

# OUR COMMUNITIES ARE AT RISK



**Crowley County: Nov. 30 @ 5:30pm**  
**Bent County: Dec. 1 at 5:30pm**  
**Virtual via Zoom**

## Colorado Prison Utilization Study

### IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETINGS—RESCHEDULED

Your chance to be heard!

*Bent County's private prison is integral to the sustainability of our community.*

**If you are unable to attend virtually please submit your comments via the portal at:**

[www.bentcounty.net](http://www.bentcounty.net)

#### **A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO ACCESSING THIS VIRTUAL MEETING:**

**Connect to the Zoom webinar via PC, Mac, tablet or smart phone:** This is the most interactive option.

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Step 2 - Click public meeting button at top of page

**Watch the hearing live on YouTube:** This is the least complicated option.

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Step 3 - Select live video "Colorado Prison Utilization Study - Public Hearing"

Note: The livestream videos are delayed by several seconds.

**To provide comments via telephone:** This is a way to hear the meeting and make comments by phone. Participants can view the meeting on YouTube and call-in to make a comment.

Step 1 – Dial 1 346 248 7799

Step 2 – Enter Meeting ID 949 6591 0073 (and then press #)

Step 3 – It will ask for a Participant ID, you don't have one, just press #

Step 4 – Enter the Meeting Password 499142

To request to speak, press \*9

When called upon, unmute by pressing \*6

#### **Impacts of closing or selling the Bent County Correctional Facility:**

- Loss of Jobs: Approx. 220 employees, with \$13.2M annual payroll (BCCF is the County's largest employer)
- Over \$1.1M annual loss of property tax to Bent County, Fire, Ambulance, Schools, Water Districts, Arkansas River Conservancy, Cemetery & Library. Districts will need to seek increases from the taxpayers to sustain services.
- Decimation of residential property values
- Increased utility rates (due to loss of largest utility consumer)
- Social determinants to health & health equity
- Student counts, impacting school funding
- Loss of over \$510,000 annually in additional fees
- Loss of sales tax revenue throughout county

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