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## **Arapahoe County establishes Justice Coordinating Committee *Group to advise Commissioners on County's court, jail system***

LITTLETON, CO --- The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners Tuesday established a new Justice Coordinating Committee that will create a forum to review, recommend and advise the Board on issues concerning the Arapahoe County Justice System.

The Justice Coordinating Committee will continue a dialogue that began two years ago among citizens and representatives from the courts, law enforcement, local, state and county government on the issues, space needs and necessary efficiencies in the County's courts and jail.

Establishment of the JCC comes after the completion of a two-year study by the DLR Group for Arapahoe County to address jail overcrowding and space needs in the courts. The report outlined a variety of short and long-term solutions to address space needs and efficiencies in the County's courts and jail.

"The JCC is just another step by Arapahoe County to ensure we have the most efficient justice system in the State," said Commissioner Jim Dyer, who will serve on the committee. "The committee will advise the Board of County Commissioners on any necessary steps needed to ensure we are getting the best use of our facilities and our tax dollars before we move forward with any expansion plans."

Members of the Justice Coordinating Committee include:

- Arapahoe County Commissioner Jim Dyer, District 2
- Arapahoe County Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, District 3
- Arapahoe County Sheriff Grayson Robinson
- William B. Sylvester, Chief Judge of the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District
- Carol Chambers, District Attorney, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District
- Greenwood Village Mayor Pro Tem Ron Rakowsky
- One citizen of Arapahoe County (to be appointed at a later date)

The committee's goals will provide for a better understanding of the civil justice problems; enhance cooperation among local government; establish clear objectives and priorities; improve planning and coordination to help individual justice agencies improve efficiency, productivity and effectiveness.

The Justice Coordinating Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Sheriff's Administration Community Room, 13101 E. Broncos Parkway, Centennial. Meetings are open to the public.

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