

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
Called Meeting Held On October 30, 2009
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT IN BOARD ROOM:

Mr. Robert Jones, Chairman
Ms. Rose Williams
Mr. Justin Wiedeman

MEMBERS VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE:

Mr. Bill Acuff
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Sheriff Roger Garrison
Chief George Potter
Mr. Carl Franklin
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. Tommy Rouse
Sheriff Cecil Nobles
Sheriff Carlton Powell

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE and DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
REPRESENTATIVES:**

Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Assistant Commissioner Derrick Schofield
Ms. Laura Jones, Board Liaison

Chairman Robert E. Jones called to order the called meeting of the Board of Corrections. Chairman Jones requested a roll call to make sure there was a quorum. Chairman Jones stated he was in the Board Room with Ms. Rose Williams and Mr. Justin Wiedeman, along with Assistant Commissioner Derrick Schofield; also, Mr. Joe Drolet, who is from the Attorney General's office. There were nine Board members connected by conference call. Chairman Jones then asked Mr. Larry Latimer, connected by conference call, to explain what the Bond Resolution is about and to give a rundown of how this came about.

Mr. Larry Latimer began with explaining why this meeting was held to approve the Bond Resolution. Mr. Latimer explained that the September numbers were not very good, and, one of the things that the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) did was call upon the Georgia Department of Corrections to go ahead and put into this early bond sale. The sale will occur on November 5th. Mr. Latimer explained that the balance of all Department of Corrections' bond requests would give OPB some flexibility of how to handle early execution of some bond projects in the hopes that by using bonds, this will parlay off the use of cash funds. The Department of Corrections is complying with OPB's request, more specifically because of the timing of the bond, the Department of Corrections is required to go ahead and hold this called meeting by telephone prior to next week's scheduled Board meeting. Mr. Latimer explained that today's meeting is to approve the balance of the bonds. The bonds are \$12.5 million. Five million (\$5 million) is for central repair funds; \$2.5 million for minor construction funds; and \$5 million for security enhancement projects. This will authorize by the resolution so that Georgia Finance and Investment Commission can sell the bonds in the initial bond sale.

Chairman Jones asked for a brief explanation of this bond process. Mr. Larry Latimer explained that the financing of the Department of Corrections happens in two ways; by allocated cash dollars and the capital dollars, which are used to build facilities or maintain existing facilities or modify them. Mr. Latimer stated the capital dollars are the only thing to talk about today. These capital dollars are given to Department of Corrections in the form of bonds, which are sold to the market as general obligation bonds. These bonds then allow the Department to make major improvements or renovations or enhancements to the physical system. Of these three, in particular, central repair is a reserve fund that allows the Department to take care of unexpected issues that will occur in the way of major repairs. Mr. Latimer stated the Department has \$2.5 billion worth of infrastructure, or 13 million square feet, to take care of. Even with good planning, things come up unexpectedly that have to be taken care of. Mr. Latimer stated minor construction allows the Department to do small renovation projects that help accomplish the mission and minor construction dollars are being earmarked for those kinds of projects. Those do not justify a line item in the budget but allows the Department to grow in the efficiency of its operation. Mr. Latimer explained that security enhancements are specific projects that take into account some specific security need. In this case, one of the biggest needs that the Department is addressing is replacement of security locks and security sliding door operators that have failed over time.

Chairman Jones asked Board Attorney Joe Drolet if these bonds have already passed and approved by the legislature and signed by the Governor. Mr. Drolet responded that all is needed is the approval of this Board and to move forward.

Chairman Jones asked for a motion. Ms. Rose Williams made the motion that these bonds be approved and signed off by the Board, which was seconded by Mr. Justin Wiedeman. Chairman Jones asked a roll call be done on the vote so there is never an issue about proper approval of the bonds. Approval of the motion was given by Mr. Carl Franklin, Mr. John Mayes, Sheriff Cecil

Nobles, Sheriff Carlton Powell, Mr. Bill Acuff, Mr. Wayne Dasher, Chief George Potter, Sheriff Roger Garrison, and Mr. Tommy Rouse. Chairman Rob Jones stated the motion is carried.

Chairman Jones stated that original signatures are needed on the resolution. He stated that normally Mr. Jim Whitehead, Secretary of the Board, would sign; however, Mr. Wiedeman is available to sign the resolution. Ms. Rose Williams made a motion that Mr. Justin Wiedmen be allowed to sign in this case, which was seconded by Mr. John Mayes, and voted approval by the Board members. Chairman Rob Jones stated the motion carries.

Chairman Jones thanked the Board members for their time and he looks forward to seeing everyone next week. He apologized for his ambiguous request at the last meeting. But it will be helpful for everyone to provide their input and expertise about what the Department needs to focus on. Next week's meeting will be an unusual meeting but Chairman Jones stated the Board needs to figure out a way to convey to the Department the concerns the Board has and to emphasize areas of focus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Robert E. Jones, Chairman

James L. Whitehead, Sr., Secretary

Laura Jones, Board Liaison