OPTION 5:

IMPLEMENT A SHARED MANAGEMENT OPTION

A review of the Report for the Commission in 1997 by Dr. Mike Haley made such a suggestion. It would be possible under certain circumstances that a quasi-public/private arrangement for the operations and maintenance of a detention center/jail could be achieved.

An example along these lines would be the Sheriff's Office entering an agreement with LaSalle to work together in a contractual manner to operate and maintain the DC. The areas of operation would have to worked out in terms of who would be responsible for what.

Currently there is such an arrangement in Jackson Parish where LaSalle built a 700 bed facility and the Jackson Parish Sheriff's Office supplies the personnel to manage the facility. The agreement is one in which both the public and private agency could benefit.

Although Dr. Haley made such a recommendation for consideration he did not support the recommendation because he believed the conflict over public-private goals would eventually create too many problems.