

SENATE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
February 8, 1961

Meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, Senator Smith, with all members present except Senator Lauterbach and Senator Farmer.

Senator Hulst moved that a deficiency appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 to repair damage caused by fire at the State School for the Deaf be introduced as a Ways and Means Committee bill, and be emergencied up for immediate action. Motion seconded by Senator Glades. Motion carried.

Colonel Rexroad, Director of Penal Institutions, appeared before the committee. He stated that prisons, without a diagnosis of the individual, cannot provide treatment with much value. He also said they had made a study of an interstate agreement for confinement of women at Senator Lauterbach's request. These two points, however, would be discussed at a later meeting, and he would give the full time today for representatives who had come in from out of town.

Col. John Munns, Superintendent of the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, went over the budget as submitted, and as recommended in the Governor's Budget Report. Mr. Munns stated that the operating budget as recommended by the governor is satisfactory. However, he felt that too many of the Capital Improvements requested had been deleted.

Col. Munns feels that a new gymnasium should be #1 on the priority list after the construction of a new boiler and engine room power plant. #2 on the priority list should be a new school building and equipment. The locking devices in #3 Cell House are important, but Col. Munns said he would prefer to have the aforementioned Capital Improvements before the locking devices, and said these would be placed #9 on the priority list as far as he was concerned.

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Col. Munns /that a Superintendent's Residence, funds for remodeling drill hall for a pre-release unit and remodeling the second floor were badly needed also. These three related projects are estimated to cost \$36,153, however the Governor recommended \$6,000.00.

Senator Sanborn asked if the old gymnasium would be put to some use if a new one were built. Col. Munns said this would be used as the auditorium.

Miss Daisy Sharp, Superintendent of the Industrial Farm for Women appeared before the committee. She stated that she was very well satisfied with the budget as recommended by the governor. However, the governor's budget recommends three less persons in the maintenance area in the womens farm, and adding to additional maintenance members at the prison at Lansing.

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Miss Sharp stated that the three maintenance men are presently being used to relieve the guards during their time off duty. Therefore, she felt they should have another guard to provide relief for those on duty if the three maintenance men are cut out.

Senator Sanborn inquired about the locking devices for which \$16,000 was appropriated. Miss Sharp stated that they felt these should not be installed until final disposition is made of the facilities. Senator Warren questioned the need for the locking devices since the buildings are supposed to be fireproof. Miss Sharp stated that although the buildings are fireproof, there are still ~~xxx~~ things subject to fire, such as bedding, floors, etc.

Miss Sharp concluded with the statement that she felt a maintenance engineer was justified if the state is going to operate the institution, and, also, that she realizes there is expense attached to the operation, however, she could not see where the expense would be cut out if the women were housed in some other state.

Warden Tracy A. Hand, Kansas State Penitentiary, went over the budget for that institution. He stated that there are 1765 men in this institution today, and they are expecting to have 1800 by the middle of March, thus emphasizing the rapid growth in the number of prisoners being cared for. According to a survey, the actual capacity planned for when the institution was built was 1148 - however, by putting two men in a cell all the way through, and using beds in all available space, the total capacity possible would be 1925. Therefore, the total capacity will be reached, and they hope for some relief by transfers to minimum security institutions.

Warden Hand was concerned about the difference in the requested amount and the governor's recommendations for supplies (including mattresses, blankets, replacement of equipment in kitchen and hospitals), maintenance materials, and food. Senator Hults stated that the difference seemed to be that their request was based upon the care of 1800 men, and the governor's recommendations were based upon the care of 1700 men. Therefore, he asked if the increase was as large as they anticipate, whether or not an additional appropriation could not be made during the Budget Session of 1962 in order to take care of any deficiency. Warden Hand agreed that this would be satisfactory.

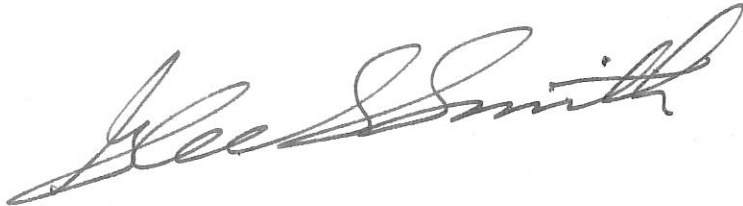
Warden Hand also stated that a Segregation and Isolation Building is badly needed, but he doubted this could be built this year, so they would not press this point. However, there is an immediate need for an elevator in the service building so they can get to the fourth floor for administrative offices. Senator Doty inquired how much added space this would make available. Warden Hand said this had not been measured, however, it was the whole fourth floor.

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Senator John Murray appeared before the committee with a plat and the recommendation that the block immediately east of ^{the} prison containing 8 houses, and 1/2 block north of the prison containing two additional houses should be acquired by the state for security reasons. Also, this would make room for industries, etc. later.

He submitted estimates to the committee on the acquisition, cost of removal and leveling and filling of the property, also including the estimated cost of a security fence. These estimates were as follows: Appraised value of properties \$60,710; estimate for cost of removal \$25,000, estimated cost of leveling and filling \$6,000, estimated cost of a security fence \$36,000; making a total of \$127,750.

Meeting adjourned.



Glee S. Smith, Vice-Chairman,
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