

Corrections Commission Meeting
Capital Building, Pierre
Room B-01 (Basement)
March 29, 2010

Members Present: Judge John Brown, Senator Julie Bartling, Senator Craig Tieszen, Representative Richard Engels, Judge Patricia Riepel (via phone), Paul Aylward (via phone)

Others Present: Tim Reisch - Secretary of Corrections, Laurie Feiler - Deputy Secretary of Corrections, Michael Winder - Communication and Information Manager, Brady L. Kerkman - Policy & Compliance Manager, Jacque Larson - Support Staff

Members Absent: Brad Drake, George Prest, Representative Lance Carson

Agenda Item Number One: Review/Approval of minutes from December Meeting:
(Minutes Provided)

Committee Chair Julie Bartling called meeting to order at 8:03 am. Representative Richard Engels moved to approve minutes of December meeting, second by Senator Craig Tieszen. No discussion held. Motion carried.

Senator Craig Tieszen excused himself for caucus.

Agenda Item Number Two: 2010 Legislation:

Deputy Secretary Laurie Feiler briefly discussed legislative items. There were three relevant Department of Corrections agency bills. Senate Bill 53 was passed and signed by the Governor, which appropriated \$3.8 million for the renovation and construction of the new Rapid City Minimum Security Unit. Senate Bill 54 revised procedures for the commencement of civil actions brought by inmates which was approved and signed by the Governor; as well as Senate Bill 55 which addressed provisions regarding parole calculations.

House Bill 1073 was passed and signed by the Governor which clarifies the jurisdiction of suspended sentences. Deputy Feiler stated that she believes this will be a huge help to the Department.

Deputy Secretary Feiler also stated that Senate Bills 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 regarding Sex Offender Registry were signed by the Governor.

Deputy Secretary Feiler reported that Dave Nelson, Jack Heib, Ken Albers and Dennis Kaymeck were reappointments to the Board of Pardons and Parole and Brian Zeib was reappointed to the Interstate Compact Council.

Agenda Item Number Three: Update on the Rapid City Minimum Unit:

Secretary of Corrections Tim Reisch gave an update on the Rapid City Minimum Unit stating that SB 53 passed to approve \$3.8 million for the renovation and construction of the new unit.

Secretary Reisch explained that renovations needed to create the parole offices will start first and are expected this to take approximately four months to complete. No demolition is being done at this time for the housing unit. At this time, things are on schedule and are continuing as planned. The department is looking into some different funding to assist with the heating system. The plan is to use an inmate crew to help with the construction. Secretary Reisch estimated the housing unit construction time to be around a year in addition to the parole office construction time and would like to get bids around late fall to begin the process.

Senator Bartling asked what the savings would be on the parole office. Secretary Reisch stated it would be around \$24,000 a year. Housing of the inmates is estimated around \$60,000 per year. Judge Brown asked if energy funds would come from a loan, which Secretary Reisch confirmed that it would. Secretary Reisch stated that they are federal stimulus dollars administered by the Bureau of Administration.

Secretary Reisch stated there are other energy funds the Department does not have to pay back that are being used to alleviate some costs in other state projects.

Agenda Item Number Four: Determine date/time location for the next meeting:

Next meeting will be held June 7th in Sioux Falls. Brady Kerkman will contact Judge Riepel if a room needs to be reserved at the Courthouse for the meeting.

Secretary Reisch suggested the DOC juvenile division present how assessments and intakes are completed on juveniles committed to the Department. An invite will be sent to Kristi Bunkers to present at the next Commission meeting.

Agenda Item Number Five: Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 am by Chair Bartling.