



BOARD OF CORRECTION
"Protecting Idaho through Safety, Accountability,
Partnerships And Opportunities for Offender Change"

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Board of Correction Meeting Minutes

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM MT

**Idaho Dept of Correction / Board Room
1299 N. Orchard St., Suite 110, Boise ID. 83706**

Attendees:

Robin Sandy – Chairman	Chris Goetz – Sheriff, Clearwater County
Jay Nielsen – Secretary	Ryan Smith – Mayor, City of Orofino
Brent D. Reinke – Director	Howard Weeks – Fire Chief, Clearwater/Potlatch
Lindsey Young – Administrative Assistant	Shane Evans—Deputy Division Chief
Teresa Jones – Admin. Support Mgr.	Tony Meatte – Division Chief, Management Svcs.
Paul Panther – Deputy Attorney General	Kevin Kempf – Division Chief, Community. Corr.
Jeff Ray – PIO	Sharon Lamm – Deputy Division Chief
Judi Gregory – Director, Human Resources	Greg Sali – IDOC
Pam Sonnen – Division Chief, Prisons	Andrea Evans – CCA
Don Ebert – Clearwater County Commissioner	Jim Loucks, OPS Investigator
Josh Tewalt – Division of Financial Management	Terema Carlin – ICIO Warden
Vaughn Killeen – Director, Idaho Sheriff's Assoc.	Don Prado - CCA
Jayne Wittmeyer - Intermountain Forest Assoc.	Henry Atencio - Deputy Division Chief
Sharon Burke – Idaho Association of Counties	

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. MT by Chairman Robin Sandy.

Consent Agenda

Board of Correction Meeting Minutes Approval – March 6, 2009

Presented by Administrative Assistant Lindsey Young for the Board of Correction

SECRETARY JAY NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 6th, 2009 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Regular Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Orofino RFI Information

- ◆ Teresa Jones and Paul Panther presented the RFI Orofino letter of impact that outlines logistical, legal and community concerns.
- ◆ The floor was opened up for comments. A summary of comments made are as follows:

- ◆ **Christ Goetz, Orofino County Sheriff** - This RFI greatly impacts the city, county, and much of north Idaho. The search and rescue team needs the available prison work crews to do projects such as time-intensive grid searches, sandbagging and community clean up. The prison enhances public safety with their fire crews which reduce acres burned; their extra help is a huge benefit. The good stable jobs that ICIO provides are appreciated. Prison crews have been putting up address signs for the 911 emergency system. There was no funding for this, but they made it possible. The financial impact of housing inmates at the county jail has a direct impact to the sheriff's office. An increased crime rate would put a burden on system. The RFI system has opened up communication and we are working to improve systems.
- ◆ **Howard Weeks, Chief Fire Warden, Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protective Association** – We have over 1 million acres to protect in our district. We've had 14 years of experience with prison fire crews who have assisted in state and federal fire protection. 24/7 these crews are available, which really enhances the initial attack and response to protect forest resources in Idaho. We are concerned to see this program continue.
- ◆ **Don Ebert, Clearwater County Commissioner** – I recently toured prison, was impressed by the cleanliness, it was spotless. I met with individuals who were in a rehab program which was about respect and responsibility. I'm not sure that we would get this level of care with privatization. We can't ask you not to save money, but please look at the entire financial impact on the area. ICIO is an integral part of what we do now. Please consider the unintended consequences, which will far out measure what will be saved. Please consider the county interests.
- ◆ **Ryan Scott, Mayor, City of Orofino** – I took the ICIO tour and was thoroughly impressed. The No Growth initiative is very noble. The inmates that we saw on the tour were proud and they had good relations with the guards and administration. The schooling and education is outstanding. These things will keep the No Growth initiative alive. Education and learning job skills is invaluable. The RFI has a huge financial impact, but the biggest concern is what it will do to the inmates.
- ◆ **Sharon Burke, Idaho Association of Counties** – Please recognize the importance of the county partnership. The criminal justice system is a partnership; all jurisdictions work together. We would like to continue to be invited to the table for these kinds of discussions.
- ◆ **Jane Whitmeyer, Intermountain Forest Association** – A lot of our resources are protected by fire suppression programs. The ICIO firefighting program is an integral part of fire protection in the area. Our forests are a billion dollar asset, and the ICIO fire crews are strong, fast and well trained. Please keep in mind the different parts that come together in the community. The crews are available 24/7, which is not always true of other teams.
- ◆ **Vaughn Killeen, Director, Idaho Sheriff's Association** – From the sheriffs' perspective, we think that Idaho is diluted by privatization. Recidivism numbers are behind what they should be. Sometimes the best deal can be the worst deal in the long term. We would like to continue working on long term strategies, such as the Regional Offender Management Center, and work together to design programs and plans to solve problems and issues. Private prisons are in business for one reason and one reason only, to make a profit.
- ◆ **Brent Reinke, Director, IDOC** – No Growth is about recidivism, treatment, and working together as a system. Thank you for being here today. We are here in this process, to engage the community early in the discussion, in the development phase of the RFI. We are trying to value the relationships that we have.

- ◆ **Robin Sandy, Chair, Board of Correction** – Thank you for coming and expressing your concerns. Your legislators have also talked to us about this. We are trying to make good decisions for all of the citizens of Idaho. We will let you know everything that is going on.

III. Leadership Team Update

◆ **Division of Prisons – Chief Pam Sonnen**

- ◆ By the end of July we will have a shift commander certification training program.
- ◆ Budget meetings - Every institution is right on track, the only concern is emergency spending.
- ◆ 130 inmates are coming back to Idaho, 188 inmates will remain in Oklahoma. They will be brought back by August after the ICC beds are opened.
- ◆ Right now, there around 480 in county jails and we'll take that down to 305. No matter what our bed capacity, we'll always need the county jails for transition.

◆ **Division of Community Corrections – Chief Kevin Kempf**

- ◆ No Growth update: Violations are going down and treatment referrals are going up. This speaks to community safety and is a very good thing.
- ◆ Jobs for parolees are going amazingly well considering the current economy.
- ◆ Deputy Chief Henry Atencio updated the Board on the progress of the department's Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP).

◆ **Division of Management Services – Chief Tony Meatte**

- ◆ Briefing on possible scenarios to deal with impending cuts in the personnel budget.
- ◆ At the JLOC meeting there are a couple of projects which deal with the IDOC. Rep. Killen was looking at the probation and parole process and he wants to know why the population is going down. Systems operations and capacity is another area that they want to look at.

◆ **Division of Education and Treatment – Deputy Chief Shane Evans**

- ◆ We are in the later stages of the training for the Pathways for Success program.

The meeting adjourned and the group left to attend the Correctional Officer Graduation #23 at POST Academy in Meridian.

SECRETARY JAY NIELSEN MOTIONED TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION & LUNCH AT 12:15 PM. CHAIRMAN ROBIN SANDY SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Executive Session began at 12:15 p.m.

1. *I.C. 67-2345(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the Idaho Department of Corrections to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.*
2. *I.C. 67-2345(1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student.*

SECRETARY JAY NIELSEN MOTIONED TO MOVED OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION & LUNCH AT 1:30 PM. CHAIRMAN ROBIN SANDY SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Division Chief's Reports continued

◆ **Division of HRS – Director Judi Gregory**

- ◆ Workforce plan update
- ◆ Training – update on training and development

- ◆ Turnover – update on turnover rates by various data aspects.
- ◆ **Director’s Office – Administrative Support Manager Teresa Jones**
 - ◆ Update on the legislative session.
 - ◆ There are new open meeting laws which must be followed.
 - ◆ We are tracking this year’s and next year’s anticipated legislation.

IV. Public Information Office Briefing

- ◆ Receiving calls regarding offender Faith Kincaid, the walk-away from EBCWC.
- ◆ The sentry dog article received so much attention that we must decline further inquiries.

V. Director’s Report—presented by Director Brent Reinke

- ◆ Provided the board with the county brief sheet and updated them on anticipated issues related to the county bed population numbers later this year.
- ◆ Update on the No Growth Initiative and including inmate population numbers and keeping the right inmates in the right beds without jeopardizing safety.
- ◆ Governor Otter would like the board’s recommendations on the Orofino RFI.

The Board discussed the Orofino RFI Letter of Impact. They would like to table the RFI considering the present economic conditions and the legal and political implications.

CHAIRMAN ROBIN SANDY MOTIONED TO RECOMMEND TABLING PUTTING OUT THE RFI FOR THREE REASONS 1. GIVEN THE PRESENT SUCCESS OF THE NO GROWTH INITIATIVE OF IDOC. 2. AWAITING MORE SPECIFIC ECONOMIC INFORMATION IN THE NEXT NINE MONTHS. 3. TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR’S LEGAL COUNCIL TO REVIEW THE LEGAL ISSUES THAT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO OVERCOME UNDER THE PRESENT LAW. GIVEN THIS INFORMATION AT THIS TIME, THAT IS OUR RECOMMENDATION. SECRETARY JAY NIELSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Chair Sandy will deliver the Board of Correction’s Letter of Impact to Governor Otter next week.

VI. Next Board Meeting Date, Time and Location Confirmation

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD JUNE 12.

VII. Final Board Discussion

VIII. Adjournment

SECRETARY JAY NIELSEN MOVED TO ADJOURN – 2:38 PM. CHAIRMAN ROBIN SANDY SECONDED THE MOTION. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:38 PM MT.

Submitted by:

Lindsey Young, Administrative Assistant

Date

Approved by:

Robin Sandy, Chairman

Date