

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Minutes of the

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Teleconference Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 2008
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Representative Chet Pollert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Representatives Chet Pollert, Ralph Metcalf, Alon Wieland; Senators Tony Grindberg, David O'Connell, Bob Stenehjem

Others present: Jim W. Smith, Legislative Council

See attached [appendix](#) for additional persons present.

It was moved by Senator O'Connell, seconded by Senator Grindberg, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the April 7, 2008, meeting be approved as distributed.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY REVIEW STUDY

The Legislative Council staff presented a bill draft [\[90246.0100\]](#) relating to an appropriation of \$67 million--\$25 million from the general fund and \$42 million from the State Penitentiary land fund--to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for the purpose of completing Phase 1 of the renovation and expansion project at the State Penitentiary under a hybrid plan being considered by the committee.

The Legislative Council staff presented a memorandum entitled [Prison Plan Comparison](#). The memorandum provides a comparison of correctional facility plans developed by Criminal Justice Institute, Inc. (CJI), to a hybrid plan being considered. The Legislative Council staff said the estimated cost of the CJI plan is \$80.9 million for Phase 1 compared to \$67 million for Phase 1 of the hybrid plan.

In response to a question from Senator O'Connell, the Legislative Council staff said as of July 31, 2008, there is approximately \$41.88 million in the State Penitentiary land fund which includes \$41 million provided by the 2007 Legislative Assembly, \$765,000 in interest earned on the investment of the fund, and \$120,560 in mineral lease royalties.

In response to a question from Representative Metcalf, Mr. Dave Krabbenhoft, Director of Administration, Department of Corrections and

Rehabilitation, said the existing food services area at the State Penitentiary is adequate and can accommodate growth of the inmate population.

In response to a question from Representative Metcalf, Mr. Krabbenhoft said the hybrid plan will retain the existing treatment unit and also provides for additional therapeutic treatment areas in the new cell areas.

It was moved by Representative Wieland, seconded by Representative Metcalf, and carried on a roll call vote that the bill draft relating to an appropriation to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for the purpose of completing Phase 1 of the renovation and expansion project at the State Penitentiary be approved and recommended to the Legislative Council. Representatives Pollert, Metcalf, and Wieland and Senators Grindberg, O'Connell, and Stenehjem voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

It was moved by Senator O'Connell, seconded by Representative Wieland, and carried on a voice vote that the chairman and the staff of the Legislative Council be requested to prepare a report and the bill draft recommended by the committee and to present the report and recommended bill draft to the Legislative Council.

It was moved by Senator O'Connell, seconded by Representative Wieland, and carried on a voice vote that the committee be adjourned sine die.

The committee adjourned sine die at 9:35 a.m.

Becky Keller
Fiscal Analyst

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Legislative Budget Analyst and Auditor

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