

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

March 14, 1977 - Room 225

The meeting of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Institutions was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Gerke. Other members present were:

Senator Elmer Flynn
Senator Mark Etchart
Representative Harry Hansen
Representative Art Lund
Representative Howard Ellis

Tom Briggs, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, was present, along with Doug Booker and Dave Lewis, Office of Budget and Program Planning. Also Larry Zanto, Director of the Department of Institutions. Representative Bardanouve was present for part of the meeting.

The subjects of this session were: MONTANA STATE PRISON, GALEN STATE HOSPITAL and CENTRAL OFFICE.

MONTANA STATE PRISON

Roger Crist, warden of the prison, and James Boyette, business manager, were present.

Tom Briggs said that the prison has amended their original budget request for the next biennium. There are a few areas of differences between LFA, executive and the agency.

Personal Services: The LFA recommendation is for 314.75 FTE's. Tom Briggs will add to his summary a list of the 80 added positions that are for the continuing use of the old prison.

It was the prison's thought to have an electronics expert to maintain the electronic equipment of the new prison on a half-day basis and teach electronics to the prisoners the other half. They have the necessary training equipment for such a course. This would amount to 1 FTE.

They also request .75 FTE to upgrade three teachers from .75 basis to 1 FTE each.

They also request a welding instructor. They have the necessary training equipment for such a course.

They also request a custodial worker for the administration building which houses the records and armory. They do not wish to have prisoners cleaning this building.

In 1979 there is a .75 training position that will have to be picked up with general funds as the LFAA funds run out.

The committee agreed to add in the 1 FTE for electronics expert, 1 FTE for welding instructor, 1 FTE for janitor and .75 for teachers making a total of 3.75 additional FTE's for 1978. In 1979 it would be 4.5 FTE's for the .75 training position not covered by LFAA funds.

It was also agreed that the Board of Pardons should pay rent to the prison for office space in the new prison.

Contracted Services: Funds are provided for a psychiatrist and a psychologist. This service used to be provided by Warm Springs.

Funds are also provided for secondary education program for inmates. This used to be provided by the Board of Crime Control.

The warden said this program has proven successful. They now have 9 inmates who graduated from this program in the university system. This is a way for inmates to get transferable skills for the outside. They offer four college courses for four quarters each year. The university picks the courses and they are posted. They have to maintain a level of 16 for each course.

The warden and Mr. Boyette spoke to the committee on Equipment. They wish to reduce the number of vehicles in their fleet by purchasing 5 trucks and 1 car in 1978 and trading in 9. In 1979 they wish to purchase 3 trucks and 1 car and trade in 6. This would make a total reduction of 5 vehicles at the end of the beinnium. They would save approximately \$25,000 in maintenance costs for the biennium, also.

It was explained that the Purchasing Division of the Department of Administration does the actual buying and selling or trading.

The ranch vehicles do not belong to the ranch. They are the property of the prison and the ranch gets charged per mile for their use. Warden Crist is in favor of keeping it this way so vehicles and repairs stay consolidated under one area.

The committee agreed to the vehicle purchases listed above which make a reduction of 5 vehicles.

Maintenance: With the reduction of the fleet and purchase of new vehicles, \$15,000 would be saved in maintenance in 1978 and \$10,000 in 1979.

GALEN STATE HOSPITAL

Chairman Gerke reported to the committee on the Committee for Public Health's proposal to eliminate TB treatment at Galen by arranging for all treatment through community facilities through the Department of Public Health.

Dr. Higgins had told this committee that treatment for TB is not declining and feels long term care is needed for TB patients. Galen was set up originally as a TB clinic for the Indians with Indian funds. It is questioned whether this can be changed.

The chairman will look into this matter further.

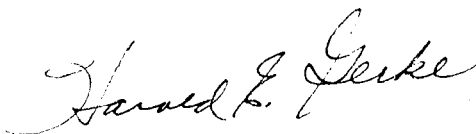
CENTRAL OFFICE

Tom Briggs distributed a report on the central office's 12 original programs. In 1977 these 12 programs were consolidated into four basic programs: Director, Management Services, Adaptive Services and Corrections.

Because of partial divisions of the 12 into 4, it is a little difficult in breaking down the budgets completely.

This will be discussed further at tomorrow's session.

This session closed at 10:00 a.m.



Harold Gerke, Chairman