

NEWS RELEASE

State Budget Cuts Result in Detainee Work Schedule Adjustment

Commissioner Bill Kendall received word today from Colwell Detention Center Superintendent Diane Hassett that due to State budget cuts the detainee crew for Towns County would be adjusted to a Monday through Thursday work schedule beginning September 15, 2008.

Superintendent Hassett said that everything was up in the air due to the state budget cuts and recession, and that the Monday through Thursday schedule was to save paying the detainees' lunches when they were on outside work detail and to save fuel in transporting them to the various work sites.

Commissioner Kendall stated that the county receives much valuable work from the Colwell Detention Center work detail assigned to Towns County and that we would make any adjustments necessary. He stated that this was just another example of the pain and adjustments that everyone would have to adhere to as we work through these economic hard times.