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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
For the
Fifth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services

Minutes
Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Members in Attendance: Chairperson, Mike King, Steve Shelley, Linda England, Marvin McCann, Gary Boswell, Denny Carpenter, Dennis Smith, Aaron Price, Kraig Pennington, Jerry Murphy, Dennis Brown, Crystal McIntyre, David Dotts, Judge Arthur Gamble, Teresa Bombhoff

Staff in Attendance: District Director Sally Kreamer, Assistant Director Nancy Robinson, Assistant Director Michelle Dix, Division Manager Steve Dick, Dr. Tony Tatman, Probation Parole Officer II AFSCME acting Union Chapter Chair Shelly Silver, Greg Lewis, AFSCME representative and Executive Secretary Wendy Gehringer, Brandon Garvey, Supervisor of Fugitive Unit and Kim Smith, Fugitive Unit

The meeting of the Board of Directors for the Fifth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services was called to order at 12:15 PM by Board of Directors Chairperson Michael J. King on April 22, 2015 at the Fort Des Moines Men's Residential Facility, Building 68/70, Thayer Avenue, Jim Hancock Blvd., Des Moines, IA.

Mike King asked if there were any additions and or corrections on the meeting agenda, Steve Shelley moved to approve the Meeting agenda and Aaron Price 2nd, motion carried by voice vote.

Budget: Steve Dick reviewed the current budget please see handout. Because the budget for next year has not yet been approved, next year’s budget was not addressed. The following is the notice received regarding the increases for FY16 and FY17 for Bargaining covered staff, FY 16: 2.5% ATB on 7/1/15 and 4/5% increase for those below their maximum pay grade, for FY 17, 2.25% on 7/1/16, 1.25% ATB on 1/1/17 and 4/5% increase for those below their maximum pay grade. If management were to receive the same increases, we would need to ask the approval from the Board for this. The salary bill is usually the last bill that is done by the legislature. Our current estimate however is that this total is approximately close to $1,000,000 if both contract and non-contract staff were to receive the increase.

Marvin McCann moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 28, 2015, Steve Shelley 2nd, motion carried by voice vote.

Sally updated the Board on her meeting with the Attorney General’s Office, the meeting was held at Central Office with all the District Directors and Board Chairs met with the Attorney General’s Office. The Attorney General’s Office has made the determination that the Board of Directors has the authority to pass and approve policies for the Departments and that everything that the Fifth Judicial District, Board of Directors has been doing has been within the code as far as approving policies, budgets and such. The Attorney General’s Office is willing to sign with each District, a separate contract that states that they will be willing to represent us with personnel issues. The Attorney General’s Office believes that DAS should also be signing a contract of services with the department outlining which services they are providing and the expectations of services. Currently we are spending approximately $200-250,000 a year to DAS. That contract is being negotiated as well. Finally, each year, the department signs a purchase of service agreement with the Department of Corrections that outlines what the 5th Judicial District will do in exchanges for the state funding that is received. It is the belief of the Attorney General’s office that is appropriate for the DOC to incorporate into that agreement any expectations that DAS has regarding pay and benefits that they would like each Judicial District to follow for non-contract staff to follow in that agreement. Sally has agreed to work on the POS agreement as a representative for the District Directors as well as the contract.

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for DAS and the Attorney General’s Office. She will keep the board apprised of the progress on such. If that contract is not completed prior to the July 1 which is the beginning of the new fiscal year, the current contract will be extended until October and she will ask the executive committee for a meeting to approve such contract.

Brandon Garvey, Supervisor Fugitive Team Unit, recognized the Fugitive Team Unit members, Randal Schultz and Kurt Kness for their help and assistance in finding the two missing boys in Johnston. Kim Smith was also recognized for her assist in a suicide attempt by performing CPR until the medics arrived. She was on her way home from work when she heard over the radio the call for help and went to the residence. Sally and Kim also talked about the SNITCHIN app that they have been testing. It is an app that can be downloaded on a smart phone and it will show active warrants to the public. People can then turn in information anonymously. This app just won the prestigious Technology Association of Iowa Prometheus Award. It was nominated in the category of Mobile App of the year and Student Innovation of the Year. It won in the category of Student Innovation of the Year. Since being tested and developed in Iowa and in our unit, it is being expanded across the country.

Teresa Bomhoff spoke about the needs for Mental Health issues within the State and what bills are being looked at to improved Mental Health issues and what bills have been passed. Please see handout.

Steve Shelley motioned to adjourn meeting and Dennis Smith 2nd motion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Wendy Gehringer, Executive Secretary
Fifth Judicial District
Department of Correctional Services

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Michael J. King, Chairperson
Date
Board of Directors for the
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