

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEE FOR INSTITUTIONS

January 31, 1981

EXECUTIVE SESSION

JACK K. MOORE, Chairman called the Executive Session for the Corrections Division to order at 12:40 p.m. All committee members were present.

THE CHAIRMAN asked before they go through the budget, he would like to have a motion before the committee to adopt the philosophy to establish the correctional facility at Boulder River School and Hospital for the women offenders.

SEN. THOMAS stated he had some reservations about going to Boulder and perpetuating an institution he would like to see closed. He asked if this was a band-aid approach or was this long range.

MR. SOUTH stated he didn't think it was a band-aid approach, and this would allow a place for 20 women.

SEN. THOMAS asked what the philosophy was for having developmentally disabled children associated with inmates.

MR. SOUTH stated there was a great deal of discussion regarding having female inmates at Warm Springs, he stated they have not paid a great deal of attention to this problem at this time, because the location of the building is quite far away. He noted this is where there is a vacant building, and being connected to an existing institution there is the availability of food service, and auxiliary services.

SEN. ETCHART asked about the renovated wing at Galen for the prison inmates, and if this had been considered.

MR. SOUTH stated he would like to keep this wing at Galen for a back-up for the State Prison male residents.

REP. CONROY asked about the limitation on the size of the proposed building.

MR. SOUTH stated there would be space for about 20 residents at Boulder, and with the availability of 21 more places elsewhere in the state, this would total 41 slots.

MR. RUSSELL stated some of the women may be able to work out of the community, pre-release homes, but it is the intent that some of the 11 women placed out of state be put back into the state.

SEN. JOHNSON asked where would the women work since Boulder is not that large.

MR. RUSSELL stated it was their intent the people would work on

the job training as either rehabilitation aides, food service and laundry work.

SEN. JOHNSON asked if there is a strong union there, they will say if the need is there, hire someone.

MR. RUSSELL stated that is one of the reasons they favor the program at Boulder because of the proximity to Helena. He stated he has spent time with the superintendent, and he is not sure how the community will accept it.

MR. SOUTH stated before they advertised it, they wanted a decision by this committee.

REP. CONROY moved to follow the logic of the Director of Institutions regarding establishing a correctional facility for women offenders at Boulder River School and Hospital. THE MOTION PASSED.

MR. RUSSELL explained FTE level, and one of the 10.3 FTE is a transportation officer, that needs to be a correctional officer due to the transportation and custody that is needed for transporting women. It was pointed out the secretary position was cut to half-time, and would be the intent of the Department to use one of our women inmates, if possible, to assist with the other half-time. The new figures for Personal Services would be FY 82, \$175,863.

MR. ROSTOCKI explained however the budget is scrutinized, it needs to be approved by Long Range Building before it can be finalized.

MR. RUSSELL explained Exhibit 51, page 5 regarding Contracted Services.

SEN. JOHNSON asked about being able to use the hospital at Boulder.

MR. RUSSELL stated they have not discussed the purchase of medical services with the doctors at Boulder yet. He noted they do need the money to be able to contract. He felt there would be a problem if they started mixing the women inmates with the children at the hospital.

REP. CONROY asked if it were possible to compare the cost of this proposal to what has been done in the past.

MR. SOUTH stated there were problems in comparing these figures at this time. With this modified, we are talking about the possibility of filling 41 slots, as compared to the original budget presentation which consisted of only 32 slots, with the exception of travel and medical.

MR. RUSSELL stated we have a limited capability to contract

for out of state slots. Other states will take those only on a case by case basis.

SEN. JOHNSON asked if the Long Range Building approves this when would this be operational.

MR. SOUTH stated if everything was approved, it would try to be operational by July 1, 1981.

MR. ROSTOCKI stated it was important to realize this proposal has been put together in the last two days, he feels this is the only option the department has at this time.

THE CHAIRMAN asked if the Budget Office, the LFA, and the Department of Institutions were all in agreement with these figures, because before the 40th day the figures would be gone over again.

SEN. THOMAS moved to accept the operating budget for both years for \$229,708 for FY 82 and \$211,173 for FY 83 for a women's facility at Boulder. THE MOTION PASSED.

THE CHAIRMAN asked to discuss the modified for the pre-release program on Alpha House, See Exhibit 40.

MR. ROSTOCKI stated some of the funding for the Alpha House comes from donations and they are beating the streets to make up for the losses they are having.

MR. HUNTINGTON noted they had an annual deficit for \$3300.

MR. SOUTH stated just because they are asking for the modified budget, he does not want Alpha House to assume that is automatically the rate, because he intends to monitor the program.

MR. ROSTOCKI stated there might be some language put into the bill for a certain amount of money for the inmates at Alpha House.

SEN. THOMAS moved we accept the FY 82 figure of \$21,900 and FY 83 figures for \$23,725. THE MOTION PASSED.

THE CHAIRMAN asked to discuss the Equipment modified, Exhibit 46.

REP. ERNST moved to delete the 5 cars and allow the one van to be purchased for a cost of \$10,250. THE MOTION PASSED with 5 IN FAVOR, and 1 OPPOSED. Rep. Moore opposed.

REP. ERNST moved to accept the Missoula Life Skills Center modified for \$30,000 FY 82 and \$30,000 FY 83. Exhibit 44. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 5 in FAVOR and 1 OPPOSED. Rep. Conroy opposed.

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THE CHAIRMAN asked to discuss Exhibit 43, the Billings Life Skills unit.

REP. ERNST moved to accept the amount of \$15,829 for FY 82 and \$15,829 for FY 83. THE MOTION PASSED with 5 in FAVOR and 1 OPPOSED. Rep. Conroy opposed.

THE CHAIRMAN asked to discuss Exhibit 42, in regard to foster home pay.

MR. ROSTOCKI stated this is being discussed by the SRS currently, and he felt it was important we be equal with the SRS rates. He suggested we wait and see what the rates would be.

SEN. THOMAS asked to move it now, and adjust the rates at a later time.

SEN. ETCHART moved to accept the Executive amount of \$22,524 for FY 82 and \$25,660 for FY 83 for foster home pay. THE MOTION PASSED.

THE CHAIRMAN asked to discuss the Modified Shelter Care, Exhibit 41.

SEN. THOMAS moved to accept the modified amount for \$88,743 for FY 82 and \$95,932 for FY 83. THE MOTION PASSED.

THE CHAIRMAN asked to discuss Exhibit 45 regarding the unemployment payments for group home parents.

SEN. THOMAS moved to accept the amount of payments of \$1,507 for FY 82 and \$1,629 for FY 83.

MR. ROSTOCKI explained this modified was due to a complaint filed, regarding unemployment rates, and this is the first step for these people to become full state FTE's.

THE CHAIRMAN stated he would like to see them as a full time FTE than the ones that are there now.

MR. RUSSELL stated these parents are the after care program, that the department does administer.

SEN. JOHNSON asked how these children are placed.

MR. RUSSELL explained in order to be placed to the group home the child has to be committed to the Department of Institutions.

MR. HOFFMAN stated the current group parents are contracted by the state. They do not work an 8 hour day. If they are made state employees they will need to be reimbursed for any overtime, sick leave, vacation etc.

REP. CONROY moved that the group home unemployment payments be a DO NOT PASS. THE MOTION PASSED 4 in FAVOR and 2 OPPOSED. Rep. Moore and Rep. Ernst were OPPOSED.

REP. ERNST moved we do not allow the modification for the emotionally disturbed students (Exhibit 51.) THE MOTION PASSED.

THE CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Rostocki to look into clarification of the existing law and possibly a committee bill.

THE CHAIRMAN asked to discuss the budget, Exhibit 39, page 1.

REP. CONROY moved to accept the LFA Equipment amount for \$39,681 for FY 82 and \$38,945 for FY 83. THE MOTION PASSED.

REP. ERNST moved to accept the amount of Utilities, \$23,844 FY 82 and \$26,707 FY 83; Repair and Maintenance \$24,923 FY 82 and \$27,066 FY 83; Other Expenses \$13,081 FY 82 and \$13,882 FY 83; Grants \$320,731 FY 82 and \$346,710 FY 83; Benefits \$23,958 FY 82 and \$25,899 FY 83. THE MOTION PASSED.

MR. ROSTOCKI explained the Corrections Department failed to include the rental on the Xerox Machine for FY 82 and FY 83. The Rent amount would change to \$141,499 FY 82 and \$153,358 FY 83.

REP. ERNST moved to accept the Rent amount of \$141,499 FY 82 and \$153,358 FY 83. THE MOTION PASSED.

MR. ROSTOCKI explained the variation in Travel, besides inflation factor was the LFA put in extra money for gas for the probation officers.

SEN ETCHART moved to accept the Executive Travel amounts of \$64,535 FY 82 and \$74,215 FY 83. THE MOTION FAILED with 3 in FAVOR and 3 OPPOSED. Those opposed were Rep. Moore, Rep. Conroy and Sen. Johnson.

REP. CONROY moved to accept the LFA figures of \$57,546 FY 82 and \$62,149 FY 83. THE MOTION FAILED with 3 in FAVOR and 3 OPPOSED. Those opposed were Rep. Ernst, Sen. Etchart and Sen. Thomas.

THE CHAIRMAN asked for a motion to reconsider the actions.

REP. CONROY moved to reconsider the actions on the Travel budget. THE MOTION PASSED.

SEN. THOMAS moved to accept the LFA Travel amount for \$57,546 FY 82 and \$62,149 FY 83. THE MOTION PASSED with 5 in FAVOR and 1 OPPOSED. Sen. Etchart opposed.

REP. CONROY moved to accept the LFA Communication amounts of \$103,959 FY 82 and \$112,795 FY 83. THE MOTION PASSED.

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REP. ERNST moved to accept the LFA Supplies & Materials amounts for \$191,190 FY 82 and \$213,078 FY 83. THE MOTION PASSED.

SEN. ETCHART moved to accept the LFA Contracted Services amounts for \$612,907 FY 82 and \$662,824 FY 83. THE MOTION PASSED.

SEN. THOMAS moved to accept the LFA Personal Services amounts for \$1,637,823 FY 82 and \$1,638,167 FY 83. THE MOTION PASSED.

MR. ROSTOCKI stated maybe the Committee would like to have language in the bill regarding line items to Alpha House.

SEN. JOHNSON moved to line item money in the bill for Alpha House. THE MOTION WAS KILLED with 1 in favor and 4 opposed. Those opposed were Rep. Conroy, Rep. Ernst, Rep. Moore, and Sen. Etchart. Sen. Thomas (Excused).

MR. SOUTH asked that action be taken on the retro-active pay for the Corrections Division. The amount would be \$30,661.

SEN. ETCHART moved that there will be no retro-active pay of \$30,661 for the Corrections Division. THE MOTION PASSED.

MR. HOFFMAN stated there will probably have to be a law change in regard to putting women offenders at Boulder, because the law states the functions of the Boulder River School & Hospital are care and treatment for treatment of the mentally retarded.

MR. SOUTH stated there is no reason to do that until this is approved by the Long Range Building Program.

There being no further discussion or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.



JACK K. MOORE, Chairman

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