

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

February 2, 2012

Atlanta, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Tommy M. Rouse, Chairman
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl Franklin
Sherriff Roger Garrison
Mr. Bruce Hudson
Mr. John Mayes
Chief George Potter
Sheriff Carlton Powell
Mr. Kevin Tanner
Dr. Henrie Treadwell
Mr. Roger Waldrop
Mr. Justin Wiedeman
Ms. Rose Williams
Mr. Jerry Willis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Jim Whitehead, Sr.

CONFERENCE CALL:

Mr. Bill Acuff
Mr. Ashley Paulk, Jr.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Brian Owens, Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Stan Hall, Director of Engineering & Construction
Ms. Becky East, Director of Administration Division
Mr. Danny Horne, Chaplain
Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel
Ms. Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison
Mr. John Laurence, Investigations Unit
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Executive Assistant
Mr. Ricky Myrick, Investigations Unit
Mr. Keith Nash, Investigations Unit
Mr. Randy Tillman, Facilities Division Director

VISITORS:

Mr. Tom Barron, Columbus Consolidated Government
Ms. Kathryn Hamoudah, Southern Center for Human Rights
Mr. Dwight Hamrick, Muscogee County Warden
Mr. Trent Patrick, Honeywell Building Solutions
Mr. William Phelps, Captain, Perry Police Department
Mr. Lionel Silverman, Honeywell Building Solutions
Mr. Christopher Thibodeau, Massey Bowers & Hembree
Mr. David Pratt, Southern Strategy Group
Mr. Jim Lee Scott, Citizen
Mr. Thomas Worthy, Governor's Office

Chairman Tommy M. Rouse called the February meeting of the Board of Corrections to order at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison Simone Juhmi-Green recorded the minutes. Chairman Tommy M. Rouse welcomed all visitors and staff to the Board of Corrections, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed to business.

Chairman Tommy M. Rouse confirmed that Mr. Bill Acuff and Mr. Ashley Paulk, Jr. were connected by conference call.

Chairman Tommy M. Rouse presented to the Board the February Agenda for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Roger Garrison and was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Chairman Tommy M. Rouse presented to the Board the January Minutes for approval. Mr. John Mayes made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Kevin Tanner, and the Minutes were voted approved by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Brian Owens began his report by introducing Mr. Thomas Worthy of the Governor's Office. Mr. Worthy is the Policy Advisor on Criminal Justice issues and he plays a key role and is involved in all our policy, legislation, and in some budgetary issues. He is the Governor's representative directly to the Department of Corrections and other criminal justice agencies.

Commissioner Owens mentioned the passing of former Board members Sheriff Cecil Nobles and Mr. Charles Hudson, Sr. Commissioner Owens stated that Mr. Hudson was on the Corrections Board for twenty-four years and served a couple of terms as Chairman. We appreciated his contributions to the Board of Corrections. In addition, the brother of Chairman James E. Donald, of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles passed away last week. Commissioner Owens stated the Board should receive information on the funeral arrangements.

Commissioner Owens gave the Board a quick update on the Georgia General Assembly. We presented two weeks ago the Governor's recommendation for our Budget at the Joint Appropriations meeting. Then, we presented the Twelve Budget Amended Budget to the House last week. Plus, we just submitted the FY2012-2013 Budget recommendations to the Senate. It looks like the House has passed the Governor's Budget and it is pretty much in tack; there are a couple of details we are working on.

Commissioner Owens presented the Upcoming Events for February, March, and April 2012. Significantly mentioned, is the Grand Opening Ceremony of Grace Village Substance Abuse Treatment Center in Perry, Georgia. In addition, the Georgia Probation Association is having the Mid-Winter Conference on the 14th-16th of March 2012.

Commissioner Owens also reported on the total Jail Backlog count, which is at 2,574 to include 420 Probation waiting. The Sheriff's count is at 4,798. He explained that both the Jail Backlog and the Sheriff's counts are accurate but are calculated differently for different reasons. Commissioner then spoke briefly about the new GEO facility that opened which is helping with the backlog. On March 7th, Jenkins Correctional Center will be opening another 1,150 beds.

Commissioner Owens then asked Ms. Becky East, Administration Division Director, to give the opening remarks on the latest developments on our utility monitoring and energy uses.

Ms. Becky East discussed the Sub-metering Project, a project the Department has been working in partnership with Honeywell that would give the Department the ability to have real time information on electrical, water and gas consumption. What you are going to see is if we have a water main break or if we have a spike in some sort of utility usage, we can see that in real time. So, not only can a facility see that information but Central office and Engineering and Construction Services can also see this information.

Ms. East introduced Mr. Ron Silverman and Mr. Trent Patrick from Honeywell to give a more detailed presentation of this project. Mr. Silverman gave an overview of what type of meters Honeywell has installed and gave a demonstration on how the system actually works. The project was initiated through the Department of Energy grant through the "Stimulus" American Recovery and Reinvestment Act program to provide Utility Sub-Metering covering electrical, water, and gas for 28 state prisons. Mr. Silverman showed energy manager report diagrams depicting the system architecture for the Department's Utility Sub-metering Project. Also discussed was the scope and magnitude of the installation, which is one of the largest in the United States.

Mr. Trent Patrick explained the ultimate solution and reason for the Sub-metering Project, stating Honeywell energy managements' unique ability to take all of the data and transform it into information so the Department can make informed business decisions on how buildings are operating, but also to help make future investments choices regarding facilities. Mr. Patrick then spoke about behavior modification that may be required based on the data the Department receives back from Honeywell. He explained the Department will also have the opportunity to go back once you've made those improvements to see the real time data and how those savings are generated.

Lastly, Mr. Ron Silverman gave a live demonstration on how the sub-metering system operates by viewing energy uses for some of the Department facilities.

That concluded the Commissioner's report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Tommy M. Rouse began his report by asking for donations from the Board for the Scholarship Fund. The Board will provide a \$1000.00 scholarship to the Georgia Prison Warden's Association. The Board briefly spoke about the Georgia Prison Warden's Association Summer Conference and the Award Ceremony Banquet. The scholarship amount will be presented at the Award Ceremony on June 11, 2012.

Chairman Rouse asked for donations from the Board to contribute to the Board's Flower Fund. Also mentioned was a possible date of May 3rd for the Board to take a 2012 Board photo.

Chairman Rouse asked Mr. Wayne Dasher to assist with speaking about the details for the Board Workshop and Board meeting in March at Colquitt County. Mr. Dasher asked each member to refer to the packet that was placed in their notebook. A tentative itinerary for the workshop and meeting were discussed.

Chairman Tommy Rouse called for a report on Mr. Dwight Hamrick from Mr. Wayne Dasher, Chair of the Operations Committee. Mr. Wayne Dasher, along with Mr. Tommy Rouse, and Chief George Potter, as members of the Operations Committee, talked about the application of Mr. Dwight Hamrick for Warden of Muscogee County Prison. The members of the Committee are in agreement about the appointment of Mr. Hamrick to Warden. This morning Mr. Dasher held a Committee meeting and spoke with Mr. Hamrick. Mr. Dasher stated it is the recommendation from the Operations Committee for Mr. Hamrick to be approved as Warden of Muscogee County Prison. Chairman Rouse called for a vote from the full Board of Corrections, and the Board members voted approval.

Mr. Dasher reminded the Chairman that the Joint Board meeting is on April 12th in Glennville. The 25th Annual Law Enforcement Cookout will be that evening as well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Tommy M. Rouse, Chairman

Rose Williams, Secretary

Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison