

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE OFFICES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Room 25 House Building
February 11, 2014**

Members Present: Sen. Daniel Thatcher, Co-Chair
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. Stuart C. Reid
Rep. Rich Cunningham
Rep. Richard Greenwood
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Curtis Oda
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig

Members Excused: Rep. Keven J. Stratton, House Vice Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes

Staff Present: Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Zackery King, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Jennifer Eyring, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Co-Chair Hutchings called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

2. EOCJ Agency Building Blocks Requests

Attorney General

Mr. Sean Reyes, Attorney General, discussed the funding request for additional staff in four areas: Criminal Appeals, Child Protection, Public Safety, and Government Records Access Management Act (GRAMA).

Mr. Brian Tarbet, Chief Civil Deputy, in response to questions from a previous meeting, explained costs incurred by counties in the appeals process and how the Attorney General's Office provides consistency and uniformity.

Mr. Reyes continued discussing funding requests for GRAMA, Child Protection, Identity Theft Reporting Information System (IRIS), Attorney compensation parity, and United Effort Plan (UEP) Trust Management.

Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ)

Rep. Lowry Snow provided background on the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission (JPEC) and added that Justice Courts have not yet been evaluated because of lack of funding.

Ms. Joanne Slotnik, Executive Director, JPEC, stated they are functioning at their limit with volunteers and a small staff. Requests were made for \$34,200 for Courtroom Observation and \$83,000 for Judicial Evaluation of Justice Courts.

Mr. Ron Gordon, Executive Director, CCJJ, explained the funding requests for Factual Innocence payments, including a one-time supplemental of \$114,200 as reimbursement for the first payment made, and \$456,600 one-time for the remaining payments over ten years. He also addressed the ongoing request of \$1,584,600 for the Crime Victim Reparation Fund.

Division of Juvenile Justice Services (JJS)

Ms. Susan Burke, Director, provided a handout "Division of Juvenile Justice Services - FY15 Requests" that outlines budget requests for Receiving Centers and Youth Services Programs and the Weber Valley Detention Center. It was emphasized that reallocation funding as proposed would be a reduction in their budget, and asked that those funds be restored.

Department of Corrections

Mr. Rollin Cook, Executive Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation "Utah Department of Corrections Budget Overview," which also highlighted the importance of their staff and the particular challenges they face.

Mr. Mike Haddon, Deputy Director, reviewed the following budget requests:

Inmate medical	\$500,000 One-time
Jail contracting growth	\$4,100,000 Ongoing
Recidivism reduction initiative	\$1,000,000 Ongoing
Jail contracting rate increase	\$1,000,000 Ongoing
Treatment programs/contract jails	\$430,000 Ongoing
Sex offender treatment expansion	\$425,000 One-time
Gunnison pod expansion	\$12,000,000 Reallocation

County Sheriffs' Association

Mr. Jerry Jorgensen, Daggett County Sheriff, spoke about jail contracting rates compared to county costs, and requested those contracting rates be increased.

Mr. Leland Pollock, Garfield County Commissioner, stated the Counties and Department of Corrections have a good partnership.

3. Requests for Appropriations

Sen. Lyle Hillyard spoke about the request of \$75,000 ongoing funds for Mental Health Courts.

Sen. Jerry Stevenson spoke about the request of \$9,000 ongoing funds for Youth Courts under the Attorney General's Office.

Rep. Patrice Arent spoke about the request of \$123,000 ongoing funds for H.B. 38 Resource Stewardship Amendments.

Rep. Michael Noel spoke about the request of \$500,000 one-time funds for Jail Contracting Programming.

Rep. Jeremy Peterson spoke about the request of \$250,000 one-time funds for RealVictory.

Sen. Luz Robles spoke about the request of \$170,000 ongoing funds for Parole Violator Center Beds.

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Co-Chair Thatcher moved to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2014 meeting. The motion passed with Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

4. Other Requests/Unfinished Business

MOTION: Co-Chair Thatcher moved to approve the "EOCJ Reallocations (stricken from ongoing and 1x lists)" page and to have those items stricken from the ongoing and one-time lists. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Cunningham moved to add \$100,000 for the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) robotics program in the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) to the ongoing funding list. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Cunningham moved to add \$1,000,000 for Utah Highway Patrol compensation in the Department of Public Safety to the one-time list. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

MOTION: Co-Chair Thatcher moved to add \$100,000 for the DARE program and \$200,000 for the Dixie College Crime Lab to the one-time list. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

5. Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Reid moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

Co-Chair Hutchings adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Co-Chair

Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair