Jail population rising

A Galveston County Sheriff’s deputy escorts inmates through the county jail Monday.

Since 2012, more inmates daily at county lockup
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After two years of trending down, the average population at the Galveston County Jail has been steadily increasing since 2012, according to statistics from the county.

Corrections officials said it’s difficult to pinpoint specific causes for the increase in inmate population, which is occurring at county jails throughout the state. Changing economic conditions, trends in immigration and the state may also offer some help.

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Chinese firms secure leases for Shoal Point
Plans being explored to develop methanol production and export facility at the site
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Chinese firms considering the county for a possible multi-billion-dollar methanol plant secured leases on the property near the Texas City Dike where the plant would be built.

The project would be on the 900-acre Shoal Point peninsula, which is near the Port of Texas City across the ship channel from the Texas City Dike.

The $4.5 billion plant is to be developed by the Chinese firms of Contemporary Group of China and Sino Life Insurance Co. through their U.S. arm, Fund Connect Group USA, Energy and Chemical Investment Corp.

While a positive sign, Texas City has yet landed the project, said C.B. “Bix” Rathbun, CEO of the Galveston County Economic Alliance.

Texas City is in competition with a site near Donaldville, La., for the plant.

The Shoal Point leases with the city and the Texas General Land Office allow the Chinese partners to continue due diligence to determine which of two U.S. sites would get the project.

The city and county are working on economic incentives to help lure the project, and the state may also offer some help.

It is projected that during construction, which could begin as early as next year, the project would generate 1,000 direct jobs. Indirect construction jobs could top 200, officials said.

It is estimated that as many as 500 people would work at the facility. The plant would have the capability of

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Average daily population by year

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