to a sufficient jail in some other county. If there be a district jail in the judicial district, he shall be sent thereto, or to any other nearer district jail designated by the magistrate or judge, and the sheriff or the county containing such district jail, on presentation of such order, shall receive, keep in custody, and deliver him up upon the order of such court, or a judge thereof.

[ *RL s 5485; 1959 c 263 s 2* ] (10873)

**641.26 CONDEMNATION OF JAILS.** When the jail of any county is insecure or otherwise unfit for use, the judge of the district court therein, on the recommendation of the grand jury or of his own motion, may issue his written order condemning it; or, when the commissioner of corrections shall adjudge any county jail insecure or otherwise unfit for use, he may, with consent of the judge of the district court, issue his written order condemning it. After condemnation that jail shall not be used for the detention of any prisoner until the order of condemnation is rescinded.

[ *RL s 5486; 1959 c 263 s 2; 1976 c 299 s 4* ] (10874)

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**641.261 REGIONAL JAILS.** Subdivision 1. **Purpose of act.** The purpose of sections 641.261 to 641.266 is to enable counties to cooperate to provide adequate jail facilities with suitable work programs and rehabilitation and treatment services for persons whose commitment to a county jail is authorized by law.

Subd. 2. **Persons who may be committed.** The regional jail shall serve as a place of commitment for persons whose commitment to a county jail is authorized by law by a court having jurisdiction within the cooperating counties, subject to admission rules and charges for care as the regional jail board may prescribe. The regional jail board may also accept the commitment of persons whose commitment to a county jail is authorized by law by a court having jurisdiction outside the cooperating counties, subject to admission rules and charges for care as the regional jail board may prescribe.

Subd. 3. **Commissioner of corrections; powers, duties.** The commissioner of corrections shall promulgate, in the manner provided by law, rules and regulations relating to standards for county regional jails in the following matters:

- (1) Minimum aggregate population base upon which a county regional jail may be practically operated;
- (2) Site and buildings necessary for an adequate regional jail, considering such factors as inmate security, health, and work opportunities;
- (3) Qualifications of staff, and ratio of staff to inmate population;
- (4) Programs of work, rehabilitation, and treatment. When a county regional jail does not comply with the standards so promulgated, a judge of the district court or the commissioner of corrections may institute condemnation proceedings in the manner provided in Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 641.26.

Subd. 4. **Lengthy imprisonment.** Upon certification by the commissioner of corrections to those courts described in subdivision 2 that a regional jail has complied with the provisions of subdivision 3, all persons sentenced to imprisonment in a county jail by such courts for more than seven days, except those sentenced under section 631.425, or subject to detention in a county jail pending trial or other disposition of their cases for periods in excess of 14 days must be committed to or detained in a regional jail in the manner provided in subdivision 2.

[ 1963 c 452 s 1; 1971 c 591 s 1 ]

**641.262 ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL JAILS BY CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES.** Subdivision 1. **Action by county board.** Two or more contiguous counties may cooperate to establish, operate, and maintain a regional jail in the manner provided in sections 641.261 to 641.266. A county may join with other counties in the establishment, operation, and maintenance of a regional jail by majority vote of its county board. A county board so voting shall also appropriate its approximate proportionate share of the initial expenses of the proposed county regional jail, which proportion is estimated in the manner provided in section 641.264, subdivision 2, and which is paid over upon receiving notice from the regional jail board as provided in section 641.263, subdivision 1.

Subd. 2. **Regional jail board; membership, term, compensation.** The county board of each cooperating county shall appoint two members to a board to be known as the regional jail board. Members appointed to the board shall be county commissioners. One of the members first appointed to the regional jail board shall be appointed for a term expiring on June 30 next following his appointment, the other for a term expiring one year later. After the appointment of the first members, one succeeding member shall be appointed each year for a two year period beginning on July 1. Each appointee shall hold office until his successor is appointed and has qualified. Vacancies are filled by the appointing power. The members of the regional jail board serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for all necessary expenses incurred by them in performance of their official duties. This reimbursement is payable by the county from which the member is appointed, until the regional jail fund is established. When the regional jail fund is established, reimbursement shall be made from that fund. Reimbursement authorized by this subdivision is in addition to any reimbursement received by a regional jail board member who is also a member of a county board.

Subd. 3. **Board meetings.** As soon as possible after the appointment of the members of the regional jail board by the cooperating counties, the regional jail board shall hold a joint meeting and shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary. The county board of the county first appointing members to the regional jail board shall call the first meeting of the board and shall designate the place of meeting. The regional jail board shall meet at least annually thereafter at a place designated by the regional jail board and may meet at such other times and places as it considers necessary.

[ 1963 c 452 s 2 ]

**641.263 POWERS, DUTIES OF BOARD.** Subdivision 1. **Initial financing.** When the regional jail board is satisfied that each cooperating county has appropriated its share of the initial expenses of the regional jail, it shall so certify to the county board of each cooperating county. The county board of each cooperating county then shall order its county treasurer to pay over the authorized initial expense funds to the regional jail fund in the manner provided in section 641.264, subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. **Acquisition of site, buildings.** The regional jail board may lease suitable premises or acquire by gift, purchase, or condemnation proceedings instituted in the name of the counties, a suitable site, and erect on the site buildings suitable for a regional jail. Condemnation proceedings shall be conducted in the manner provided in Minnesota Statutes 1961, Chapter 117. No premises shall be leased, site acquired, or building erected without the approval of the county board of each cooperating county.

Subd. 3. **Operation of jail; superintendent.** The regional jail board shall operate, control, manage, and maintain the jail, and set charges for the care of inmates. The regional jail board shall appoint a regional jail superintendent who serves at the pleasure of the board and receives compensation set by the board. The superintendent is the chief executive officer of the regional jail, and has the powers of a sheriff and

such other powers and duties relating to the operation, management, and maintenance of the jail as the regional jail board may prescribe and as are prescribed by law. The superintendent, with the approval of the board, or as provided in subdivision 4, shall appoint additional employees necessary to operate and maintain the jail. The employees of a regional jail, including the superintendent, are public employees for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes 1961, Chapter 353.

**Subd. 4. Employees merit system.** A regional jail merit system may be established under the provisions of this subdivision and Minnesota Statutes 1961, Chapter 44. Consistent with standards promulgated by the commissioner of corrections for qualifications of regional jail employees, the cooperating counties, by vote of each county board, may establish, modify, or abandon a merit system for the employment, promotion, discipline, and dismissal of all regional jail employees except the superintendent. Questions relating to the establishment, modification, or abandonment of the merit system shall not be submitted to the voters for their approval. The following words and phrases defined in Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 44.01, have the meanings given in this subdivision for the purposes of a regional jail merit system:

- (1) "Appointing authority" means the regional jail superintendent;
  - (2) "Board" means the "personnel board" consisting of the chairman, vice chairman, and secretary of the regional jail board;
  - (3) "Council" means the county boards of the cooperating counties.
- [ 1963 c 452 s 3 ]

**641.264 FINANCING.** Subdivision 1. **Capital improvements; bond issues.** The construction or acquisition, the equipping, and subsequent improvement of a county regional jail may be financed in whole or in part by the issuance of general obligation bonds in the manner provided in Minnesota Statutes 1961, Chapter 475. Proceedings for the issuance of the bonds shall be instituted by the board of county commissioners of each cooperating county. The regional jail board, with the approval of the county board of each cooperating county, shall fix the total amount necessary to be raised for the construction or acquisition, the equipping, and subsequent improvement of a regional jail, and shall apportion to each county in the manner provided in subdivision 2 the share to be raised by the county.

**Subd. 2. Tax levies; apportionment of costs.** The county board of each cooperating county shall annually levy a tax in an amount necessary to defray its proportion of the net costs of maintenance and operation of the regional jail after deduction of payments for the care of inmates, and in addition shall levy a tax to repay the cost of construction or acquisition, equipping, and any subsequent improvement of the regional jail and for the retirement of any bonds issued for these purposes. The county board may levy these taxes without limitation as to the rate or amount, and the levy of these taxes shall not cause the amount of other taxes levied or to be levied by the county, which are subject to any such limitation, to be reduced in any amount whatsoever. The regional jail board shall apportion the costs of maintenance and operation, and of construction or acquisition, equipping, and improvement of the jail to each county on the basis of the proportion that the population in that county bears to the total population in all of the cooperating counties, the population figures to be determined by the last previous federal or state census.

**Subd. 3. Regional jail fund.** The initial expense funds, the proceeds from the sale of bonds, and the proceeds of taxes for costs of maintenance and operation shall be paid by the county by which they are appropriated or collected into a county regional jail fund, which shall be kept in the treasury of the county in which the jail is located. The county treasurer of the county in which the regional jail is located shall make payments out of the county regional jail fund on properly authenticated vouchers of the county regional jail board.

**Subd. 4. Expenditures.** The regional jail board shall approve by majority vote all expenditure vouchers and the chairman of the board shall transmit them to the county auditor of the county in which the regional jail is located for payment by the county treasurer, accompanied by the chairman's certification that the expenditure vouchers have been approved by a majority of the regional jail board.

**Subd. 5. Charges for care of inmates.** The regional jail board shall fix the rates to be charged for the care of inmates and shall submit a statement of charges to the governmental unit from which an inmate is committed. The charge for care of an inmate shall be paid by the governmental unit to the county treasurer of the county in

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which the regional jail is located, and shall be deposited in the regional jail fund.

**Subd. 6. Gifts, acceptance by board.** The regional jail board may accept gifts or donations from any source, which gifts or donations shall be deposited in the regional jail fund and disbursed by the regional jail board in the manner in which other expenditures are made.

[ 1963 c 452 s 4 ]

**641.265 ADMISSION, WITHDRAWAL OF COUNTIES.** Subdivision 1. **Admission.** A county which is not a participant in a regional jail system may purchase an interest in a regional jail if the county boards of each of the cooperating counties owning the jail decide, by majority vote, to admit the county. With the approval of the county board of each cooperating county, the regional jail board shall fix the sum to be paid for admission to ownership in the regional jail, which sum shall be deposited in the regional jail fund. A county admitted to ownership has all of the rights, privileges, duties, and obligations provided by sections 641.261 to 641.266.

**Subd. 2. Withdrawal.** A county board may withdraw its interest in a regional jail if the county boards of each of the other cooperating counties decide, by majority vote, to allow the withdrawal. With the approval of the county board of each cooperating county, the regional jail board shall fix the sum to be paid to the county withdrawing, which sum shall be paid from the regional jail fund.

[ 1963 c 452 s 5 ]

**641.266 REPORTS.** The regional jail board shall annually, and at such other times as required by the county board of a cooperating county, make a complete report regarding the cost of operation of the jail, its inmate population, and its work, treatment, and rehabilitation programs. The regional jail board shall furnish such other information as the county boards or the commissioner of corrections may require.

[ 1963 c 452 s 6 ]

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**641.27 BOARD OF PRISONERS.** When the sheriff of any county now or hereafter having a population of not less than 150,000, and not more than 225,000, occupies the residence portion of the county jail in such county, the sheriff, at the direction of the county board, shall have the duty of furnishing and shall furnish to the prisoners confined in the jail, the board of such prisoners, at a price per meal or per day to be fixed by the county board, the county to furnish in the building a properly equipped kitchen and all necessary fuel.

[ 1913 c 200 s 1 ] (10860)

**641.28 RATE OF BOARD; STATEMENTS.** The county board, at its regular meeting in January of each year, shall fix the rate of board, either by the day or per meal, for all such prisoners as shall be confined in the county jail, and the rate of board as fixed by the county board shall continue for the remainder of the year unless the county board by unanimous vote shall change the same. The compensation for boarding the prisoners, as fixed by the county board, shall include the necessary washing of the clothing of the prisoners and it shall be the duty of the sheriff to cause the clothing of the prisoners to be properly washed as part of his duties in caring for the prisoners, without extra compensation therefor except as included in the board.

On the first day of each month the sheriff shall render to the county board a verified statement showing the name of each prisoner and the number of days he was boarded or the number of meals furnished him, as the case may be, and the bill of the sheriff based on the verified statement shall be allowed by the county board at each monthly meeting as are other claims against the county.

[ 1913 c 200 s 2 ] (10861)

**641.29 BOARDING AND CARE OF PRISONERS; DUTIES OF SHERIFF; NO ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.** In any county in this state now or hereafter having a population of over 150,000, and less than 240,000, and an area of over 5,000 square miles, the sheriff of the county shall have the duty of preparing and delivering to the prisoners confined in the county jail at the county seat, the food and meals for such prisoners and the duty of causing to be washed in the jail the shirts, underclothing,



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and bed linen of all persons confined in the jail, but shall receive no compensation therefor in addition to his salary as fixed by law.

[ 1925 c 127 s 1 ] (10861-1)

**641.30 COUNTY TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT.** The county board of any such county shall equip the county jail with all necessary cooking utensils, dishes for boarding all prisoners, laundry utensils, and laundry and toilet supplies for the county jail, and the sheriff shall appoint and employ a cook and such assistants as the county board shall deem necessary, subject to the approval and at the pleasure of the county board and sheriff, to have charge of the preparation of all food and meals and the county board shall fix their compensation, which they shall be paid as the salaries of other county employees are paid.

[ 1925 c 127 s 2 ] (10861-2)

**641.31 COUNTY TO FURNISH SUPPLIES.** The sheriff of any such county shall make his requisitions upon the county board for the supplies and provisions needed by him for the board of such prisoners in the jail, quarterly in advance, at least 20 days before the beginning of each quarterly period. Thereupon the county auditor shall advertise for bids by published notice once each week for two consecutive weeks, for the furnishing of all or such part of such supplies and provisions as the county board shall deem necessary, the bids to be received and opened by the county board at the next meeting of the county board following the completion of the publication, and the contract therefor shall be let by the county board to the lowest responsible bidder. Any supplies found necessary by the sheriff during any quarterly period, and not included in such requisition, may be purchased by him as needed, and the reasonable cost thereof shall be audited and allowed by the county board on duly itemized verified bills in the same manner as other general claims against such county are allowed. Any food supplies produced by any department of any such county may be purchased for use in feeding jail prisoners at a price to be agreed upon between the county board and the board or commission in charge of the department for the county, without calling for bids therefor.

The county board shall also furnish all fuel, gas, electricity, and other supplies necessary for furnishing food and meals to the prisoners and for the washing of the clothing of the prisoners.

[ 1925 c 127 s 3 ] (10861-3)

**641.32 PRISONERS TO ASSIST; KITCHEN.** It shall be the duty of the sheriff of any such county to cooperate with the county board by furnishing such prisoners from the prisoners confined in the jail, as can be trusted to do the work, to act as helpers in assisting in preparing the food and meals and in taking the same from the kitchen and serving the same to each of the prisoners confined in the jail.

[ 1925 c 127 s 4 ] (10861-4)

**641.33 THREE MEALS A DAY.** It shall be the duty of the sheriff to cause to be prepared and delivered the food and meals promptly and regularly three times a day to the prisoners.

[ 1925 c 127 s 5 ] (10861-5)

**641.34 CLOTHING WASHED WEEKLY.** It shall be the duty of the sheriff of any such county to have the personal clothing of each prisoner, and the bed sheets and pillow cases used in each cell, washed at least once a week without extra compensation.

[ 1925 c 127 s 6 ] (10861-6)

**641.35 QUARTERS FOR JUVENILE AND HANDICAPPED PERSONS.** Where any county jail is equipped with juvenile quarters, rooms for sick and insane persons, school rooms, hospital ward, and rooms other than the cells for any other purpose, the sheriff shall not use any of these rooms for any other purpose than the ones for which they were provided, except on the written order of a judge of the district court of the county.

[ 1925 c 127 s 7 ] (10861-7)

**641.36 PRISONERS CONFINED AT PLACES OTHER THAN COUNTY SEAT.** The provisions of sections 641.29 to 641.38 shall not apply to the furnishing of meals

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to prisoners who may be confined in the cell rooms of any court building elsewhere than at the county seat, but the sheriff shall furnish meals to all such prisoners at the expense of the county at reasonable rates, without profit to the sheriff, to be paid by the county as other general claims against the county are paid.

[ 1925 c 127 s 8 ] (10861-8)

**641.37 SUPERVISION OF JAIL.** In any such county, the county board shall have charge of and be responsible for the care and maintenance of the county jail building and have authority to place the care and maintenance of the jail building under the chief engineer of the county courthouse at the county seat of any such county and the chief engineer and his assistants shall have authority, when found necessary, to enter the jail building for the purpose of the care and maintenance thereof.

[ 1925 c 127 s 9 ] (10861-9)

**641.38 MATRON AND ASSISTANT MATRON.** In any such county, the sheriff, with the approval of a majority of the judges of the district court therein, shall appoint a competent woman to act as matron in the jail, who shall be a deputy sheriff and qualify as such before performing her duties as matron and the matron shall act under the direction of the sheriff and shall have exclusive charge of all female prisoners confined in the jail and shall engage in no other occupation or employment. When the average number of female prisoners confined in the jail during the preceding six months shall have been ten or more, an assistant matron may be appointed in like manner, who shall have like duties as the matron and shall engage in no other business or occupation. When in any such county any such assistant matron shall be appointed, the assistant matron shall perform her duties as such during the nighttime and occupy the quarters provided for such matron in the county jail, and it shall be the duty of such matron or assistant matron to perform such duties in charge of the female prisoners confined in the jail as the sheriff may by order direct.

[ 1925 c 127 s 10 ] (10861-10)

**641.39** [ Repealed, 1965 c 45 s 73 ]

**641.40** [ Repealed, 1965 c 45 s 73 ]

**641.41** [ Repealed, 1965 c 45 s 73 ]

**641.42** [ Repealed, 1965 c 45 s 73 ]

**641.43** [ Repealed, 1965 c 45 s 73 ]

**641.44** [ Repealed, 1965 c 45 s 73 ]