

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CORRECTIONS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE.

The committee went on tour of the Topeka Correctional Facility at 12:30 pm on January 22, 2004.

Chairperson Loyd welcomed the members and guest on the tour.

The tour was met by Secretary Roger Werholtz and Warden Richard Koerner. This facility is the only female facility in the state. The tour included the member going through I-cell block and J-cell block. I-cell block is for maximum security inmates and houses 110 females. J-cell block is a medium to minimum security and houses 176 inmates. There is also a relatively new program called Therapeutic Community and is set up for a maximum of 24 women and is a 12 month program before release to get adjusted to life outside of containment.

The members returned to the statehouse around 3:00 pm.