

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Schwartz at 8:05 A.M. on February 5, 2008, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Lee Tafanelli - excused
Representative Bill Feuerborn - excused
Representative Doug Gatewood - excused
Representative Pat George - excused
Representative Mitch Holmes - excused
Representative JoAnn Pottorff - excused
Representative Larry Powell - excused
Representative Tom Sawyer - excused
Representative Kevin Yoder - excused
Representative Jason Watkins - excused
Representative Jerry Williams - excused
Representative Kay Wolf - excused

Committee staff present:

Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department
Cody Gorges, Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Legislative Research Department
Shirley Jepson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Russell Jennings, Commissioner, Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA)
Dennis Casarona, Deputy Commission, Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA)

- Attachment 1 Layout of Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex

Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex

The House Appropriations Committee departed the Capitol Building at 8:15 a.m. to tour the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex and the Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility ([Attachment 1](#)). Russell Jennings, Commissioner and Dennis Casarona, Deputy Commissioner of the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority, welcomed the group and introduced staff. The group was given a tour of the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex and the Shawnee building on the Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility campus.

Mr. Jennings stated that one of the main buildings on the Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility campus will be renovated to provide space for the administrative offices of the Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA). Several of the other buildings are being used for industrial programs for the residents of the Complex. It is anticipated that at least two of the buildings will be razed. Several of the other buildings are being used for training facilities for correctional officers. Consideration is being given to renovating resident hall space to provide housing for trainees from other parts of the State or other juvenile correctional facilities while they are participating in training classes.

The group returned to the Capitol at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on February 6, 2008.

Sharon Schwartz, Chair