

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:40 A.M. on January 31, 2007, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reagan Cussimano, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Steve Martino, Executive Director, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission
John McElroy, Executive Director, Kansas State Gaming Commission
Ed VanPetten, Executive Director, Kansas Lottery
Stuart Little, Kansas Community Corrections Assembly
Annie Grevas, 22nd Judicial District
Keith Clark, Franklin County Community Corrections
Antonio Booker, Johnson County Department of Corrections, Interim Director of Adult Services
Michael Kearns, Chairman, Riley County Board of Commissioners
Clancy Holeman, County Counselor, Riley County
Mark Masterson, Corrections Director, Sedgwick County

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introduction

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to introduce a conceptual bill concerning mandating ethanol use in fuel. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman welcomed the following conferees who gave overviews of various state agencies:

Steve Martino, Executive Director, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission (Attachment 1). Mr. Martino explained that there are pressures on the agency. Information was presented in detail regarding parimutuel handle, the FY 2007 and FY 2008 budget receipts and expenditures.

John McElroy, Executive Director, Kansas State Gaming Agency (Attachment 2). Mr. McElroy mentioned that the agency uses no tax dollars and the agency begins each year with a zero balance. He noted that the agency is entirely funded by contributions from the four recognized Kansas tribes.

Ed Van Petten, Executive Director, Kansas Lottery (Attachment 3). Mr. Van Petten addressed legislative issues, sales, transfers, operations, partnerships, Veterans' benefit games, 20th Anniversary of sales of lottery tickets, new games in 2007 and current requests for proposals.

Staff presented an update on the Economic Development Initiatives Fund (EDIF) FY 2006 - FY 2008 (Attachment 4).

The Chairman welcomed the following conferees who addressed community corrections existing and recommended expansion of programs; reimbursement to counties:

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Staff briefed the Committee on Community Corrections Dollars in Millions, FY 2003 - FY 2008 and provided copies of KSA 75-52,111 ([Attachment 5](#)).

Stuart Little, Kansas Community Corrections Assembly ([Attachment 6](#)). Mr. Little distributed information regarding Community Corrections Programs in Kansas ([Attachment 7](#)). He addressed the public safety issue of adult and juvenile community correction. It was noted that for years, both adult and juvenile community corrections agencies have continued to perform the important public safety role as they are statutorily charged with little or no new funding. They requested that the Committee add the funding requests as a needed contribution to ensuring the critical part of the public safety system.

Annie Grevas, on behalf of the 28th Judicial District Community Corrections and President, Kansas Community Association (KCCA) ([Attachment 8](#)). Ms. Grevas urged funding of the \$2.6 million requested in the Kansas Department of Corrections budget that the Governor did not recommend. She noted that this funding would buffer some of the years of funding cuts to allow community corrections to support public safety and work toward increasing successful completions.

Keith Clark, Franklin County Community Corrections ([Attachment 9](#)). Mr. Clark addressed the ramifications of flat funding. Also, he noted other concerns regarding increased administration requirements to ensure compliance, inability to provide staff training and development, and inability to pursue collaborative efforts with local stakeholders.

Antonio Booker, Johnson County Department of Corrections, Interim Director of Adult Services ([Attachment 10](#)). Mr. Booker addressed the needs of offenders and funding is a vital key in providing quality, cost-effective correctional services. He noted that by providing these services, they can get closer to achieving goals of enhancing public safety and developing productive citizens.

Michael Kearns, Chairman, Riley County Board of Commissioners ([Attachment 11](#)). Mr. Kearns provided information regarding ramifications of the Kansas Department of Corrections's long-term under funding of Riley County Community Corrections. He noted that the net results of the funding cuts have been to reduce the acceptable level of supervision of convicted felons and put the public safety in jeopardy. In closing Mr. Kearns mentioned that the untenable funding crises for Community Corrections created by the Kansas Department of Corrections left Riley County no other option to file a lawsuit to obtain adequate funding.

Clancy Holeman, County Counselor, Riley County, Kansas ([Attachment 12](#)). Mr. Holeman addressed the Kansas Department of Corrections unauthorized deviation from the statutory methodology for fiscal years 2000 through 2007 and Riley County Community Corrections has been underfunded.

Written testimony was submitted by Mark Masterson, Corrections Director, Sedgwick County ([Attachment 13](#)).

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2007.