

Mark Stoops – OPPOSES a new jail, SUPPORTS the construction of a juvenile facility. “We do not need a new jail. Investing in a Juvenile Treatment facility, a reform of the Probation fee system, and a focus on clearing pre-trial hearings will all reduce pressure on the jail. We must re-evaluate and improve systems to keep people with mental health and substance abuse problems out of the jail, and get them into appropriate programs with proven track-records of success.”

District 3 – Democrats

County Commissioner **Iris Kiesling** SUPPORTS BOTH the construction of a jail and juvenile facility: “We need to provide a facility which would have space for programs for children and families and reduce recidivism. We must stop sending our children out of town... This community needs an adult facility which provides sufficient space for programs to reduce recidivism, mental health counseling, etc., with a separate work release and community corrections component.”

Current County Council member **Sophia Travis** SUPPORTS a new juvenile facility and has not made public her position on the new jail. In December she voted for a resolution to create both a new jail and juvenile facility, and a year ago worked to create a funding source for the new juvenile facility. She wants the government to focus on “rehabilitative programming, [and] assessment of innovative therapeutic justice models.” (HT 4.14.08)

District 3 - Republicans

Patricia Jeffries – “I like the idea of involving many supportive community resources to help in all aspects of the project. The current input of Center for Behavioral Health and Meadow Hospital is invaluable. Long term costs of operation are the major concern. The need for a new jail needs to be thoroughly investigated and any plans for it would also be impacted by the effect of new state legislation regarding property tax restructuring on county funds.” (HT 4.14.08)

Carl Lamb – has dropped out of the race (HT)

Join us on the **22nd of MAY, 2008** for a public meeting to discuss and organize alternatives to a new, larger jailing facility in Monroe County:

**at the
MONROE COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Room 1B, 6:30pm**