

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 A.M. on March 2, 2005, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Sawyer- excused

Committee staff present:

J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department  
Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department  
Reagan Cussimano, Legislative Research Department  
Michele Alishahi, Legislative Research Department  
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research Department  
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes  
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Analyst  
Shirley Jepson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Denise Everhart, Juvenile Justice Authority

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee Report on Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA), Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility, Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility, Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility, and Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility

Representative Feuerborn moved to introduce legislation concerning membership of the joint committee on claims against the state. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz moved to introduce legislation concerning conservation easements. The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Representative Light, Chair of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Sharp. Motion carried.

Representative Light, Chair of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Pilcher-Cook. Motion carried.

Referencing Item 6 and 7 of the report, the Budget Committee noted that they will continue to review the consolidation and closure issue regarding juvenile correctional facilities to be sure that the Legislature has input in any decision made by the Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA). In addition, the Budget Committee will review, prior to Omnibus, the possibility of JJA's participation in the medical plan adopted by the Department of Corrections.

Representative Sharp, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Appropriations Committee at 9:00 A.M. on March 2, 2005 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

The Committee expressed concern with the decrease in the number of juveniles housed at the Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility and the Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility; the role these facilities will continue to have in the juvenile correctional system; and the effect the possible closure of these facilities would have on their communities.

Representative Sharp, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

Representative Sharp, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Beloit Juvenile Correctional Facility for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Flower. Motion carried.

Representative Sharp, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility and Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2005 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Flower. Motion carried.

Referencing information contained in the Governor's budget report concerning average daily census and projected daily census at the juvenile correctional facilities, Denise Everhart, Commissioner of the Juvenile Justice Authority, stated that JJA does not maintain records on the average daily census at the juvenile correctional facilities and could not identify the information contained in the Governor's budget report. The Budget Committee indicated that they will research the current census and projected census at the facilities and provide that information to the Committee at Omnibus.

Representative Sharp, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility and Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Flower. Motion carried.

The Budget Committee noted that the budget increases at Topeka and Larned facilities are due to the construction of new facilities and increased program responsibilities.

Representative Landwehr moved to approve the minutes of February 8, February 9, February 10, February 11, February 14 and February 15, as written. The motion was seconded by Representative Sharp. Motion carried.

**SB 52** was referred to the Revenue, Judicial, Transportation and Retirement Budget Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 3, 2005.

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Melvin Neufeld, Chair