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Subject: Proposed Administrative Order 2018-21 Involving Courthouse Security Committees

Ms. Boomer:

I spoke with Milt Mack this afternoon about the proposed administrative order regarding the establishment of courthouse security committees. Specifically, we discussed a possible modification to the proposed order's mandatory inclusion of certain individuals on the security committee. When I told Milt that I might not be able to attend the Supreme Court's public administrative hearing tomorrow morning to address the issue in person, he suggested that I email you about my requested modification.

As a chief judge, I am very much in favor of all courts being required to establish a courthouse security committee. In Calhoun County, our own security committee has dealt with a number of important issues recently, including the handling of incarcerated individuals in court, the placement of security cameras in public areas of our Justice Center and the installation of card-key security door locking mechanisms for doors leading to restricted areas in our building.

To me, there is no question that every courthouse security committee should minimally include the chief judge, a representative of the funding unit and a representative of either the county sheriff or the law enforcement agency of a non-county funding unit. Beyond those necessary individuals, however, I believe that the chief judge should have the discretion to include other facility stakeholders as needed. Participants in our most recent meetings have included myself and our court administrators along with representatives from the Sheriff, our funding unit, our county administrator and our facilities manager. On an ad hoc basis, I have invited other people, such as members of our county's IT department, to participate in our meetings.

Every courthouse is different and that uniqueness extends to the security concerns impacted by the courthouse's layout and by the offices and personnel within the building. While some of the players involved in courthouse security would differ from county to county, the constants on any courthouse security committee should be leadership from the courts, law enforcement and the funding unit. For this reason, the proposed administrative order should be modified so that beyond the necessary members specified above, chief judges are given the discretion to designate the other members to serve on their respective courthouse security committees. In the chief judge's discretion, other committee members may include representatives on behalf of the clerk of the court, the county prosecutor or city attorney, the county public defender, the county treasurer, facilities personnel, IT department personnel and others deemed necessary.

Thank you for taking the time to review my request to modify the proposed administrative order. I hope that you are able to pass this request on to the Supreme Court for their consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Jaconette

Hon. Michael L. Jaconette
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