

CORRECTIONS COMMISSION MEETING  
Room 222 in Capitol Building  
Pierre, SD 57501  
March 6, 2007

Members Present: Committee Members: Senator Julie Bartling, Justice Steven Zinter, Judge Kathleen Caldwell (via telephone), Representative Carol Pitts, Paul Aylward, Senator Kenneth Albers, Brad Drake (via telephone), Representative Garry Moore, and George Prest (via telephone).

Others Present: Secretary Tim Reisch, Laurie Feiler, Deputy Secretary of Corrections; Dave Schiefen, Policy and Compliance Manager; and Tina LaRosh, Executive Assistant.

Agenda Item Number One: Discussion on Bylaws:  
(See attached handout)

Secretary Reisch gave a brief overview of the bylaws that govern the Corrections Commission. The statute calls for two meetings each year and the bylaws discuss three meetings per year. It is at the discretion of the Commission to determine when they will meet and where the meeting will be held, as well as how many meeting are held per year.

Agenda Item Number Two: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:

Representative Moore opened nominations for Chair of the Corrections Commission.

Paul Aylward nominated Representative Garry Moore as Chair of the commission. Senator Ken Albers seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, a unanimous vote was cast in favor of Representative Moore for Chair.

Representative Moore opened nominations for Vice-Chair of the Corrections Commission. Representative Moore nominated Senator Ken Albers as Vice-Chair of the commission. Representative Carol Pitts seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, a unanimous vote was cast in favor of Senator Albers as Vice-Chair.

Agenda Item Number Three: Review/Approval of Minutes:

Representative Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the previous meeting. Moved by Justice Zinter, seconded by Brad Drake. Approved by all.

Agenda Item Number Four: Pheasantland Industries Annual Report:  
(See attached handout)

Secretary Reisch stated Pheasantland Industries had a good year. A recap of the production from the shops in Sioux Falls and Springfield was provided in the PI Annual Report. This report gave the Commission an idea of the items that are produced throughout the year at the PI shops. Secretary Reisch pointed out an expansion of Prison Industries cannot be made without the approval of the Corrections Commission.

Secretary Reisch called attention to the net income for the calendar year 2006. This amount is approximately three times more than in a normal year due to this being a time in which the majority of license plates were made.

Agenda Item Number Five: Other Monthly Reports for Members:

Secretary Reisch stated the Corrections Commission members are receiving a short report each month that summarizes what is happening in the Department of Corrections. He advised the members they could request additional information that is not included in the report at any time by calling the DOC Administrative Office.

Senator Julie Bartling asked if the number of juvenile releases was expected to increase due to the changes that have been made at the STAR Academy. Secretary Reisch stated that we do not anticipate any increase in the number of releases. It was requested that the number of juveniles discharged from the DOC before age 21 be included as part of the monthly report.

Senator Moore commented that he enjoys the reports and how the numbers peak and drop at certain times. He believes it is very informative.

Brad Drake asked if there was anything alarming in the monthly report in which they should be aware of. Secretary Reisch reported that he believes everything is going smooth.

Agenda Item Number Six: Legislative Changes for 2007:

Each Corrections Commission member is up to date on the legislative changes for the 2007 session.

Agenda Item Number Seven: Future Meetings/Adjourn:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 1 at the penitentiary in Sioux Falls. There will be a fall meeting at the STAR Academy in Custer. That meeting will be scheduled for September.

Senator Moore called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Senator Albers made a motion to adjourn.

Senator Bartling seconded the motion.

The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.