

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Wednesday and Thursday, September 21-22, 2005

Cass County Jail, Fargo, North Dakota

James River Correctional Center and State Hospital, Jamestown, North Dakota

Wednesday, September 21, 2005 - Training Room, Cass County Jail, 450 34th Street South, Fargo

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of previous meeting
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Association of Counties regarding responses to a survey of county jail facilities, including local jail facilities, capacities, populations, treatment programs, future expansion plans, and ability to contract for state or federal inmates, as requested by the committee
- 10:35 a.m. Comments by a representative of the Cass County commissioners and the Cass County Jail administrator regarding the Cass County Jail facilities, including treatment services available to the inmates and inmate population statistics, including the number and types of inmates, where the inmates are from, and inmate population trends, and the county's responses to the committee's survey of county jails
- 11:05 a.m. Comments by local governmental officials and a representative of Centre, Inc., relating to the committee's study of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's incarceration and correctional facility needs, including:
- Effects of prosecuting, plea bargains, and sentencing guidelines on inmate populations
 - Crime types and trends
 - Effects of alternatives to incarceration on inmate populations and recidivism
 - Types of treatment programs available to offenders
 - Efficiency of treatment programs on inmate populations
 - Incarceration and correctional issues facing local government
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Continuation of comments by local governmental officials
- 1:15 p.m. Report by a representative of the Division of State Radio on the status of the reorganization of the Division of Emergency Management into the Department of Emergency Services
- 1:45 p.m. Presentation of a video regarding the facilities at the Cass County Jail
- 2:00 p.m. Comments by committee members and other interested persons
- 2:15 p.m. Tour of the Cass County Jail
- 3:15 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the tour
- 3:30 p.m. Recess - Travel to Jamestown

Thursday, September 22, 2005 - Second Floor, Administration Building, James River Correctional Center, 2521 Circle Drive, Jamestown

- 9:00 a.m. Presentations by a representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding:
- Inmate populations by location and related crime statistics, including length of sentences and recidivism rates
 - History of inmate population projection accuracy
 - The department's inmate population management plan
 - Number of inmates sentenced to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation with less than one year remaining in their sentence and the county the inmate is from
 - Costs associated with the development and implementation of the department's ITAG and DOCSTARS information systems, including the cost to integrate the two systems
 - Authority used to provide an early retirement payment to the former director
- 9:20 a.m. Presentation by the director of the Prisons Division, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, regarding recommendations for future facility needs for the department, including the number and type of beds needed and recommended locations
- 9:40 a.m. Comments by the Attorney General regarding the state's incarceration guidelines and the effects of sentencing and alternatives to incarceration on inmate populations
- 9:55 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration regarding a summary of the commission's actions during its September 20, 2005, meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Auditor's office regarding the audit recommendations from the 2003-04 interim performance audit conducted of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- 11:00 a.m. Comments by a representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding the 2003-04 interim performance audit recommendations
- 11:15 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the James River Correctional Center regarding the current status of its 2005-07 biennium budget, the center's programs, trends in inmate population, plant improvement needs, and programmatic changes
- 11:25 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Tompkins Rehabilitation and Correction Center regarding the center's capacity and current population statistics, treatment programs available, and any statistics available regarding the effectiveness of the treatment
- 11:35 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Hospital's sexual offender unit regarding the unit and its capacity, current population, costs, and any plans for future expansion
- 11:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons
- 12:00 noon Committee discussion and staff directives
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Budget tour of the James River Correctional Center
- 2:30 p.m. Tour of the Tompkins Rehabilitation and Correction Center

3:15 p.m. Tour of the sexual offender unit at the State Hospital
4:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Al Carlson (Chairman), Randy Boehning, Ron Carlisle, Kari Conrad, Duane DeKrey, Jeff Delzer, Glen Froseth, Eliot Glassheim, Bette B. Grande, James Kerzman, Joe Kroeber, Ralph Metcalf, Darrell D. Nottestad, Ken Svedjan, Blair Thoreson, Dave Weiler, Alon C. Wieland
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