

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR INSTITUTIONS  
January 17, 1981 EXECUTIVE SESSION

JACK K. MOORE, CHAIRMAN, called the Executive Session for the Montana State Prison Supplemental and the Corrections Division Supplemental to order at 3:37 p.m. Committee members present were:

Rep. Conroy  
Rep. Ernst  
Sen. Etchart  
Sen. Thomas  
Sen. Johnson

Testimony was given by Mr. Dan Russell, Director of Corrections Divisions; Jim Blodgett, Acting Warden at Montana State Prison, Bill McCrea, Business Manager at Montana State Prison; Carroll South, Director of the Department of Institutions; Gene Huntington, Office of Budget and Planning; Jim Haubein, Management Services, Department of Institutions; Norm Rostocki, Fiscal Analyst.

THE CHAIRMAN asked if there were any questions on Exhibit 18, page 9.

REPRESENTATIVE ERNST asked if the state was going to check on whether the insurance company had paid for the repair of the roof.

MR. RUSSELL stated that during the break, he discussed this with Bill McCrea and was told that Mr. McCrea recommended that the roof was in such a state of disrepair that the insurance would not pay the cost to replace it.

THE CHAIRMAN asked Mr. South to refer to their worksheet detailing contracted services, and why there was a \$10,105 figure that is not accounted for in the medical contracted area.

MR. SOUTH stated he felt this was due to an inflation factor, but Mr. Haubein would be back to explain this difference.

MR. MCCREA stated there was a difference in the projection costs for the medical costs. Mr. Haubein's figure came out \$10,000 lower than his, and due to the nebulous situation in regard to medical costs, he and Mr. Haubein were going to discuss this difference.

THE CHAIRMAN asked that while the Committee was waiting for Mr. Haubein, the Personal Service amount be discussed.

THE CHAIRMAN stated that when Mr. South checked out the necessary FTE's required to man the prison, the additional FTE'S were needed. He felt the Department was wrong in not requesting the needed FTE's in the normal budgetary process

last session.

MR. SOUTH explained when he looked at the FTEs needed at the prison, he did not look at the authorized FTE level, but at posts that were actually necessary for security.

The CHAIRMAN asked if the razor wire is procured, would it be necessary to change the posts or FTE's.

MR. SOUTH stated the razor wire, if it works efficiently, will relieve one perimeter patrol, so this would affect two shifts. This would not be done until security was certain from the wire.

MR. HOFFMAN stated there could be problems by cutting staff down and not having effective wire. He asked how many total escapes have been attempted since the prisoners have been in the new prison.

MR. BLODGETT felt there were approximately 15 from the start of the year.

SENATOR JOHNSON asked if the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the Budget Office were in agreement with the overtime stated.

MR. HUNTINGTON stated the Budget Office is in agreement with the figures shown.

MR. ROSTOCKI stated he has gone over every category of overtime and he feels the figures reflect what is necessary.

The CHAIRMAN stated that from the original supplemental request, the budget has already been trimmed \$145,000.

SENATOR THOMAS asked how many inmates there are in maximum security.

MR. BLODGETT stated there are 55 inmates in maximum security, and approximately 281 inmates in close security or high risk residents.

MR. HOFFMAN stated that this is the sixth biennium that the prison has come in for a supplemental.

SENATOR THOMAS stated he feels Montana can be proud of the rehabilitation that has taken place at the prison.

REP. CONROY moved the Repairs amount of \$7,575 be approved.

The motion passed.

REP. ERNST moved the Travel amount of \$8,712 be approved.

The motion passed.

SEN. ETCHART moved the Communications amount of \$1,171 be approved.

The motion passed.

SEN. THOMAS moved the Personal Services for \$1,096,767 be approved.

The motion passed.

The CHAIRMAN asked Jim Haubein for an explanation on the \$10,105 difference between his figure and the fiscal analyst in the contracted medical service.

MR. HAUBEIN explained he took the SBAS figure through December but due to the costs that can't be predicted, he applied an inflation factor that came to the \$10,105 difference.

MR. ROSTOCKI, asked what the inflation factor was.

MR. HAUBEIN said he based his inflation factor on approximately 16% for the whole year, and took 8% for the remaining half year. He stated the first five months of this year hospital costs have added up to \$87,859.

SEN. JOHNSON asked how much of the Contracted Services amount of \$215,284 for FY 81 has been spent.

MR. HAUBEIN stated the budget amount was \$215,284, and year to date, the amount spent is \$241,276, so at this point the department is \$16,000 in the red. Mr. Haubein stated the Prison was given a larger budget in FY 81, but due to large expenditures in FY 80, money was taken from the FY 81 budget.

The CHAIRMAN asked how much was pulled out of the FY 81 budget for FY 80 and why.

MR. HAUBEIN stated \$81,997 was pulled out and spent in FY 80. He noted most of that expense was due to one person's lengthy hospital stay during 1980.

SEN. ETCHART moved the Contracted Services amount of \$375,969 be approved.

The motion passed 4 yes and 2 no's. Rep. Conroy and Sen. Johnson voted no.

The CHAIRMAN asked the total amount of \$1,277,627 be voted on.

REP. ERNST moved the Montana State Prison total supplement amount of \$1,277,627 be approved.

There was a roll call vote.

Rep. Moore	Yes	Rep. Conroy	No
Sen. Etchart	Yes	Sen. Johnson	No
Rep. Ernst	Yes		
Sen. Thomas	Yes		

The motion passed 4 to 2.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Correction Division supplemental be discussed. He asked the Supplemental Addendum Exhibit 18, Page 6, be voted on first.

SEN. ETCHART moved the amount of \$20,625 for the 5 women at \$27.50 per day starting February 1, 1981, be approved.

The motion passed.

SEN. ETCHART moved the amount of \$4,085 be approved for additional surgery.

The motion passed.

SEN. ETCHART moved the Rent amount of \$80 be approved.

The motion passed.

SEN. ETCHART moved the Travel amount of \$6,529 be approved.

The motion passed

REP. ERNST moved the Communication amount of \$5,510 be approved.

The motion passed.

REP. ERNST moved the Supplies and Material amount for \$9,905 be approved.

The motion passed with Sen. Johnson opposing.

SEN. ETCHART moved the Contracted Services amount for \$98,613 be approved.

The motion passed with Rep. Conroy opposing.

REP. ERNST moved the Personal Services amount of \$32,305 be approved.

The motion passed with Rep. Conroy and Sen. Johnson opposed.

The CHAIRMAN asked that the total amount of the budget for \$116,131 plus the \$24,710 addendum total of \$140,841 be voted on.

SEN. THOMAS moved the total amount of \$140,841 be approved.

There was a roll call vote:

Rep. Moore	Yes	Rep. Conroy	No
Rep. Etchart	Yes	Sen. Johnson	No
Sen. Thomas	Yes		
Rep. Ernst	Yes		

The motion passed with 4 in favor and 2 opposed.

MR. HOFFMAN asked Mr. South if he wanted to discuss the recruitment fund for obtaining a psychiatrist.

MR. SOUTH stated that the suggestion was made during the Warm Springs supplemental that money be funded so the recruitment could begin immediately. He stated that at this time, he would like to thank the Committee for giving the bus back and approving the supplemental budget, and he would not bother to ask for recruitment money.

There being no further discussion, the Executive Session was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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JACK K. MOORE, Chairman

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