

IOWA VERTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**September 11th, 2008
Meeting Minutes**

The Governor's Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee met at Iowa State Penitentiary in Ft. Madison, IA. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Call to Order, Introductions and Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Les Holland, Chair

Eve Palmer

Terry Slinde

Mary Krier

Dennis Bennett

Dan Prymek

Gary Benshoof

Others in attendance for all or a portion of the meeting included:

Mickel Edwards, Dept. of Corrections

Dean Ibsen, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise

Nick Smith, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise

Ray Walton, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise

Bobby Bailey, Dept. of Administrative Services, Directors Office (conference call)

Paul Carlson, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise

Christine Suckow, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise

Bill Sperfslage, Dept. of Corrections

Shawn Thompson, Dept. of Corrections

Rebecca Bowker, Dept. of Corrections

Randy Bengard, Dept. of Corrections and Dept. of Human Services, Clarinda Treatment Complex (Via conference call)

Kelly Glasgow, Dept. of Corrections and Dept. of Human Services, Clarinda Treatment Complex (Via conference call)

Max Cupp, Dept. of Human Services, Glenwood Resource Center (Via conference call)

Steve Howser, Dept. of Human Services, Glenwood Resource Center (Via conference call)

Karalyn Kuhns, Dept. of Human Services (Via conference call)

Kelly Brodie, Dept. of Human Services, Glenwood Resource Center (Via conference call)

Welcome and Introductions

Bill Sperfslage, Associate Warden of Iowa State Penitentiary, gave a brief introduction and welcome to the facility. He said that planning is beginning on construction of a new facility and the goal is to keep the existing facility operational. He said there are 550-600 offenders in the maximum security area, about 50% of those offenders are lifers. 185 offenders are housed in the medium security area and there are also 200 offenders in the mental health facility. He said that mental health facilities are generally new concepts in corrections.

Bill explained that prison farm 1 will be the future site for the new prison. A map was handed out that showed the location. The John Bennett Unit (JBU) as well as the hospital unit will remain open. The cellblocks, however, will be closed. Farm 1 is about a mile from the current prison. There will be some green options discussed with the new prison. Questions about utilizing methane and wind turbines have been raised. The population projections are expected to increase in the future. He said that he has presented the idea of using the old cell house as an old "retirement home" for lifers who really don't have

much of a security threat anymore. Director Baldwin has suggested that the buildings should not be utilized and Mickel Edwards suggested that money should be used to keep the buildings up and running.

Randy Stroud gave a PowerPoint presentation on projects at Ft. Madison that included: JBU Air Conditioning, Short Tunnel Cap, West Tunnel Cap, RRWA at Farm 3, Farm 3 Sewage, Phase 5 Electrical Upgrades.

Tour of facility

The tour began at approximately 11:00am.

Lunch

Reconvene

The Committee reconvened at approximately 12:34pm.

Questions and Comments from Committee Members

There were no questions or comments.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Dan Prymek moved to approve the meeting minutes. Eve seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Ongoing Issues/Staff Reports

Paul Carlson reviewed Department of Administrative Services projects that were completed and underway. He said that there are currently 176 projects consisting of \$150 million off complex. There are 23 projects on complex consisting of \$23 million on complex.

The 90 percent complete projects are mostly roofing and target date for completion is in December of 2008.

Les Holland asked what the total savings for all of the projects are combined. Dean Ibsen said that it's hard to determine because there is more than just major maintenance projects that would need to be factored in.

Mary Krier asked what 99% complete means. Paul Carlson said that this is when the project is all but closed out and all that remains are some punch list items. She said that the project sheets are invaluable and that they make the progress clear.

Major Maintenance Progress

Dean Ibsen said that major maintenance money won't be available until November or December, so the money is pending the sale of bonds. He explained that DAS has told agencies and project managers that \$19 million of current major maintenance has been allocated but not under contract so money could be moved around if necessary for projects that become more important for institutions. Dean said that roofing projects would be closing out in the coming months.

Les Holland asked about reshuffling – will we get more money? Dean explained that during the interim (now to December) money will be reallocated as necessary to cover more critical issues. Ray Walton said the bond sale may not happen until Spring due to the weaker bond market. Paul Carlson said projects that are "on hold" are there by request of the agencies, who need money for other projects.

Routine Maintenance Update

Dean Ibsen said that Routine Maintenance money has been transferred to some agencies, but not the Department of Corrections or Department of Human Services. He said that he has asked all agencies to let him know if they need money and some funds will be transferred to them. So far he said only DAS has asked for money. He said that only 1/3 of the \$3 million would be sent out.

Alternative Delivery Systems

No update besides what Paul Carlson already discussed.

Other Initiatives

No updates.

Staffing, Database, training

Kathy Shannon is leaving and Architectural and Engineering Services is holding off on filling the position due to the recent funding delays.

In March there will be a joint effort between Continuing Education and Engineering at Iowa State, the DOT and DAS to host a project management conference.

Consent Calendar

Five items were discussed:

1) Cherokee Mental Health 2) Independence 3) Lucas Emergency Sewer 4) IWD West Roof Replacement 5) Capitol Complex Parking Lots 20.

Dean Ibsen provided additional details on the parking lot project, which requires a combination of capital appropriated funds, routine maintenance funds and major maintenance funds. The low bid for this project exceeds the capital appropriated funds available and further delaying this project will cost more money, both in terms of winter maintenance of a major gravel parking lot and in terms of expected higher costs with a re-bid. DAS management has determined how to fund the project with major maintenance funds allocated to other DAS projects.

Les Holland asked the committee for a motion to vote on the list as a block. Gary Benshoof motioned to approve the items on the list as a block. Dan Prymek seconded. Motion passed.

Brain Storming Session

Bobby Bailey joined the conversation via conference call. He said that he would like to see a “champion” or “hero” for the Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee—someone that can really be an influence to legislators.

Ray Walton said he will work with IGOV to discuss this.

Dean Ibsen said staff had put together a list of possible news stories for projects underway around the state. He said that some of the projects don't have much human appeal.

The idea of a documentary was raised again. Mary Krier said that Dayton Duncan had done lots of fabulous documentaries in Iowa and might be willing to take another one on.

Terry Slinde said that the first priority is to make sure Governor Culver is on board.

Dan Prymek said that the third thing Governor Vilsack did when he came to office was write the executive order that set up the Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

Eve Palmer said that Governor Culver and his administration might not like it if the Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee approached Vilsack to be the champion without consulting them first.

The three main ideas of the brainstorming session were:

- 1) Notable person.
- 2) Ray Walton meeting with IGOV
- 3) Telling stories that have human appeal

Bobby Bailey said that he is going to try and get to Toledo to start understanding the story there better.

Terry Slinde suggested that the letters sent each month to legislators inviting them to the meetings may carry more weight if they are signed by the committee chair or the department director or if they are sent out by the Governor's office.

Other Business

Questions and Comments:

Ray Walton said that the department had a good meeting with the Department of Management discussing infrastructure funding requests for FY2010.

Upcoming meetings:

The Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee will meet next the Iowa Laboratory Facilities, Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny (moved to the Iowa Energy Center at DMACC, with a tour of the Labs facility) and the brainstorming discussion will be carried forward.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45.

Prepared by Nick Smith and Dean Ibsen

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