

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN FELAND, on February 12, 1997, at 8:03
A.M., in Room 405.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gary Feland, Chairman (R)
Sen. Arnie A. Mohl, Vice-Chairman (R)
Sen. B.F. "Chris" Christiaens (D)
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan (D)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Rep. Steve Vick (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Skip Culver, Legislative Fiscal Division
Hope Spriggs, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
2/12/97; 2/6/97

-SECURE FACILITIES
MONTANA STATE PRISON

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON MONTANA STATE PRISON

Mike Mahoney, Warden, Montana State Prison (MSP)
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.9; Comments:
Introduction.}

Bob Williams, Food Service Director, MSP
Description of cook/chill system and presentation of request
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.4;.}

SEN. TAYLOR and SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked Mr. Williams questions on the cost per meal, savings with the cook/chill system and discussion of FTE and equipment request.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.9;.}

Bob Anderson, Facility and Construction Manager, Department of Corrections

Answered several questions from the committee highlighted as follows:

SEN. MOHL asked about FTE reductions, completion date of the kitchen, additional guards needed and requested delivery truck.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.8;.}

The COMMITTEE asked about other facilities for cooking besides cook/chill, continued use of MSP produced foods and inmates used in the kitchen.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.8;.}

SEN. MOHL asked about dislocated FTE, net savings between the Montana State Hospital and MSP, when savings would be realized and concern over kitchen facility duplication.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.2;.}

Mr. Mahoney

Summarized and provided information on previous questions asked.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 35.8;.}

Carl Nelsen, Maintenance Service Manager, MSP

Duties, facility needs and request.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 43.8; Comments: Continued to side B.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.8; Comments: Mr. Nelsen, continued.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked Mr. Nelsen about exterior/interior painting schedules and using inmate labor to complete task.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.1;.}

REP. VICK and SEN. TAYLOR asked Mr. Nelsen about refrigeration units and utilizing bulk utility rates for MSP.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.0;.}

Cathy Redfern, Deputy Warden, MSP

Inmate Incentive Program and Forced Labor Program requests.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.0;.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked **Ms. Redfern, Rick Day** (Director, D.O.C.) and **Mr. Mahoney** about Ms. Redfern's FTE pay scale, Good Time, computer networking to assist with record keeping, and the possibility of designating MSP as a nonsmoking facility.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 29.6;.}

REP. MENAHAN asked **Mr. Mahoney** about inmates seeing visitors interfering with working hours.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 41.0;.}

SEN. TAYLOR asked **Ms. Redfern** about the number of FTE working in the Incentive and Forced Labor programs presently.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 42.0;.}

SEN. TAYLOR continued with questions on required new FTE, and comparisons to programs in other states.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.0;.}

Joe Williams, Fiscal Bureau Chief, Department of Corrections Answered **SEN. TAYLOR'S** question on the proposal's computer request.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.0;.}

The **COMMITTEE** asked **Mr. Williams** several questions on:

Additional FTE needed for the Incentive and Forced Labor Programs

Overall bans on smoking at MSP

Expanding the industries as an alternative to additional FTE

Escapes in the recent past

Force to be allowed for escape attempts from work crews

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.8;.}

The **COMMITTEE** asked **Mr. Day** questions on the Good Time system, and if maintenance costs for new buildings are built into the budget.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.7;.}

Leonard Mihelich, Deputy Warden, MSP

Staffing proposal : Xanthopoulos facility, Warm Springs campus.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.5;.}

Sally Johnson, Administrator, Professional Services Division

Ms. Johnson answered **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** questions on the numbers of inmates fitting the geriatric and mental health categories.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.0;.}

Mr. Williams explained the request and answered questions about the Xanthopoulos facility, including training and equipment costs and FTE needed for the overflow unit.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 37.9;.}

Myron Beeson, Deputy Warden, MSP

Presentation of the In State Contract Beds section.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.8;.}

The COMMITTEE asked several questions of Mr. Day about the daily cost vs. daily Montana Highway Patrol jail costs, variance between counties in this rate, possible reduction of FTE, and discussion on biennium and long range plans for prisons.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.3;.}

Linda Moodry, Administrative Officer, MSP

Presentation and requests for Inner State Compact Authority.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.6;.}

EXHIBIT 1

Dr. Clancy Cohen, Medical Director, MSP

Support of mental/geriatric inmate facilities, Medical Review Panel utilizing the Xanthopoulos building, and medical treatment of inmates.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 36.5;.}

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.0; Comments: Dr. Cohen continued.}

EXHIBIT 2

SEN. TAYLOR and SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked Dr. Cohen about protocol for AIDS, if state assistance is available for treatment, medical parole issues and concerns over Hepatitis B.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.9;.}

Joe Williams

Secure Facilities requests overview

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.0;.}

EXHIBIT 3

The COMMITTEE asked Mr. Mahoney questions on staff workload increases since 1995 and how much of the training budget is spent at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy.

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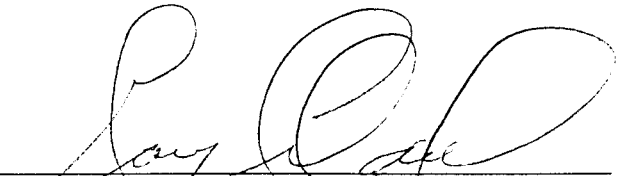
Mr. Mahoney

Montana State Prison concluding statements.


{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.5;.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:41 A.M.



REP. GARY FELAND, Chairman



HOPE SPRIGGS, Secretary

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These minutes were recorded on three 90 minute audio-cassette tapes.