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## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING — APRIL 2026

**Meeting.** The Board of Corrections met virtually on April 10, 2026. Meeting materials and a recording of the meeting are available through the Department of Corrections (DOC) [website](#).

**Director Update.** Director Beth Skinner provided the following updates:

- The Leadership Institute finished in January. The second cohort will start in June 2026.
- The DOC presented to the House Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee.
- Department of Corrections Day on the Hill was held on February 3.
- April 15 is the start of National Victims' Rights week.
- April 15 is the Build Your Future event at the Iowa State Fairgrounds.
- Marcy Stroud has been appointed as the Deputy Director of Institutional Operations.
- Joel McNulty has been appointed as the Deputy Director of Community-Based Corrections.
- Janie Mendez has been appointed as the warden of the Iowa State Penitentiary (ISP).

**Budget Update.** Steve Dick, Financial Manager, provided a budget update.

- Total revenues and expenditures, as of March, are as expected.
- Overall vacancies have been reduced over the past few months.
- The Clarinda kitchen has been completed and is operational.
- The project to upgrade cameras in several facilities is moving forward.

**Farmland.** Bob Fairfax, Director of Iowa Prison Industries, gave an update on recent transactions of farmland at Ft. Madison, Mitchellville, and an upcoming sale at Anamosa.

- Three of four tracts of land have sold at Ft. Madison for \$4.1 million.
- There is currently a pending sale for the fourth tract of land at Ft. Madison and one tract of land at Mitchellville.
- There are 10 tracts of land with approximately 1,300 acres at Anamosa appraised at approximately \$10.0 million. The projected sale completion date is January 1, 2027.

**Legislative Update and Administrative Rule Review.** Jen Rathje, Legislative Liaison, provided the administrative rule review and legislative update.

**Open Discussion by Board of Corrections.** Chief of Staff, Paul Cornelius, gave an update on the request for proposal (RFP) for corrections education. The RFP is still in process with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

**Next Meeting.** The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

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