

STATE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING – AUGUST 28, 2009

The Board of Corrections met August 28 at the Newton Correctional Facility. Warden Terry Mapes welcomed the Board and guests to the release center and provided a brief overview of programs available at the facility. The Board approved the appointment of Patti Wachtendorf as the warden of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women at Mitchellville. The position was vacant due to the promotion of Diann Wilder-Tomlinson to Deputy Director.

The Board received citizen input from Jim Noble regarding the recent transfer of lifers, those inmates serving a life sentence, from the minimum-security facility at Rockwell City to medium-security facilities throughout the prison system. Per Department of Corrections policy, lifers will no longer be held in minimum-security facilities.

Deputy Director Diann Wilder-Tomlinson presented the Susan M. Hunter Scholarship to James Anderson, whose father, Kris Anderson accepted in his absence.

Karen Muelhaupt, Vice Chair of the Board of Parole, presented information regarding the Board's gradual release requirement for high risk offenders. These offenders will need to be placed in lower security settings within the prison system before the Board will consider them for parole or work release.

Four of the Community-Based Corrections (CBC) District Departments and five of the Institutions provided an overview of their current activities and FY 2010 budget decisions. The Department plans to submit a status quo budget request for FY 2011.

The agenda and meeting minutes are available at:
<http://www.doc.state.ia.us/BoardofCorrections.asp>

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18 at the Central Office in Des Moines.

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