
FISCAL UPDATE Article

Fiscal Services Division

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING — OCTOBER 2025

Meeting. The Board of Corrections met virtually on October 10, 2025. Meeting materials and a recording of the meeting are available through the Department of Corrections (DOC) [website](#).

Director Update. Chief of Staff Paul Cornelius provided the following updates:

- A request for proposal (RFP) for services to enhance and support health services and health records systems was released on July 9, 2025, and closed on September 26, 2025. The Department of Administrative Services is scoring the submitted RFPs.
- Dawn Hansen was hired as the new Human Resources Director.
- The DOC had an informational booth at the Iowa State Fair focused on its apprenticeship programs.
- The employee recognition event took place in August.
- The Pretrial Probation Parole Supervision Week was held in July.
- A feedback forum was held on August 6, 2025.

Budget Update. Steve Dick, Financial Manager, provided a budget update. Fiscal year (FY) 2025 has closed, and all reporting has been submitted to the State. A total of \$750,000 was carried forward into FY 2026. The DOC reverted \$560,000. The departmentwide duties money for FY 2026 has been distributed. The DOC is moving forward with all major projects funded through the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) and Technology Reinvestment Fund (TRF). The DOC submitted a status quo General Fund budget request for FY 2027 in September. The DOC also submitted RIIF and TRF budget requests for FY 2027 for multiple projects.

Farmland. Bob Fairfax, Director of Iowa Prison Industries, gave an update on the listing of farmland for sale at Fort Madison and Mitchellville. The goal is to have the properties sold by the end of December 2025. Farmland at Anamosa is being assessed and is expected to be listed for sale next year.

Correction Education Presentation. Katrina Carter, Director of Programs and Reentry, gave a presentation on corrections education.

Public Comments. Members of the public expressed concerns about dental health services, medical services, overcrowding, educational services, the purpose of farmland sales, the death of Malga Yanga, and medical negligence. Board members expressed appreciation for the public comments.

Next Meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 2026.

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