

#### **OPTION 4:**

### **ALLOW THE LPDC COMMISSION TO HIRE THE SHERIFF TO OPERATE THE DETENTION CENTER**

This option is one that several committee members favored after reviewing the potential strengths of this alternative. The reasons for the Commission to enter into a contract with the Sheriff's Office would be as follows:

- Hiring and training personnel. Each employee would be a member of the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office and would receive benefits that are currently not available to all staff at the DC.
- There would be more training provided to employees and each individual would have to become post certified in order to work at the DC. They would have to maintain their certification to continue employment.
- The Sheriff's Office has significant resources to rely upon in managing the DC. For instance he has full access to the Sheriff's Association which would allow him to learn to address the problems and issues that exist throughout the state in detention/jail facilities. Most of these facilities are operated by the Sheriff's Office in the parish.
- Better oversight and communication with the Commission could be a significant benefit of entering a contract with the Sheriff's Office.
- While LaSalle assisted in modernizing and improving the DC, but it was a private company and as such its goal was profit motivated.
- The Sheriff's Office would allow for "Public Management" of the facility