

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING MINUTES

Department of Corrections

Location: Oklahoma State Capitol, Room 419-C
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Date/Time: Thursday, April 27, 2006 – 1:00 p.m.

I. OPENING

Chairman Robert Rainey of the Oklahoma Board of Corrections called the April 27, 2006, meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll. Members present at roll call reflected a quorum was present.

Ernest Godlove
David C. Henneke
Beverly Young

Ted Logan
Robert Rainey

Mark Luttrull
Earnest Ware

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 24, 2006 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Rainey sought a motion for approval of the March 24, 2006, Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. Ware made the motion with a second by Mr. Logan. Results of roll call: Mr. Godlove, yes; Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. Luttrull, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; Mr. Ware, yes; and Ms. Young, yes.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None reported on agenda.

IV. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Jones recognized Lena Bennett, Bob Rubin and Dan McCullough, who were in the audience and thanked them for their volunteer and partnership efforts.

Associate Director Ed Evans and his staff are in the process of reviewing security mechanisms at all facilities and looking at updating those systems. Recently, DOC had to partially evacuate OSP because of a brush fire. The only loss was 65 acres of grazing ground. EWCC conducted their annual play day with children of offenders who are incarcerated. A total of 221 children and 160 mothers participated. HMCC received 100% compliance on ACA mandatory standards and 99.7% on non-mandatory standards. It's been a productive time for OCI. Currently they have \$3.7 million in current orders not yet filled and have reached \$10.4 million in book sales already.

Associate Director J'me Overstreet is absent today working with consultants from Kansas and Missouri on a Women's Leadership program, sponsored by the National Institute of Corrections. Consultants will be in Oklahoma through the weekend preparing for two days for training to our female leadership within the agency and within other agencies in these three states coming up later this year. The Quality Assurance process has kicked off and the first two evaluations have been submitted to director for review and action.

The Sayre kitchen, which is the first stand alone kitchen at a work center built by DOC, is now operational. Food had been carted for 10 years from the Elk City Work Center to Sayre.

DOC graduated 88 cadets in the last 30 days at the academy in Wilburton and also hired an additional 27 CO's.

Elvin Baum, Leo Brown, Director Jones and others will be participating in the First Annual Prison Ministry Workshop Saturday at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Kelly Avenue. The Director offered an invitation for anyone wanting to attend.

Director Jones and Dr. Cline with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services met with the Congressional Delegation this week in Washington, D.C. to talk about reintegration and the disconnect between mental health services in Oklahoma's prison system and services once offenders hit the community. Also discussed was the disconnect between health services and medications available to offenders once they discharge from the system. Senator Coburn was very open to suggestions and is looking at having hearings on the congressional level to see what the federal government might be able to do to assist Oklahoma.

V. CLASSEN BUILDING UPDATE

Colonel John Richard, Director of Central Services addressed the Board. The sale termination of the Classen Building was due to citizen complaints. The law in Title 74 says that if there is property being disposed of, the Governor has a responsibility to assess whether the property has another viable use. Their objective is to determine what it would cost to bring this building to a viable use which would be acceptable in the neighborhood. DCS is looking at several uses for the building, i.e. office space, storage space, mail distribution, etc. They will make a determination on the use and will recommend to the legislature for funding next year or if it is determined that the building cannot economically be developed, it will be put back on the market. If on the other hand, a viable use is discovered, it'll probably be a bonded project. They will keep Director Jones informed of the terms they are providing to the legislature. Colonel Richard advised the determination would not happen this session. The architect's assessment will be completed in a couple weeks. That will provide the base line from which they can begin to estimate construction costs. Once the Governor approves their recommendation, DCS will proceed with the plan to bond it or sell it. The proceeds will go to the DOC. If it is to sell, that decision will be made this fall. If it is to be bonded, it will take another 4-5 months as they get that project through the legislature. Mr. Godlove asked if DOC was incurring any expenses currently to maintain the building. Colonel Richard was unaware of any, however, Director Jones mentioned that there had been a few non-routine expenses due to water leaks and security to run off vagrants. DCS understands that once they sign an interagency agreement, it will be their responsibility to take care of the building in the interim.

VI. PROJECTIONS

KC Moon, Director of the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center (OCJRC) presented projections data to the Board. The overall growth in the prison system in the next budget year is projected to be 1,200 rather than 300, which was the former projection. This is 4 times as many inmates based on projections last year. OCJRC was created approximately 10 years ago for the purpose of advising the legislature about what would happen with the prison population if nothing changes and then to provide estimates on how each bill might impact the prison population if it cracks down on punishment. Their roll is to advise the legislature so that the decisions on crime and criminal policy can be more deliberate rather than not considering the fiscal impact. He gave a detailed overview, page by page, of his report.

- Page 1- *Introduction and Assumptions*
"PROPHET" 98, developed by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency was the

computer program used to acquire these projections. They take last year's experience and apply that to the future using a complex mathematical formula. Assumptions noted were that receptions to court, sentence lengths, probation and parole revocation rates, crimes rates, and everything else in the criminal justice system would stay the same as it was in 2005.

- Page 2 - *Oklahoma Prison Population, Actual and Projected 1980-2015*, overall view.
- Page 3 - *Oklahoma Prison Population*, numbers that support the graphic on Page 2.
- Page 4 - *Oklahoma Prison Population, Actual and Projected 2000-2015*, the difference in how much the growth will be on a year to year basis.
- Page 5 - *12 Month Moving Average of Prison Population Growth 1989-2005*
- Page 6 - *Receptions by Year from CY 1986 to CY 2005*
- Page 7 - *Profile of Offenders Received to Prison by Offense Category CY 2004 and CY 2005*
- Page 8 - *Profile of Offenders in Prison by Offense Category CY 2004 and CY 2005*
- Page 9 - *Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board Effective Release Rate 1991-2005*
- Page 10 - *Number of Parole and Commutation Releases Signed by the Governor 2001-2005*
- Page 11 - *Oklahoma Parole Population As of Fiscal Year End 1991-2006*
- Page 12 - *Prison Bed Demand Calculation 1980-2005*
- Page 13 - *Number of Inmates Holding in County Jails Awaiting Transfer to Prison 2003-2007*
- Page 14 - *Total Receptions and Drug Crime Receptions to Prison and DOC Total Prison Population 1995-2005*

The drug crime receptions are the #1 cause in what is changing in our incarceration system. Over the past 10 years, the number of prison receptions for drug crimes has increased 72%, compared to an increase of 9% for all other crimes combined. Drug crime receptions have grown from 28% of total receptions in FY95 to 38% in FY05. Over the same period, the prison population has increased 33%.

For clarification, Director Jones asked how close the projections were to reality and what was the percentage range for all the years OCJRC has been doing projections. Mr. Moon replied they were within 90 beds with a percentage of plus or minus 2 % over a history of 10 years. This year they are plus or minus 20%.

Board members asked questions about jail backup, drug court, and lack of pardon and parole releases. Mr. Moon reported that 300-400 used to be the standard back up. Inmates would come into the system within 10 days of being sentenced compared to an average of 51 days now. Mr. Luttrull voiced a concern that county sheriffs might start counting on that to subsidize their own budgets. Mr. Moon did not feel that drug courts had made an impact on the prison system yet. Perhaps in 5 years it might, but more DA's will need to send offenders to drug court for it to have an impact. A large part of the population increase was a result of not releasing inmates on pardon and parole. Oklahoma is the only state that continues to involve the Governor in this process. The Sentencing Commission considered a couple years ago what the impact would be if the Governor were removed from the process, and the annual impact was about a \$6 million savings. It would take a change in constitution though to remove the Governor from the process.

Hearing no objections from any of the Board members, Mr. Rainey asked that "Remarks from Legislators" be moved up on the agenda to accommodate legislator's schedules, and invited those in attendance to make comments.

VII. REMARKS FROM LEGISLATORS

Senator Cal Hobson thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. He expressed concern about the next generation and conveyed to the Board that their questions were so on target. He stated that maybe 10 members out of 149 would read Mr. Moon's projections in detail. Fortunately one of those will be Senator Corn, who will make every effort to get the rest of the Senate to understand the trouble DOC is in. With regard to removing the Governor from the parole process, he has tried three times over 28 years and never got more than 15% of the votes in the legislature to just let the people decide if it was smart to keep politics in parole decisions. He has no hope that Oklahoma will ever remove the Governor from the process. There are four more weeks of the session, which means the annual kabooke dance is in progress and will continue till the last Friday in May or into June and July. The reason drug courts are not offering the results DOC wants is because the expansion hasn't been in play long enough. Also drug courts are being overridden by the 85% laws, life without parole, parole activity, and our own desire to pass more laws to incarcerate more people. Mr. Luttrell noted there was money in DOC's budget for expansion of bed space, and asked Senator Hobson if he would help market that to other legislators since he has prisons in his district. Senator Hobson said DOC always gets the hand me down buildings and is then asked to run them without any money. He is supportive of the expansion of maximum security because it is a public investment issue, but would like to link it to the other issue that KC Moon presents and that is with the largest incoming traffic, 38% of drug offenders. Chairman Rainey asked Senator Hobson to articulate what they would like to see from DOC this session and how DOC could be the most effective in supporting legislative efforts? Senator Hobson urged that over the next few weeks to meet with Senator Corn and Representative Trebilcock as they do the negotiating on DOC's budget. Find a way to engage with legislators and force legislators to read the projection information and not ignore it.

Senator Corn reported the general appropriations bill was passed in the Senate yesterday. There are clear differences between the House and Senate appropriations bill. The House bill provides no money to complete DOC's supplemental. The Senate fulfilled that as well as the pay raises. Utility costs and other efficiency costs have been very detrimental at most of the institutions but there is a lot of one time money to be determined on how to use. The Senate is in favor of spending one time money on expanding prison beds or even looking at a bond issue. The House wants to look first at tax cuts and then look at the needs of the state. The Senate's view is opposite of that. The bottom line is that we can't continue to allow our prison system to crumble. We are dangerously approaching the number of beds unavailable in DOC and maxing out the number of beds in the private sector. When the legislature says we are going to fully fund the DOC, as numbers continue to go up, we need to be prepared as a legislature to make adjustments in that budget to meet those numbers. With regard to Drug Court, there are DA's in the state that will not use the Drug Court system. Drug Court is also not uniform across the state. Judges are telling legislators that every Drug Court needs to have the same rules and set up. There are lots of things to take care of. Senator Corn stated that he is not as optimistic as Senator Hobson in that he thinks they'll be there in June still wrestling over the budget. Public safety should not be put in the back burner. Oklahoma will face intervention from the feds if something doesn't change. When that happens, the legislature will not like the price tag that comes with it.

Mr. Ware asked how the Board could help with the situation. Senator Corn responded that corrections is not an up front service that people see. Be more diligent in advising the public that services are being done at DOC. He does not feel legislators understand what happens at DOC and most have never been to a prison facility. He encouraged the Board to spend time with Speaker Hiatt, House Appropriation Chairman Chris Bengé, and Sub Committee Chairman John Trebilcock and other members educating them on corrections, especially those who don't have correctional facilities in their district. Apply pressure to make leadership do something. One visit will not be enough. It

takes 51 votes in the House and 21 votes in the Senate to get something done. Rally the folks you have and educate the ones you don't. Mr. Luttrull commented that he would like to see Senator Corn, as appropriations chair, to tell the other legislators that Oklahoma can't afford tough on crime. We have to be smart on crime. Senator Corn suggested looking at a Drug Reentry Court, which has been successful in Ohio. Ms. Young commented that it was her opinion that the average citizen in Oklahoma would prefer to have public safety increased rather than the tax refund. Senator Corn responded that Oklahoma needs to make investments up front and we'll have savings at the end. Oklahoma has never recovered from the 1980's and the 2003 budget cuts.

Senator Connie Johnson thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them. She has 24 years of experience having worked as senate staff in the areas of health and human services. She is concerned about children and their well being in the state of Oklahoma. The legislation she introduced this year due to the rising numbers of grandparents raising grandchildren has not come forward at this point. Sixty percent of children in her district are being raised by their grandparents. Senator Johnson said that she sees this board is uniquely positioned with a new attitude to make a difference in the handling of corrections in this state. She made mention of HB 3037, by Representative Lance Cargill to address restorative justice issues. It proposed funding for an executive created entity called the Office of Faith Based Initiatives, which ended up being a problematic motion. It also created a council and a task force to address these issues. There was concern that these two entities would negate some of the things that have been going on successfully in this arena. Given conversation with advocates and Representative Cargill, HB 3037 simply calls for a restorative justice task force which will be charged to review the system of laws and to determine if they are restorative or retributive.

Chairman Rainey introduced Nick Atwood from the Governor's office.

VIII. BRIEF RECESS

Brief recess was taken to allow Board members the opportunity to talk to legislators and other guests.

IX. POPULATION UPDATE

Assistant Deputy Director of Institutions and Classification Neville Massie presented the population update as of April 3rd. She answered a question asked earlier as to the count of current life without parole, which is 588; 457 males and 41 females. The current total system inmate population which includes out counts, GPS, and PPCS is 24,210, an increase of seven from last month's report. The same population this time last year was 23,715; an increase of 495. The incarcerated inmate population is currently 23,503; an increase of 35 from last month's report. The count as of this date last year was 23,084; for a total change of 419. DOC facilities current population is 17,140; an increase of 39 from month's report. Private Prison population currently is at 4,645; an increase of seven from last month. Total system population, including both inmates as well as probation and parole offenders under supervision is 58,844; representing a decline of 125 from last month's report. Reference was made to parole figures. During the month of March, 109 were reviewed by the Governor and 94 were approved for a percentage of 86.2%. County jail contracts current population is at 497; a decrease of four from last month. County jail inmate backup is at 1,359; an increase of 191 since last month. As of last Friday that count had gone up to 1,407. HWH count is at 1,221. Last month's report was 1,228; for a decline of seven. Probation and parole supervision of inmates, which includes GPS and PPCS, is 250; an increase of 24 from last month. The Pardon and Parole considered 629 inmates last month and recommended 161; for a 25.6% recommendation rate. Receptions were canceled on two occasions in April do to lack of beds. Thirty males and one female were canceled the first week in April and 19 were canceled this week. The cancellations were spread across several counties. Ms. Massie explained that DOC takes receptions Tuesday through Friday,

but not on Monday. Each week an assessment of available beds is made and receptions are scheduled. When that number is inadequate to meet our needs they have a need to cancel receptions. There were questions and discussion about when the counties get paid. Ms. Massie indicated that counties are paid in arrears. They get paid once a valid J&S is received and we are sure of the date their time with DOC should have begun. Director Jones indicated there was legislation pending to increase the per diem to the counties from \$24 to \$30. It also has a provision in it that would change the way we calculate payments to the county, which will get them paid quicker but it has a half million dollar impact on DOC. It appears this new legislation will go to conference because of the budgetary impact it will have on DOC. The total package is 3 million dollars and was not included in DOC's budget request.

Feeling that DOC's building ideas were languishing, Mr. Luttrull asked Chairman Rainy if the Board could form an ad hoc building committee or put it on next month's agenda if it has to be voted on. Chairman Rainy looked to Richard Kirby for advice. Mr. Kirby stated that when the Board procedure rules were amended, that ad hoc procedures were established so the Executive Committee could make that recommendation. He believed also that they kept the provision where the Board chairman could form a committee on his or her own. Mr. Godlove argued that we were really suggesting that this Board needs to consider the possibility of building another facility to be able to accommodate the increasing inmate population. He felt committees needed to meet with various legislators to emphasize the importance of them considering these issues. Mr. Luttrull supports that but wants to take it one step farther, by developing site plans, blue prints, etc. They would be bonded projects. Mr. Godlove thought that would take time to accomplish. Mr. Godlove was in favor of it, but was more concerned about what was going to be done over the next 30-60 days, and asked the chairman to form groups that would be charged with going to see specific legislators key to making this happen. Chairman Rainy was not convinced that we needed to formalize a committee because he understood that all seven members would be available as their schedules would permit and as the staff told the Board to be at the capitol. It's been an informal operating rule. Mr. Godlove commented that his suggestion was not to override the suggestion that we form a committee to develop plans for building. Chairman Rainy asked Pam Ramsey to set up in the next week or so a telephonic meeting with the Executive Committee to hash out objectives for Board approval at the next meeting.

X. BUDGET UPDATE

Jim Harris, Administrator of Finance and Accounting, presented the budget update. The trending report provides comparative information about current trending expenditures compared to the revised FY 2006 Budget Work Program (BWP). He referred to Page 4 of the summary analysis.

The department started the fiscal year budgeting 4,855.8 of its authorized 5,844.6 FTE positions. Prior to HB 2288 the department had been trending a budget shortfall between \$28.9M to \$31.8M depending on the monthly snapshot taken. HB 2288 provided an additional \$24M to the department; \$21M for contract beds and \$3M for a staff compensation plan.

Two BWP revisions were filed in April to accommodate the budgetary changes brought about by HB 2288. Revision 8, the second of the two BWP revisions, first added \$3M to payroll to implement the department's pay plan and then removed an existing trended payroll budget surplus of \$7.3M, redistributing those funds to cover numerous operating budget shortfalls.

After accommodating Revision 8, the department now has a payroll budget for the remainder of this fiscal year that will support a filled FTE target of approximately 4,737 to 4,750 staff, depending on actual fill date. As of April 24th, there were 4,712 of our authorized 5,844.6 FTE position filled.

Contract bed expenditure trends increased this month by an additional \$568,367. However, because of the funds added to this budget in Revision 7 (\$21M) and 8 (1.8M) this budget activity now reflects a trended surplus of \$545,609. As offender growth continues to occur and therefore impact cost, this slight budget surplus is expected to evaporate before the end of the fiscal year.

Medical Services expenditure trends grew by an additional \$375,450. The primary cause of this growth is the continuing need and utilization of outside medical services and contract nursing staff. Anticipating continued cost growth in this area, the department, in BWP Revision 8, transferred \$3.2M of its \$7.3M trended payroll surplus to this budget category. Based on expenditure growth trends, the current BWP trended surplus of \$282,175 is also expected to evaporate by fiscal year end.

In summary, last month we identified a trended budget shortfall of approximately \$205,440. Based on current expenditure trends compared to the department's revised BWP, there now appears to be a trended budget surplus of \$763,127. This trended surplus represents approximately .15% of the department's current \$491,523,000 BWP.

Mr. Henneke asked how estimates were calculated for inmate growth increases. Mr. Harris responded that they multiply the number of growth expected by \$44.90, then multiply that by 365 and divide by half. Based upon increased projections minimum funding needed is \$75.5M. Director Jones advised after hearing KC Moon's projections today, DOC would file an amended budget request. Ms. Young commented that we had a gain of 419 inmates on life without parole over last year. If that continues, that will skew our figures.

XI. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

2005 Agency Correctional Officer of the Year

Dominic Antwon King, Lawton Community Corrections Center

2005 Agency Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year

Don Leon Frech, James Crabtree Correctional Center

Chairman Rainey recognized Human Resources Administrator Linda Parrish and asked for her suggestion on approving the 2005 Agency Correctional Officer and Correctional Officer Supervisor resolutions. Ms. Parrish recommended waving the reading of the following resolutions since Officers King and Frech would be presented their resolutions on May 11th, during Correctional Officer Recognition Day. The reading of the resolution was waved, however, Chairman Rainey requested that the resolution be included in the minutes for the record.

***WHEREAS**, correctional officers are trained professionals who unselfishly provide humane conditions of confinement while ensuring security of the state's correctional institutions and contributing to the rehabilitation of offenders; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections is extremely fortunate to have correctional officers who are conscientious, dedicated, and committed to performing their duties in a professional manner; and*

***WHEREAS**, each year one correctional officer is selected as the outstanding officer for his or her facility as well as his or her division; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections conducts a comprehensive interview process and selects an Agency Correctional Officer of the Year who exemplifies high standards and serves as a role model for others to follow in fulfilling the agency's mission of "Protecting the Public, the Employees, and the Offenders":*

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Board of Corrections does hereby announce and proclaim to all its recognition of ***CORRECTIONAL OFFICER DOMINIC ANTWON KING***, Lawton Community Corrections Center, as the ***2005 Agency Correctional Officer of the Year***.

ADOPTED this 27th day of April 2006.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections is privileged to have correctional officer supervisors who are exemplary leaders and mentors for the officers they supervise; and

WHEREAS, correctional officer supervisors are dedicated and committed to ensuring the agency's mission is fulfilled and that humane conditions of confinement are provided and security is maintained for the offenders in their care and custody; and

WHEREAS, the day-to-day activities of correctional officer supervisors requires special training, sound judgement, and courage; and

WHEREAS, each year one correctional officer supervisor is selected as the outstanding officer for his or her facility and his or her division; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections conducts a comprehensive interview process and selects an Agency Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year who exemplifies high standards and serves as a leader and role model for others to follow in fulfilling the agency's mission of "Protecting the Public, the Employees, and the Offenders":

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Board of Corrections does hereby announce and proclaim to all its recognition of ***LIEUTENANT DON LEON FRECH***, James Crabtree Correctional Center, as the ***2005 Agency Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year***.

ADOPTED this 27th day of April 2006.

Chairman Rainey entertained a motion to approve both the Agency CO of the Year and Agency COS of the Year for 2005 as noted in the agenda. Mr. Ware moved to approve with a second by Ms. Young. Results of roll call: Mr. Godlove, yes; Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. Luttrull, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; Mr. Ware, yes; and Ms. Young, yes.

XII. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

Public Service Recognition Week

Ms. Parrish recommended that since the following resolution would be distributed to employees next week during Public Service Recognition Week that the reading of the resolution be waived. The resolution was recommended to be included in the minutes for the record.

WHEREAS, May 1-7, 2006, is Public Service Recognition Week; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections has over 4,600 employees who dedicate themselves to providing countless hours of essential services to the citizens of the state of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, these employees provide these services with the highest degree of professionalism, proficiency, honor, and dedication and are committed to fulfilling the Department of Corrections mission of "Protecting the Public, the Employees, and the Offenders," 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, this dedication and commitment to serve and the value of the services provided is worthy of the highest form of recognition and commendation:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Board of Corrections does hereby announce and proclaim to all its recognition of the employees of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections for the essential services they perform on a daily basis.

ADOPTED this 27th day of April 2006.

Chairman Rainey entertained a motion for approval. Mr. Henneke moved to approve with a second by Ms. Young. Results of roll call: Mr. Godlove, yes; Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. Luttrull, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; Mr. Ware, yes; and Ms. Young, yes.

XIII. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

National Volunteer Week

Coordinator of Religious and Volunteer Services Leo Brown commended the vital contributions made by DOC volunteers. He asked a small group of volunteers to be present today to represent the volunteers as the Board considers the resolution. He then recognized the following volunteers and asked that they introduce themselves and share what volunteer program they work with and the facilities they serve: Bob Rubin, Reverend Norman Barber, Bud Tibbles, Don Duncan, Cindy Scott, and Dina Hopkins. Mr. Brown read the resolution for National Volunteer Week. Chairman Rainey thanked the volunteers for their tireless efforts.

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections employs 157 nurses across the state who work tirelessly, 365 days per year to provide professional nursing services to our inmates; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated staff are called to provide nursing care to an underserved and challenging population, and respond to that calling selflessly; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of healthcare for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality services provided by nurses will be an ever more important component of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections health care delivery system in the future; and

***WHEREAS**, the week of May 6-12 has been declared National Nurses Week, with the theme "Nurses: Strength, Commitment, Compassion" in celebration of the importance of nurses in the lives of all U.S. citizens;*

***BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that we, the Oklahoma Board of Corrections, ask that all Oklahomans join us in honoring the strength, commitment, and compassion of the nursing staff of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we, the Oklahoma Board of Corrections, affirm our appreciation for the accomplishments and efforts of our nursing staff to improve the lives of the offenders under their care.*

***ADOPTED** this 27th day of April 2006.*

Mr. Logan made the motion to approve the resolution with a second by Ms. Young. Results of roll call: Mr. Godlove, yes; Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. Luttrull, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; Mr. Ware, yes; and Ms. Young, yes.

XIV. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

Nurses Appreciation Week

Dr. Jackson commended the hard work displayed by DOC nurses and read the resolution for Nurses Appreciation Week.

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XV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Committee - Mr. Ware referenced the DOC monitored tracking bills list and identified a number of bills in need of attention. He reported 109 bills had been granted conference committee status. May 19th is the deadline for filing all conference committee reports, except for appropriations measures.

Executive Committee - Mr. Luttrull reported that the Hillside kitchen project was tied up in government red tape. The department is having difficulty with Risk Management with regard to roof repairs from the Hillside kitchen fire.

The CWCCC project was delayed because of federal funds and design issues. DOC has received permission to proceed. May 13th is the start date.

Director Jones and Dr. Cline attended a meeting in Washington D.C. with Senator Coburn to discuss the Second Chance Act and other issues relative to health care, mental health, and drug treatment.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion on whether to conduct the next Board meeting at the Capitol or in the field. The Executive Committee will get together via conference call and decide the location of the next meeting.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director announced that Reba Dunnam had started taking annual leave toward her retirement in July and announced that Anetta Bullock was taking her place. Ms. Bullock has 17 years of DOC experience.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Rainey sought a motion to adjourn. Mr. Logan made the motion followed with a second by Mr. Henneke. Results of roll call: Mr. Godlove, yes; Mr. Henneke, yes; Mr. Logan, yes; Mr. Luttrull, yes; Mr. Rainey, yes; Mr. Ware, yes; and Ms. Young, yes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

I hereby certify that these minutes were duly approved by the Board on this 19th day of May, 2006, in which a quorum was present and voting.

Approved by:

Secretary of the Board

Date: May 19, 2006

Submitted by: _____
Minutes Clerk