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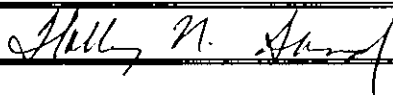
House Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date: January 5, 2007

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Minutes:

Chairman Svedjan called the House Appropriations Committee to order.

Dave Krabbenhoft, Director of Finance and Administration, Department of Corrections, distributed a hard copy of his PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A). Mr. Krabbenhoft reviewed each slide. The Executive Recommendation for 2007-09 is \$199.5 million compared to \$129.1 million for 2005-07.

Mr. Krabbenhoft describes DOCR's two divisions, Juvenile and Adult (Ref. 3:58), and the services within each. The Youth Correctional Center (YCC) provides Plant, Food, Medical, Treatment, Education, Security/Supervision, Work Programs, and Training Services. He also reviews the total budget recommendation and significant budget changes.

Mr. Krabbenhoft: This biennium, the budget was put together to end with zero special funds for a beginning balance in the 07-09 biennium. We have to make up for that money somehow if we're going to continue the level of services we have. We are also losing some federal money that is expiring, the grants aren't being renewed, and those types of things.

Chm. Svedjan: How much of that is lost federal dollars?

Mr. Krabbenhoft: I don't have that with me; I'm guessing \$150,000 - \$200,000.

Chm. Svedjan: So when you're talking "federal fund," you're really talking "special funds."

Mr. Krabbenhoft: No, special funds, we get kids who come from detention and we charge them a rate and that is special funds.

Rep. Aarsvold: Do you get tuition from the school districts?

Mr. Krabbenhoft: No.

Mr. Krabbenhoft proceeds with a similar review of Juvenile Services Community (JCS) (Ref. 22:17).

Rep. Carlson: Re: Inflation/Workload of \$100,000, what number was used for inflation and how much of that is spread throughout the budget where you add and inflator in? (Ref. 25:43)

Mr. Krabbenhoft: I don't have that specifically, but we can get you the breakdown on that.

Rep. Carlson: The reason I ask is we always ask what does it cost if we don't change a thing to open the doors the next biennium compared to what new programs are being added? I have a hard time figuring out what that number is. (Ref. 27:16)

Mr. Krabbenhoft: For the overview I didn't want to get too specific. We will break that down further when we get into subcommittee. It's not an across the board number.

Mr. Krabbenhoft continued with a review of Adult Services Field Services (FSD) (Ref. 28:49).

Mr. Krabbenhoft explained that DOCR created a fee to counties for offenders who leave (\$150). We use that money to get offenders if they violate the terms. We have enough money in that account and would like to suspend this. DOCR is looking to expand female transition/community placement program as the number of female inmates increases. The treatment services are key to managing the inmate population. Mr. Krabbenhoft reviewed the Executive Recommendation and significant budget changes.

Rep. Klein: On average, how many people does each parole officer supervise?

Warren Emmer: Depends on who they are supervising.

Mr. Krabbenhoft continued with a review of the Prisons Division (PD) including the different correctional facilities in North Dakota, the executive Recommendation and the significant budget changes. (Ref. 40:52).

Mr. Krabbenhoft: DOCR is proposing a change on how payments are made to New England (Ref. 49:34). New England will be full all biennium so we would like to make equal payments every month rather than per diem. This would help avoid spikes that we are seeing in the budget now.

Rep. Wald: What do you pay the people who work at Roughrider Industries (RRI)?

Mr. Krabbenhoft: They're paid \$1.00 - \$1.40 per hour.

Rep. Wieland: Earlier you said there were no costs for RRI, now you say there are work programs at \$12.8 million (Ref. 52:38)

Mr. Krabbenhoft: All the money RRI spends is money they generate from selling products. The only way they will spend \$12.8 million is if they generate \$12.8 million. There are no general funds in the RRI line at all. It's all other funds.

Dave Krabbenhoft pointed out the summary of DOCR budget by request (Attachment B) and reviewed the "2007-2009 Estimated DOCR Inmate Population" handout (Attachment C) broken down by male and female inmates (Ref. 68:29).

Mr. Krabbenhoft reviewed the itemized costs for building and new construction and projects. (Attachment D) (Ref. 73:31).

Chm. Svedjan: On new construction side, to what extent does that include facilities other than the existing prison?

Mr. Krabbenhoft: It does include costs for a complete complex.

Chm. Svedjan: But it wouldn't include MRCC?

Mr. Krabbenhoft: No, it would. It doesn't have land acquisition costs and utility establishment costs.

Rep. Carlson: Regarding the remodeling project, how many total beds would we have? (Ref. 75:39).

Mr. Krabbenhoft: 792.

Rep. Carlson: How many with new construction?

Mr. Krabbenhoft: 950.

Rep. Carlson: So there is a difference in the number of beds between the two when you compare the numbers?

Mr. Krabbenhoft: Yes. The reason is that the remodeling project keeps MRCC in tact. That's 150 beds.

Rep. Carlson: If there was some remodeling money for MRCC, it would have to be added to this if you want to compare apples to apples, because you're putting money in down there, as well as your remodeling project, correct?

Mr. Krabbenhoft: We asked in our request for \$2.2 million for a multipurpose building and that didn't make the cut.

Rep. Wald: Any new plans on releasing low risk prisoners to decrease the prison population?

Leann Bertsch, Department of Corrections: We are doing that the maximum now. The number of inmates released has increased. We have probably already released those that meet our criteria. There is not much more room for release without risking public safety.

Rep. Skarphol: Can we get a list of the types of inmates in our prisons?

Ms. Bertsch: We are working on a profile of our inmate population now.

Rep. Wald: Do you work with judges on short sentenced offenders?

Ms. Bertsch: We have an ongoing relationship. Meet with justices on a regular basis. A good dialog exists.

Rep. Skarphol: How effective are suspended sentences?

Ms. Bertsch: Out of my realm.

Chm. Svedjan thanked DOCR for the overview and recessed the Committee until 10:30 am.

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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House Appropriations Committee
Human Resources Division

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Hearing Date: January 10, 2007 - Time: 8:30 am

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Minutes:

Rep. Chet Pollert, Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 1015**, a Bill for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; and to amend and reenact Subsection 1 of Section 12-65-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees for the interstate transfer or travel of probationers.

All division members present: **Representatives Larry Bellew, Vice Chairman, James Kerzman, Ralph Metcalf, Mary Ekstrom, Jon Nelson, Gary Kreidt, and Alon Wieland.**

Leann Bertsch, Director of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, presented testimony. (Written copy of testimony attached) Refer: 000:51 – 013:37

Tim Schuetzle, Prisons Division Director and Warden of ND State Penitentiary, presented testimony. (Written copy attached) Refer: 14:12

The budget is for three secure facilities that make up the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) Prisons division; the North Dakota State Penitentiary (NDSP), the Missouri River Correctional Center (MRCC) in Bismarck, and the James River Correctional Center (JRCC) in Jamestown, along with an allocation of the DOCR Central Office.

Introduced staff persons who will be presenting testimonies.

1. 2005-2007 Biennium Highlights

a. Current Population Levels

Number of inmates incarcerated in the Department of Corrections rose by 42 inmates in the first 18 months of this biennium. Female population skyrocketed. Report and discussion on count in each correctional facility. Refer: 017 – 30:00

b. 2005-2007 Budget Forecast

Asking for a deficiency payment of \$3.9 million due to: 1. Higher number of female inmates. 2. Increased medical costs. 3. Increases in amount needed to expend for boarding male inmates. 4. Higher numbers of inmates kept inside the three facilities and a higher cost for food. Discussion on energy and utilities costs, programs, and numbers. Refer: 30:07 –

Dave Krabbenhoft gave an explanation on the deficiency. Refer: 036:27 – 037:40

Tim Schuetzle continued:

c. Staffing and Salaries

New Positions

Of the authorization of 18 new positions, 14 new treatment professionals were hired. More done internally with the doctors and dentists on board.

Data shows treatment reduces recidivism rate. Refer: 037:45 – 041:07

Staff Turnover

High staff turnover is not only an issue with counselors, but with Correctional Officers as well.

Sex offender counselors are difficult to train. Prison population has grown and the state population has not. Losing trained staff. Counselors trained are attractive to counties.

Testimony and discussion on training and staff. Refer: 42:00 - 051:00

Staff Salaries

There was approximately 1.75 million dollars in this budget for equity raises for correctional officers, parole officers, and DOCR staff. Details will be given as to spend down. Refer:

52:00 – 055:00

d. Capital Construction Projects during 2005-2007

To be detailed later by Warden Don Redmann.

II. 2007-2009 Biennial Budget The Budget recommendation for the Prison Division, excluding Rough Rider Industries is \$125,514,464, an increase of approximately \$58 million dollars in general funds. This includes the \$42 million to renovate the existing State Penitentiary and 14 million more for the cost of operations. Significant Changes include:

Refer: 055:12

a. Employee Compensation - \$4.42M

07-09 Compensation adjustment \$2.1

Position Reclassification \$592,000

07-09 Health Insurance \$1.1M

05-07 Continuation \$629,000

Questions and answers regarding the budget changes, equity, turnover rates, salaries, and reclassification of workers. Refer: 055:20 – 062:00

b. Additional Staff - \$982,000

Executive Budget includes a total of 14.3 new positions in the Prisons division cost center however, 3.3 of these new positions are actually cost allocation for new positions that will go to the DOCR Central Office including eleven new positions for the Prisons Division.

JRCC Lieutenants – 5 FTE

Chaplains – 2 FTE (nondenominational)

Administrative Assistant I, Treatment Department – 1.25 FTE

1 Office Assistant III and .5 Office Assistant I in the Medical Department

1 Registered Nurse – NDSP (most expensive)

.25 Instructors-NDSP/MRCC

Food Service and Correction Officer workers to be reclassified which is part of the increase.

Budget breakdown explained. Standards for FTEs discussed. History of positions explained.

Refer: 063:00 – 086:00

c. DWCRC Housing payment - \$2.1 million increase

Number of female inmates has grown faster than we projected. Now have a pharmacy at New England. Refer: 088:06 – 090:00

Dave Krabbenhoft, Prisons Division, talked about the increased beds and capacity. Refer: 090:00

Tim Schuetzle continued and talked about chaplain services and volunteer service.

Chairman Pollert: Acknowledged Hazen High School visitors.

d. Food Services (\$1.2M) and Medical Services (\$2.0M)

Anticipate more patients at State Hospital. Different meals for different inmates. Medical costs exceed budget due to increased costs for services and a more unhealthy prison population created mostly from methamphetamine use. Health education given. No contracting of food services. Hiring of inmates to do food services. Refer: 094:43 – 100:00

e. Inmate Electronic Medical Filing System - \$1M

Includes 1 million dollars for the software and implementation of an electronic filing system for inmate's medical records. The most price quote for the Syscon software was \$720,491. The remainder of the requested appropriation would be for paying a temporary work force required to load all the paper files into the system. Stated one-time cost but continuing costs for license. Refer: 100:41 – 107

f. Equipment – 1.1 million

Recommendation includes 1.1 million for equipment expenditures next biennium, however approximately \$550,000 of this total is equipment requested by Rough Rider Industries, and would not be paid for with general funds. Cost items by facility:

NDSP (total \$258,000) A new digital x-ray machine and scanner.

MRCC (\$69,000 total) Security cameras, utility vehicle and Bobcat.

JRCC (\$256,000 total) An ion track screening machine, new x-ray machine and a self propelled articulating boom lift. Refer: 107:44 – 112

g. Extraordinary Repairs - \$1.8 million

Requesting 1.8 million for extraordinary repairs in an established 10-year schedule time frame.

NDSP (\$1.1 million) Overhaul of stand-by generator, repair to RRI building roof, NDSP network and surveillance upgrade, perimeter security surveillance, and ADA access issues/elevator.

JRCC (\$600,000) Warden Redmann from JRCC to review.

MRCC (42,000) Repair dining hall roof, heat pump replacement, and road and parking lot maintenance.

Refer: 112:00 – 114

h. Capital Project - \$42M for renovating existing prison

The Prisons Division completed a needs assessment of the physical plant issues faced by our department. Due to increased inmate population, many inmates are boarded outside of the three prisons. (Handout of booklet North Dakota Penitentiary Building Project)

Building plan is for \$42 million renovation project of the current penitentiary which would expand the inside perimeter, add a new reception building and a 75 – 100 bed orientation dorm, a 225 bed cell house, a 90 bed Administrative Segregation unit, a 20 bed infirmary and

clinic area in the middle of the facility, and location changes to the south tower, laundry and warehouse buildings (needed to moved to accommodate space for the new construction).

After this new construction, there would be 794 useable beds. This plan has been approved by the Governor and the members of the Legislative Interim Budget Committee. Overview explanation. 550 beds presently with 244 more equals 794 beds. Need for single beds.

Eighty acres available for expansion. Room for MRCC on this land. The total cost would be \$41.6 million. Questions and discussion. Refer: 114:30 – 144:00

Disadvantages and advantages given for expansion plan: Questions and discussion. Refer: 144:42 – 153:46

Pam Sharp, Director of OMB, testified. (Handout – Fact Sheet Regarding Penitentiary Options) Reviewed costs, infrastructure and capacity of a new building on site and a completely new facility. The projected cost of the new facility does not include the demolition of the old facilities. Questions and explanation. Refer: 154:01 – 164:02

Hearing adjourned until 2 o'clock.

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Bill/Resolution No. HB 1015

House Appropriations Committee
Human Resources Division

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Hearing Date: January 10, 2007 - Time: 2:00 pm

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Minutes:

Rep. Chet Pollert, Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 1015**, a Bill for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; and to amend and reenact Subsection 1 of Section 12-65-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees for the interstate transfer or travel of probationers.

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Don Redmann, Warden of the James River Correctional Center (JRCC), testified. (Written testimony provided) The history and services provided of the JRCC were explained.

Capital Improvements and Repairs

The new dorm project added 20 beds to the facility bringing the total to 359 useable beds.

Average daily count has been approximately 385 inmates.

Staffing

Budget includes the addition of five lieutenant positions for JRCC. 10 million dollars has been placed in the budget to help address inequities of pay.

Next Biennium

JRCC has requested \$596,075 for additional extraordinary repairs.

Equipment

The total equipment request is for \$256,000.

Refer: 00:00 – 17:30

Questions and discussion. Refer: 17:31 – 27:58

Keith Grabowska, Director of MRCC, testified. History of the center was given. Questions on "Sturdy Products," inmate population, and the farm at the MRCC. Reference: 28:40 – 36:50

Dennis Fracassi, Director of Rough Rider Industries, testified. (Written copy of testimony provided) Overview of the program given. Mission: "our goal is to prepare inmates to become taxpayers instead of tax burdens." Concern about moving MRCC is jobs. "What are we going to do with these guys?" Refer: 37:14 – 46:22

Dave Krabbenhoft, Director of Administration of Central Office, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, testified. (Handout attached) Explanation of the purpose and history of the Central Office in consolidated services. Questions and answers. Refer: 46:25 – 66:38

Meeting adjourned.

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Hearing Date: January 11, 2007 - Time: 8:30 am

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Minutes:

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Testimony began with **Warren R. Emmer, Director of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Field Services Division.** (Copies of testimony attached)

Introduced people who will be testifying, explained what was in the packet and what would be covered.

I) Field Services Nationwide, 600,000 offenders will be released annually from every prison. Some point in their sentence, 93% of all the prisoners will be released. Seventy-five percent have a chemical problem. One in 6 suffers mental illness. Five million people are on parole and probation. Women are now more than men. The Division of Field Services manages all community corrections programs delivered for, or under the direction of, the Department of Corrections. The clientele we manage are high risk; they are all prison eligible.

II) We are achieving our goal. Parole revocation rates remain incredibly low. Stabilization of the population of men going to prison. Key things to consider: 1. Impact of parole; 2. Impact of our assessment center program; and 3. Court's increased use of felony probation sentences. Explanation of trend lines and reviewed charts in packet. Question asked about the difference between parole and probation. Answer: Probation is under the jurisdiction of the court and parole is under the jurisdiction of the parole board. Explained sentences. Refer: 09:31 – 23:54

III) North Dakota offender demographics (as of December 31, 2006)

Served 4,813 offenders: 4,233 are on probation (court jurisdiction), 372 on parole (Parole Board jurisdiction), and 589 are interstate transfer cases. Explanation of the prison's population and the management. Refer: 24:00 – 35:00

Staff Testimonials:

Jennifer College, Parole Officer III, Fargo District, testified in support of the bill. She stated that there is no such thing as a low risk offender. "Write more reports today." Many meth users are IV users. Treatment for meth users is different than from other addicts. Refer: 37:50 - 44:28

Barb Breiland, Program Manager/Officer, Sex Offender Program, testified. Over 300 sex offenders presently supervised. We now have 7 sex offender specialists in the state. Sex offenders are continually being assessed. Have technology - GPS is a tool. Explained supervision and monitoring. Sex offenders have to learn about their behavior. High risk is committed – very few are paroled. Work with other states. Questions and explanations. Refer: 45:10 – 79:00

Pat Bonham, Programs Manager for the Department of Corrections and Deputy Clerk for the Parole Board, testified. Job is to work on the preparation and release for people coming out of prison. Refer: 79:10

Barb Breiland continued with questions and answers regarding numbers of sex offenders, women offenders, work with state hospital, and sex offender education. Refer: 80:00 – 89:59

Meeting adjourned for break.

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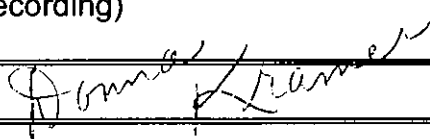
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Corey Schlinger, Parole Officer III of Field Services, testified. He stated in his 11 years of experience he has seen changes and differences with parolees. There is a lack of respect for the court with drug use - no one shows up for court and appointments. Meth use has consumed many lives. The officers are now finding more guns in possession and they have to wear vests and carry guns. They have to make numerous attempts to find their people.

Officer Schlinger stated he has 40 high-risk persons.

Warren Emmer, Director of the DOCR, Field Services Division, testified and answered questions. He stated that the caseloads are lower than nationally.

Kerry Wicks, Clinical Director of Residential Services at the North Dakota State Hospital, testified. (Copy of testimony attached) He commented on how the Tompkins Rehabilitation

and Corrections Center evolved ... in operation since 1999 ... with the support of the DOCR and Department of Human Services. It is a program that does the best job possible to keep offenders from returning to prison.

Marcy Conmy - Fisher, Director of the Bismarck Transition Center, testified and gave the history of the Transition Center ... opening in 1962 with 163 beds at present (includes 8 female beds).

Keith Gilleshammer, Executive Director of Centre, Inc. (Halfway House in Mandan), testified. He stated that community programs are successful and the parolee much more willing to give treatment programs a chance. "More treatment is the mantra."

Nancy McKenzie, Social Worker from the Department of Human Services, testified. When they get a DOCR referral, the family is involved as much as possible.

Warren Emmer, Director of the DOCR, Field Services Division stated that testimony would be proved regarding the Teen Challenge program. Question was asked to whether the programs are court ordered ... they are self-select programs.

Representative Bette Grande testified in support of the Teen Challenge program. She encouraged looking closely at enhancing dollars. The programs have helped a lot of people in society and there has been an 80% success rate. The program is in all 50 states ... started in NY. Facilities in Mandan and in Bismarck.

Rod Backman, Lobbyist representing North Dakota Teen Challenge, (written testimony provided) testified. He stated it is a "faith-based recovery program." Questions and discussion followed.

John Olson, Chairman of the ND Parole Board, testified. John stated the ND Parole Board reviews about 200 cases each month. There 6 members appointed by the governor. Their main concern is public safety. There is 21% of revocation of parole violators. ND is one of the

safest sates in the country. Transitional beds pay off. Involve churches in faith based methods.

Warren Emmer, Director of the DOCR, Field Services Division, continued reviewing his written testimony sheets. (Copy attached)

Andi Johnson, Director of Sharehouse in Fargo, testified in support of the bill. Copy of her written testimony to be sent at later date.

Meeting adjourned until 1:45 pm.

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Lisa Bjergaard, Director, Division of Juvenile Services, began the testimony. (Copy of Overview attached) Refer: 00:55 Introduction of staff members and persons from the Youth Correctional Center attending the hearing.

Lisa Bjergaard continued testimony regarding demographic changes in youth. Recidivism data ranges between 24% and 37% and the lowest nationally.

Community Services

Upon commitment to the Youth Correctional Center, we are responsible for the treatment of the youth. Refer: 10:31 – 13:20

Questions and discussion about length of stay, numbers of who have returned, or went to prison. Six percent of youth who had been in the correctional center end up in prison. Cost is about \$12 per day. Refer: 20:05. (Handout given on Fact Sheet)

Lisa Bjergaard continued about in home tracking and treatment programs. Refer: 25:30 – 35:50

Youth Correctional Center

YCC assumes responsibility for the detention, rehabilitation, instruction and safekeeping of juveniles committed to the institution.

Resident Care: Demographics - Behavioral Health Programming - Mental Health and Substance Abuse, and Physical Health issues information was provided. Refer: 36:00 – 50:00

Education: The Read Right program has been implemented. Questions and discussion on the education and number of students. Refer: 50:31 – 55:00

Plant Services: There is a need to get some roofs fixed. Refer: 55:05 – 57:04

Meeting adjourned with the agency overview.

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Human Resources Division

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Hearing Date: January 22, 2007 - Time: 2:00 pm

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Rep. Chet Pollert, Chairman reopened the hearing on **HB 1015**, a Bill for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; and to amend and reenact Subsection 1 of Section 12-65-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees for the interstate transfer or travel of probationers.

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Dave Krabbenhoff, DOCR, began with the testimony and explanation on the Budget Detail of the Central Office - All Divisions. (Copy attached)

Questions and discussion on salaries and wages ... guidelines for reallocation ... deficiencies ... problem with reclassification system ... requested pay grade system ... Food Service Director ... Licensed Dietician ... losing employees to other state agencies ... equity fund ... ND salary ranges and grades explanation (copy of handout attached). **Dave Krabbenhoff** reviewed and answered on the "Budget By Traditional Line" on the handout. Explanation on temporary employees going FTE and answered questions on the proposed Treatment Director position. Refer: 49:40

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Leann Bertsch, Director, DOCR, continued with additional information on the Treatment

Director position and the program. Questions and discussion. Refer: 54:00

Dave Krabbenhoff reviewed IT Software and Equipment ... Significant Changes ...

"Distribution by Division" handout ... DOCR Position Reclassification ... "DOCR Optional

Request and Recommendation" ... status of sex offenders ... extraordinary repairs.

Questions and discussion.

Adjournment.

