

**Department of Corrections  
Prison Issues Board  
Cascade County Regional Detention Center  
Great Falls, MT  
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Roll Call, DOC Director Mike Ferriter, Patrick Smith – Chairman of the Board, MSP/Warden Mike Mahoney, MWP/Warden Jo Acton, CCRDCF/Captain Dan O’Fallon, DCCF/Warden Tom Green, CCC/Warden Martin Frink, MCE/Administrator Gayle Lambert

There is a quorum present.

“In accordance with Montana Code Annotated Section 2-3-103(1), the Board will hold a public comment period. Please note that this open forum period for comment is the public’s opportunity to address the Board on any topic that is within the purview of the Board. While the Board may or may not take action on the issues presented, the Board will listen to comments, may respond to questions, may ask that particular questions, or comments be submitted in writing, and may ask that the issue be placed on a subsequent agenda for possible discussion by the Board. The Chairman of the Board will determine the amount of time allotted for public comment.”

“Pursuant to Montana Law, the Chairman may decide to hold a meeting or part of a meeting in executive session due to interests of individual privacy, or individual or public safety or security of public facilities, including jails, correctional facilities, private correctional facilities, and prisons, if disclosure of the information may jeopardize the safety of facility personnel, the public, or inmates of a facility.”

The minutes from the last meeting were offered to be approved. There were some minor changes to the MWP section of Roundtable Discussion. Warden Mahoney moved to pass the amended minutes. Gayle Lambert seconded the motion.

Welcome and introductions

In addition to the above people, the following were present;  
Deputy Warden Ross Swanson – MSP, Deputy Warden Bob Paul – MWP, Louis Peterson, Roger Handa, John Weaver, Jerry Johnson, Tim Wilkinson, Lena Havron, Kara Sperle, Gary Willems, Ira Eakin, Monty Warrington, Wayne Bye, Steve Grubb.

Legislative Updates – Director Ferriter

We are close to the end up the session. We will fall short of our budget. The session should have been over Friday, but they have taken some breaks so they extended the session. We went into session with only a couple of bills. We had the first bill of the session passed. This was about community corrections. We were able to pass the bill that explains how we expand our community correction programs. The Board of Pardons clarified their Administrative Rules. This bill also passed. Another bill we were paying attention to was the DUI Bill. This bill does not affect our felony DUI, which is the one that would affect our group. We do have two programs that deal with these offenders. They are in Glendive and at Warm Springs. Medical marijuana is still up in the air. There are about 10,000 people on probation/parole and about 800 of those have med marijuana cards. The Director anticipates the bill that will affect those will pass. Another bill that was interesting was to move the Board of Crime Control to the DOC. It is currently under the Department of Justice. This bill did not pass. HB2 is our budget bill. The DOC operates on a budget of 180 million dollars. This is a lot of money. A couple of our biggest issues were bed expansion. Missoula was converted to MASC years ago. We thought it might be time to convert this facility back to a secure care facility. This did not fly. We got 120 additional beds approved. We need beds for geriatric inmates. 100 traditional secure beds and 20 geriatric beds. We also wanted an expansion of community corrections. We manage 80 percent of our offenders in community corrections. We have been working very hard to establish a pre-release center in Kalispell. They are the third largest contributor to our system. We were not successful with getting this site. We believe we will get an additional 20 pre-release beds. We will just put these beds across our existing pre-release centers. We believe we will also get additional beds for our treatment/revocation facilities. In this proposal we have 54 community corrections programs and money for the parenting program at MWP.

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Some things we did not get money for. One is medical; we are 1 million short for this. We were also not successful with funding for Legal Prosecution Services, this is with Powell County. We did get an increase in our special needs money. This was for \$100,000 each year for offenders in our pre-release centers with special needs. MSP got their request for overtime money approved. We lost equipment at MSP. We were able to get one mental health technician.

Kara Sperle said we ended up 7.5 million a year short. We lost about 25 FTE's as a department. Another thing hanging out there is HB13, which is the pay plan bill. The Legislature has not supported this.

Patrick Smith said there were two other pieces of legislation - the death penalty and firearms. Both of these died. The Director said there was a movement to allow people to bring firearms to work in a vehicle, and we were not in favor of this. There were other interesting bills regarding the purchasing of silencers, and concealed weapon permits. All three bills were heard the same day. None of them were passed.

Ira Eakin said the DUI bill is aimed at misdemeanor DUI's. More and more of these offenders will be sentenced as persistent offenders and will become ours. Ira had a question about the Legal Prosecution Services. He prosecutes cases out of Pine Hills. In Custer County, there has been a push about prosecuting inmates for crimes committed in their facility. Powell County prosecutes escapes and crimes that happen at MSP.

Special needs – this budget will be expanded. Ira advised that funding special needs cases is an ongoing issue. DOC lawyers are currently defending a Human Rights Complaint filed by an inmate who claims he was discriminated against because of his physical condition. The inmate was screened and accepted to pre-release. He was sent to a pre-release center and claimed to be permanently disabled. When they found out he was totally disabled and on expensive medications, and there was no special needs funding available, he was returned to the prison. In this particular case, the inmate should never have been approved for prerelease because he still had 5 years to do and he had not been screened by medical. But, appropriately placed inmates with disabilities can benefit from the pre-release portion of the program, and if they have special needs, the special needs funding should be used for these individuals.

Warden Mahoney said these inmates have to do their part in the pre-release centers.

Director Ferriter said he attends a quarterly Population Management Meeting. They met yesterday. Our population on the male side is pretty flat now and we have only seen a 1% growth. We are seeing fewer admissions and a shorter length of stay. On the female side, there has been an 11% growth. There is a back-up in the county jails.

Patrick Smith said the county jail hold numbers for male inmates has dropped off in recent months.

Director Ferriter said we pay for the county jail hold for all males and female inmates. We pay the county jails and then nothing happens with these inmates while they wait to be moved.

#### Management Team Updates

We have eight divisions in the DOC. At the moment, we have two acting Administrators, one in youth services and one for medical (Cathy Redfern). They meet quarterly. Next week, they are meeting at MSP and this will coincide with the Communications Fair at MSP.

#### Division Updates – Warden Mike Mahoney

Last week we went to court over a very interesting case. We are being sued by a former inmate over sexual assault. This was about the classification process. We took this case to the Powell County Attorney and the inmate got additional time. The State prevailed and was determined that he was appropriately classified.

Another issue from last week was the inmate escape. An inmate made some bad choices and drove off with a ranch truck. The inmate and truck are still missing. We are getting a great deal of cooperation from the counties in locating this inmate.

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Deputy Warden Swanson said the big thing right now is the county jail hold. The numbers are really down now. We are continuing to see a great deal of gang activity.

Warden Mahoney said that in Montana, we have a minimum of ten identified gangs. We have somewhere in the neighborhood of 187 validated gang members in secure care. This is one of the biggest challenges we face as a Department. We are attempting to gear up our process of managing this group.

Since our last meeting, we have made a couple changes in policies. The RAC Policy - inmates now coming into the system must commit to us what their religious conviction is. This is reviewed every six months. This is significant because the inmates were picking us apart. At the RAC functions, they were changing denominations with every meeting. When 50 guys were going to sweat, we took a look at this. It was found they were meeting to discuss STG things. Another issue was the length of hair. We can do a forced haircut when someone has very long hair and there is a hygiene or security issue. We have only had one forced haircut so far.

The close custody program on the high side is going very well - the inmates going through the program are getting the message about following the rules.

Deputy Warden Swanson said a lot of the Close Custody Management Program (CCMP) MSP uses is from the Shelby's close custody program. When the program started in Shelby, there were 100 plus inmates in it, and now there are about 15. We have seen the same decrease in numbers at MSP.

The other group Warden Mahoney wanted to talk about is juveniles adjudicated as adults. This group will continue to be a challenge for us. We have one juvenile in court right now. He assaulted an officer at Pine Hills before coming to us. The people we work with at the ACLU have claimed this inmate is mentally ill. The chief psychiatrist at Warm Springs made a decision about this inmate and decided he should be sent back to MSP. We need to make sure to appropriately classify, identify and place inmates where they are classified to.

Deputy Warden Swanson spoke with Superintendent Ray, who was the former warden in Glendive, and he took a snapshot of 60 inmates and identified 40 of them as STG. This is a good relationship to keep up.

Next week is National Correctional Officers Week and the MSP Communication Fair.

#### Legal Issues and Updates – Ira Eakin

The first thing to take up is we have had a case pending for over a year challenging how the Prison Issues Board (PIB) handles meetings. The case was argued several months ago. We have not received a decision yet. Part of what the law requires is guidelines for meetings.

Ira's proposed guidelines are already being followed by the PIB. We are giving notice of Prison Issues Board meetings one week in advance. An agenda accompanies the notice on the DOC internet website. The agenda includes a list of topics to be discussed along with the names(s) of the person who will present the topic, and an item which allows for public comment within the purview of the PIB.

There was an escape from the pre-release center in Billings some time ago. There was a crash and both offenders were ejected from the vehicle. They each had about \$600,000 in medical bills before they were well enough to return to the prison. A portion of the bills will be paid for one of the inmates by private medical insurance.

Ira is continuing to work on the Riverstone contract. He has a draft ready to send back to Riverstone.

Steven Seals, who claims he is a Buddhist, was the inmate who had a forced haircut. His dreadlocks were very long. He claimed religious reasons for keeping his hair long. He has filed a couple amended religious claims. If they (inmates) are raising a legitimate sincere reason for their hair or diet, you should contact legal.

The "Guidelines for Meetings of the Prison Issues Board" were passed out and we will have a vote on the guidelines at our next meeting.

PREA updates – Billie Reich (via phone)

Billie was reviewing the last PIB minutes and she met with Dale Tunnell regarding PREA changes that he wanted to have put into place. The grievance coordinators will handle all the data and initial inquiries regarding PREA. All PREA related complaints will be filed through the grievance office. It was discussed that this would add consistency throughout MDOC. The plan that will be set into place once agreed upon will be that the grievance coordinator will handle the all PREA issues. However, facilities will still have all normal emergent procedures in place.

Deputy Warden Swanson said that one of the things Dale was looking at was that once the grievance coordinator looked at the complaint, they would call for additional help if needed such as the Command Post or the Investigators. This would only happen if the grievance coordinator felt there was need for additional investigation of an incident. If something happens and the grievance coordinator is not there, the Command Post could do the initial contact with the Inmate and determine whether emergent care need to be taken or if we can wait for the grievance coordinator. All reports of this contact would be forwarded to the Grievance department to track.

Billie said this was correct. It is not really any different than what MSP is doing right now. This process would help the Investigators so they are not burdened with non criminal issues. She has also spoke to Dale about doing investigative training. His staff is willing to do this so people know what to look for and ask about in terms of data collections and investigations. Billie is also going to be training all grievance personal on the change in process once it is finalized.

An important thing here is to designate who does this at each facility.

Deputy Warden Swanson said there have been numerous PREA complaints, but a lot of it is found to be inmates complaining to manipulate the system. When the PREA standards come out, we may have to re-group but until that happens this process seems the best way to have consistency.

This will be on our next agenda. We will have something in draft form sent to everyone from Billie. We will be able to look at this and discuss changes that need to be made.

Review of Major Purchase Protocols with IWF Money – Gary Willems  
Handout

Gary explained to the Board how the state deals with procurements. Any purchase the state makes, where the cost exceeds \$5000, is done with a bidding process. The first document Gary passed out was the MCA which talks about the application of expenditures of public funds irrespective of their source, by the state acting through a governing body under any contract, except a contract exempted from the chapter by this section or by another statute. All purchases are driven by the Montana Procurement Act. Gary talked about the process the state follows in the purchasing of items, including the use of IWF FUNDS. In the procurement policy, the total contract value is the entire potential monetary worth of the project from the beginning to completion, including the initial contract period and any options to renew.

MSP has a warehouse supervisor and handles their purchases under 25,000. Anything over this is sent to the State Procurement Bureau. We bid the television programming out for MSP and saved a substantial amount of money. We tried this at the women's prison and are going to send out again for a bid process.

Lena Havron asked how we pay for food sales and handouts. Most facilities do this several times a year. Does MSP have to bid that out?

MSP handles this through MCE, so they do not have to bid. Great Falls had a pizza day and the pizza was purchased from a private vendor. The purchase was well under the \$5000 threshold. Pat Smith said that as general guidelines, we should just make sure you call a couple places and keep your notes as to what you purchased and why you bought where you did. Gary said to just write your justification as part of the file. State agencies can contract with state agencies and there is no dollar amount limit.

Pat Smith said anything over \$2500 must be brought back to this group for approval.

Discussion on Correspondence & Publications – Deputy Warden Ross Swanson

Over the last number of years we have seen a lot of grievances related to magazines and books. We had a work group for this policy along with the attorneys and Contract Placement Bureau staff. One of the issues is the definition of nudity. The definition of what is legal mail is also an issue. A fairly big issue at MSP is things printed from the internet and being sent in. We have cleaned up this policy. There will be a preapproved list of magazines sold through the canteen. This would be reviewed annually or whatever the group decides. We could also relook at different magazines. We will send something out to the inmates in advance as to what we are doing and why and get comments.

Another issue is books being sent from the outside. We are looking at the process of ordering books. There is also a problem with the size of books being sent to the facility. The libraries also have some of these books, but the inmates do not own them.

Some staff are concerned about inmate legal paperwork. We are finding a lot of STG and nude pictures that are being found hidden with legal work.

The policy can save a lot of staff time, help out our mailroom and clean up the whole process. For the inmates, they will not get books or magazines that are paid for then disallowed. They will also be able to purchase a magazine and not have to buy a year subscription. We have looked at 10-15 other state's processes. This will all be done at the same time, and we are still a ways from it.

John Weaver has recently seen issues with CDs and lyrics. The inmates order a CD through MSP. The CDs are received at MSP and engraved, then sent to the inmates. The CDs are then disallowed and the inmate is out the money for the purchase.

Gayle Lambert said the RFP closed today for the MP3 kiosk program and this should take care of the problem. Pat Smith is on the RFP team, so the regional facilities are being represented. Roger Handa volunteered to be on the team from the Great Falls facility.

Discussion on Bulletin Boards in Cells – Deputy Warden Ross Swanson

There is an issue at the facilities of what inmates hang on their walls. Sometimes we see family pictures, sometimes we see offensive pictures. The discussion was to standardize what will be allowed on the bulletin boards. MSP does not have bulletin boards. Inmates have a 20"x20" section of wall. The section is for each inmate. DW Swanson was not sure what size the other facilities have.

Jerry Johnson said the other facilities do not have a standardized size. Jerry added the pictures need to be just on the section and not overhanging.

Warden Mahoney said the photos, especially if they are risqué, belong in albums. Director Ferriter said this could be a hostile work environment for our employees. Ira Eakin agreed this could be a hostile work environment.

Warden Acton said it is very important for women to hang pictures of their children. They do not have pedophiles and sex offenders at MWP right now. They have more problems with violent slogans being cut out of magazines and displayed. With women, there are not a lot of problems with pictures. There is a difference in what women look at and what men look at.

Ira Eakin said that in regards to parody, if you look at whether two classes of inmates are being treated the same, you have a compelling interest.

Pat Smith said this could be handled through housing rules. MWP could have their own housing rules regarding bulletin boards. DW Swanson said we can still say what can be posted on the boards and the size of the board.

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Warden Acton said there were programs on the cable that were offensive to the officers and they asked the inmates to change the channel. This has worked for them.

Pat Smith would like to have something drafted into procedure. DW Swanson would like to get comments from everyone and gather information first. Then they will draft a procedure up and send it out for review.

#### Roundtable Discussion

##### **Warden Tom Green – DCCF**

There have been some changes in personnel at the facility. Tom was named the warden in Glendive four weeks ago. He has been the acting warden for some time now. Ron Nodland is officially the deputy warden.

##### **Warden Mike Mahoney - MSP**

There is still a lot of construction going on at MSP. The Security Support Building just opened. By the time the construction is done, the two oldest structures on the campus will be the most energy efficient. The low support building should be done in July. The next project will be the emergency generator back-ups. This summer we will be working on the roofs in CU1 and CU2.

The capital punishment bill – the senator who sponsored the bill to abolish the death penalty introduced a bill to properly fund an execution. This would also fund the inmate's public defender.

##### **Warden Jo Acton and Deputy Warden Bob Paul – MWP**

DW Bob Paul - The garden project is going on. MWP is working on closing up an alley between the yard and garden. They have a lot of offenders looking forward to the garden. The classroom project is near completion and we were assured it would be done by Thursday. This turned into an MSU-B project for the women. They are catching up on the audit. Security and Emergency Preparedness Coordinators had a meeting and they have things they need to do. They want to make sure we are all tied into Homeland Security and that everyone is speaking the same language. Dave Vaught will be coming to the PIB with some things.

MSU-B will be teaching a flagger class.

Warden Jo Acton - As the Director mentioned, our population seems to be increasing. There are more demands for beds than are available. They are working with community corrections to see if they can place inmates who are close to discharge in the county jail.

Medical costs are up. They have received two more inmates from Warm Springs. Staff are working pretty hard staying up with mental health issues. There have been a few issues of self harm lately. Since we were talking about PREA today, they have been getting lots of PREA complaints that are not PREA.

The women are now appealing to the Montana Disability Advocates. They are complaining about not having a bathtub.

They have three elderly inmates that would do well in the care facility across the street, with monitoring.

They are facing different challenges than when Warden Acton first started. Some women have been very hard to place into community corrections. They sent one out on medical parole and she will be returning to the facility.

##### **Gayle Lambert – MCE**

MCE is working with the Governor's growing project. He is very into food for Montana families. He has a program with 4<sup>th</sup> graders across the state. It is called Nancy's Garden. We were given money last biennium to grow food. We had to articulate why we had to move the program to Pine Hills and MWP because of the growing season.

They had some inmates in Shelby taking classes from the Flathead Community College. They ended up having two inmates getting associates degrees. They are still running classes at DCCF on Virtual Welding. Once they complete virtual welding, they will go to MSP for actual welding and then receive a certificate.

There is a New Path, New Life program for women being released into the Billings community. We received a grant to be used by the Billings Area Reentry Task Force and MSU Billings to implement collaborative initiatives that help women released from MWP transition into new lives.

Another piece of Legislation that affects us is HB134. This is the Drivers License and ID Program. All inmates must have a birth certificate to get an ID. We have to ensure that they all have birth certificates. Gayle will be requesting IWF money to pay for these if the inmates do not have funding to purchase the birth certificates themselves. This will go into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Lena Havron/Kara Sperle - Budget**

Lena Havron said a year ago she was assigned the Inmate Employment Policy. They wrapped up this policy a couple weeks ago. The policy will go through the review process and will be implemented in July.

Kara Sperle said that HB316 will affect inmate welfare funds. This bill will eliminate IWF by fiscal year 2017. It will require a law change to get the money back.

### **Warden Frink - CCC**

Warden Frink thanked Louis Peterson and Jerry Johnson for all their help. Communication is very important. They are working on quality assurance with the food. Staffing is also an issue. They had an emergency preparedness meeting the week before last. This went very well. The Warden has been in corrections for 28 years, 17 of those years with the Texas Department of Corrections. He has been with CCA for ten years. He left for a short stint in Iraq, then went back to CCA and is now in our beautiful state.

Louis Peterson said it has been great working with Warden Wilkinson and he looks forward to working with Warden Frink.

### **Captain Dan O'Fallon - GFRP**

Great Falls has just hired new recruits and they are halfway through training. This is the first day for them at the facility. They have a new administration. Captain O'Fallon is glad to be back. The facility is close to being on board with commissary and inmate banking. They are looking forward to that.

Monty Warrington said one thing he has noticed is there are inmates who would rather stay than leave. It is shocking to him. They know how tough it is in the real world. The adult community corrections applications are now more inclusive, so they will take longer, especially the medical part. It will be smooth once it gets going.

Director Ferriter said Monty is the P&P Officer at the Great Falls Regional Prison. They work on release planning as soon as possible with the inmates. Monty has been there for three years.

Patrick Smith said the only thing we have not covered is the new EPass System. This is still in the process of working it out. This should allow our contract employees that need access to OMIS the ability to get in.

### **IWF Account Updates – Lena Havron**

Lena passed out the IWF funds recap. DW Swanson said if you look at the top of the handout for MSP, it has not been a good process, but numerous changes have taken place. Lena said IWF funds were previously approved for an extra Vision Net drop in each facility.

### **FY 2012 IWF Budget Approvals**

Individual budgets are on file with the budget analyst.

MWP – \$50,438

No discussion

Warden Mahoney moved to approve. Warden Green seconded the motion.

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All were in favor, none opposed.

GFRP – \$32,750

No discussion

Gayle Lambert moved to approve. Warden Frink seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed.

DCCF – \$41,550

No discussion

Warden Frink moved to approve. Warden Mahoney seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed.

MSP – \$227,370.00 plus \$7,500

Discussion – Gayle Lambert said we did not get funded for Vision Net through Legislation. This will be put in as a one-time request. It is for \$7,500.

Warden Green moved to approve. Captain O’Fallon seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed.

CCC - \$197,870 – minus 4000 for Weslaw.

Weslaw will be taken off this request form. If we decide to fund Weslaw, it will be funded as a whole group because every facility will need it. Included on this request is a video gaming upgrade that is quite large.

Warden Mahoney moved to approve. Gayle Lambert seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed.

### **IWF Requests**

Sally Hillander sent in an IWF request. She is requesting \$3000 for MCE to print a manual called “Family Members Behind Bars”.

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DW Swanson and Warden Frink offered to split the cost (\$1500 each) out of MSP and CCC IWF funds.

Gayle Lambert moved to approve this request. Warden Acton seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed.

MSP requests \$7056 for chairs and a desk. The chairs are for two new classrooms in the Rothe Low Support Building and for the Rothe Low Support Library. It is a total of 75 chairs. There was also a request for a legal computer desk for the Lexis Nexis computers in the Rothe Low Support Library.

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There was no discussion.

Dan O’Fallon moved to approve this request. Warden Frink seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed.

DCCF has two requests. The first is for TV shelves for the cells. 144 TV shelves, cut, welded, painted and installed will cost \$4608.

There was no discussion

Warden Acton moved to approve this request. Warden Mahoney seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed.

The second request is for TVs for the units themselves. This is a replacement program. They received two different quotes. The quotes included the mounts/brackets, and a total of 6 TVs – two per unit. The total request is for \$3636.

Gayle Lambert moved to approve this request. Roger Handa seconded the motion.

All approved none opposed

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Bob Paul asked what was going on with the MASC IWF funds. Pat Smith and Lena Havron have been working on a global fund for offenders. There is a new administration at MASC and there is still no contract. Kara Sperle will follow up by the next meeting about moving forward with the status of this account.

#### Public Comment Period

Pat Smith did receive some written comments from Barbara Rose and Lynette King. He will post these comments.

There was no public comment.

Seeing no comments, the public comment period is closed.

Warden Mahoney - At the last PIB meeting there were several issues brought up that need to be addressed. There was a comment made about inmate Britt. Warden Mahoney had this investigated. There was no officer misconduct. Warden Mahoney verified this.

There was an issue made about the visiting room policy about appropriate attire and visiting rules in general. The visiting rules and information have been placed on the department website. DW Bob Paul said it is also the inmate offenders' responsibility to let the visitors know about the visiting policy.

There was also an issue about visitation at the Great Falls Regional Prison. It is up to the visitor to call the facility prior to visiting to see if the inmate can visit. It is not realistic for facility managers to contact family members to say the inmate is not eligible for visiting. Wayne Bye responded directly to this person.

There was an issue brought up about inmate shoes at the last meeting. MCE special ordered shoes for this inmate. The inmate is very happy with the shoes he got. Prior to Gayle visiting with the inmate, this had been taken care of.

There was an issue brought up about the lack of programming in the high security compound. There were some changes made at MSP in the high security compound. These are centered around inmate activity. Mass movement has slowed down in response to an assault in the high side chow hall. This was traced back to STG activity. A separate assault after an AA meeting was tied back to STG activity. There were numerous other activities documented. One inmate was permanently disfigured and this was also tied back to STG activity. All changes are in response to the safe operation of the facility. The Warden is proud of the changes. We have also instituted sex offender programming and CD treatment programs on the high side so inmates may become eligible for placement on the low side. There is a good balance.

Warden Mahoney said people can come to these meetings and make comments and we have an obligation to check the validity of the comments. If there are issues out there and it is supported, we will take measures to fix the problem.

There were no other comments.

The Chairman has determined that the individuals or topics next coming under discussion at this meeting involve individual right of privacy or safety and security issues which outweigh the public's right to know. Therefore, the Chairman has decided to hold this part of the meeting in closed session.

During the closed portion of the meeting, a security issue regarding pomade was discussed. As a result of this, it was moved and seconded to remove pomade from the facilities and discontinue selling it from the canteen. We will look at an alternative that is not petroleum based. This will be posted for all inmates. This will not be a write-up offense at this time, but we need to know who it is confiscated from.

Warden Frink motioned to removed pomade from the facilities and discontinue selling it from the canteen.

Warden Mahoney seconded the motion

All were in favor. None opposed.

Warden Mahoney thanked DW Swanson for all the time he has put into the Correspondence Policy. It has taken the better part of the year to put this together. The Warden appreciates his diligence. Looking at the past year and the number of escapes and assaults, our people do a really amazing job.

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Warden Acton said MWP would host the next meeting in Billings. It is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.