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REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE – OCTOBER MEETING

REC Estimates. The Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) met on October 9, 2014, and decreased the estimated FY 2015 General Fund receipts by \$113.3 million compared to the adjusted FY 2015 March REC estimate (adjusted for negative \$19.6 million in post-REC legislative changes). The REC also established initial estimates for FY 2016 General Fund revenues.

		March	October	Increase (Decrease)	Increase (Decrease)	Percentag Change
	Actual	FY 2015	FY 2015	to March	to Actual	to Actual
	FY 2014	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	FY 2014	FY 2014
Income Tax	\$3,974.8	\$4,277.2	\$4,208.1	\$-69.1	\$233.3	5.9%
Sales/Use Tax	2,642.3	2,752.0	2,747.6	-4.4	105.3	4.0%
Corporate Tax	549.6	606.0	557.8	-48.2	8.2	1.5%
Insurance Tax	105.5	107.5	104.8	-2.7	-0.7	-0.7%
Cigarette/Tobacco Tax	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.4	-100.0%
Other Taxes	149.2	162.3	155.0	-7.3	5.8	3.9%
Total Taxes	\$7,422.8	\$7,905.0	\$7,773.3	\$-131.7	\$350.5	4.7%
Other Receipts	289.0	269.6	281.0	11.4	-8.0	-2.8%
Gross Tax & Other Receipts	\$7,711.8	\$8,174.6	\$8,054.3	\$-120.3	\$342.5	4.4%
Accruals (Net)	-16.2	23.1	44.7	21.6	60.9	-375.9%
Refund (Accrual Basis)	-955.3	-974.3	-926.0	48.3	29.3	-3.1%
Schl. Infras. Refunds (Accrual)	-440.4	-440.5	-451.9	-11.4	-11.5	2.6%
Total Net Receipts	\$6,299.9	\$6,782.9	\$6,721.1	\$-61.8	\$421.2	6.7%
Transfers (Accrual Basis)	188.9	180.7	129.2	-51.5	-59.7	-31.6%
Net Receipts Plus Transfers	\$6,488.8	\$6,963.6	\$6,850.3	\$-113.3	\$361.5	5.6%

FY 2015. The October REC estimate for FY 2015 net General Fund receipts, including transfers, totals \$6,850.3 million, an increase of \$361.5 million compared to actual FY 2014. The estimated FY 2015 changes for the FY 2014 amounts include:

- An increase of \$233.3 million (5.9%) in gross income tax receipts. Modest economic growth is anticipated to lead to a modest increase in tax receipts. Through October 8, 2014, gross income tax receipts were up 3.6%.
- An increase of \$105.3 million (4.0%) in gross sales/use tax receipts. Modest economic growth is anticipated to lead to a modest increase in taxable sales. Through October 8, 2014, gross sales/use tax receipts were up 7.3%.
- An increase of \$8.2 million (1.5%) in gross corporate tax receipts. Through October 8, 2014, corporate tax receipts were down 14.2%.

FY 2016. The REC also established initial General Fund receipt estimates for FY 2016 totaling \$7,178.5 million (an increase of \$328.2 million above the revised FY 2015 estimate). The estimated changes include an increase of 5.3% in gross income tax, 4.5% in gross sales/use tax, and 8.2% in corporate tax.

The following table provides information pertaining to the REC estimate for FY 2016.

FY 2016 Revenue Estimating Conference Projection Dollars in Millions				
		October	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
	Estimate	FY 2016	to Estimated	to Estimated
	FY 2015	Estimate	FY 2015	FY 2015
Income Tax	\$4,208.1	\$4,430.4	\$222.3	5.3%
Sales/Use Tax	2,747.6	2,869.9	122.3	4.5%
Corporate Tax	557.8	603.7	45.9	8.2%
Insurance Tax	104.8	104.7	-0.1	-0.1%
Other Taxes	155.0	161.6	6.6	4.3%
Total Taxes	\$7,773.3	\$8,170.3	\$397.0	5.1%
Other Receipts	281.0	282.9	1.9	0.7%
Gross Tax & Other Receipts	\$8,054.3	\$8,453.2	\$398.9	5.0%
Accruals (Net)	44.7	27.0	-17.7	-39.6%
Refund (Accrual Basis)	-926.0	-936.0	-10.0	1.1%
Schl. Infras. Refunds (Accrual)	-451.9	-470.9	-19.0	4.2%
Total Net Receipts	\$6,721.1	\$7,073.3	\$352.2	5.2%
Transfers (Accrual Basis)	129.2	105.2	-24.0	-18.6%
Net Receipts Plus Transfers	\$6,850.3	\$7,178.5	\$328.2	4.8%

Next Meeting. The next REC meeting will be scheduled for mid-December 2014. A <u>detailed</u> spreadsheet of the REC estimates is available on the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) website.

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NEW STATE LIBRARIAN

State Librarian. On September 17, 2014, Michael Scott was selected by the Iowa Commission of Libraries to become the next State Librarian. Mr. Scott will take over the State Librarian duties on November 17. In the interim, Barb Corson will continue to serve as the Interim State Librarian.

Background. Mr. Scott is currently the assistant director in Rochester, Minnesota, of Southeastern Libraries Cooperating (SELCO), one of 12 regional library systems in Minnesota. The new State Librarian brings leadership experience to Iowa, including coordinating activities with all sizes and all kinds of libraries and working with SELCO's multi-type library members in the areas of continuing education, advocacy, and resource sharing.

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REGENTS APPROVE FY 2016 BUDGET REQUEST

Budget Request Adopted. At its meeting on September 10, 2014, the Board of Regents (BOR) approved the budget request for FY 2016. The request does not include funding for capital projects.

Overall Request. The Board is requesting a total of \$11.5 million in increases to existing General Fund appropriations, \$638,000 in increases for existing Other Fund appropriations, and \$9.7 million in new appropriations, for a total increase of \$21.9 million in FY 2016. In addition, the Board is requesting \$13.0 million to implement the Performance-Based Funding (PBF) model.

General University and PBF Funding. The Board is requesting a 1.75% increase in funding for each of the universities for general education. In addition, the requested \$13.0 million PBF funding would be divided between Iowa State University and University of Northern Iowa to avoid the necessity of reducing the University of Iowa's budget by \$13.0 million. The total funding increases are as follows:

- University of Iowa (UI) \$4.0 million incremental
- Iowa State University (ISU) \$3.2 million incremental + \$6.4 million PBF = \$9.5 million
- University of Northern Iowa (UNI) \$1.6 million incremental + \$6.6 million PBF = \$8.2 million

Special Schools. The Board is requesting a 4.0% increase in funding for the School for the Deaf and Braille and Sight Saving School, for a total increase of \$532,000.

Special Purpose Appropriations. The Board is requesting increases totaling \$2.4 million for the special purpose General Fund appropriations and the BOR Office. This includes a 1.75% increase for most of the appropriations, with the following exceptions:

- Northwest Iowa Regents Resource Center In addition to a 1.75% increase, the Board is requesting an additional \$200,000 for continued implementation of the resource center model.
- Iowa Public Radio The Board is requesting a 15.3% increase in the General Fund appropriation for IPR to restore funding to the FY 2010 level. The funding is to be used to improve fundraising capacity to reach a goal of increasing private support by 10.0% each year for the next five years.
- ISU Agricultural Experiment Station In addition to a 1.75% increase, the Board is requesting an additional \$515,000 to hire a new faculty scientist and support operational expenses.
- UNI Math and Science Collaborative The Board is requesting no FY 2016 increase for this appropriation that contributes to the work of the Governor's STEM Advisory Council.
- Special Schools The Board is requesting no FY 2016 increase for the special schools' special purpose appropriations for Tuition and Transportation and Licensed Classroom Teachers.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations. The Board is requesting an increase of \$23,000 (1.75%) for the ISU lowa Nutrient Research Center and no increase for the ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

Economic Development Appropriations. The Board is requesting an increase of \$294,000 for the General Fund appropriation to the ISU Small Business Development Centers. The Board is also requesting the following increases in FY 2016 for appropriations from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund:

- ISU Economic Development \$26,000
- UI Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth \$35,000

- UI Economic Development \$4,000
- UNI Economic Development \$19,000
- Regents Innovation Fund \$53,000

Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations. The Board is requesting an increase of \$502,000 for Tuition Replacement, currently funded from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund. Tuition Replacement funding covers debt service costs for the universities, making the use of tuition revenue for that purpose unnecessary.

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) Appropriations. The budget approved by the Board included a new request for \$250,000 for a pilot project to link psychiatry and primary care practices. It also included proposals for funding to cover the cost of providing medical care to inmates and other residents of State institutions and for funding for additional medical residency positions. The proposals did not specify the amount of funding needed.

New Strategic Initiatives. The Board is requesting the following new appropriations for FY 2016:

- \$233,000 for Regional Academies for Deaf and Blind to establish up to five regional academies to
 provide a continuum of services consistently across the state for children and youth who are deaf or
 blind.
- \$500,000 for the UI Belin-Blank Academy. This would be the first of three annual appropriations in this amount to establish a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Academy at the Belin-Blank Center to provide accelerated residential learning opportunities for gifted students.
- \$1.0 million for a new UI initiative entitled Leading the Coming Revolution in Autonomous, Intelligent Machines and Systems (AIMS). This would be the first of three annual appropriations in this amount to establish a nonprofit, public-private institute focused on AIMS to develop driverless vehicles and unmanned aircraft systems for precision farming.
- \$5.0 million for the ISU Leading the Bioeconomy Initiative to continue support and leverage additional external grant funding.
- \$1.5 million for UNI to establish a Bachelor of Applied Sciences program for community college graduates who have earned an Associate of Applied Science degree and want to pursue a four-year degree.
- \$1.5 million for the UNI Helping Iowa Grow Its Own Initiative, a combination of new and expanded services for entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Salary Funding. The request includes a statement regarding the need for the Regent institutions to be included in any FY 2016 State funding to support salary increases for State employees.

More Information. The FY 2016 budget request is available on the BOR website at: http://www.regents.iowa.gov/Meetings/DocketMemos/14Memos/September2014/0914 ITEM08.pdf.

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COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION AMENDS FY 2015 BUDGET

Meeting. The College Student Aid Commission met on Friday, September 26, 2014, in Des Moines. One of the items on the agenda was a request to amend the FY 2015 budget to accommodate increased office rental obligations.

Agreement with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). When the agency agreed to move into the former Iowa Building from downtown office space in October 2010, it experienced a significant reduction in rent but also incurred remodeling expenses. Those expenses had not been fully offset by rent savings when, in 2013, the agency was required to move out of the Iowa Building by June 1, prior to the building's demolition. The agency's current office space at E. 4th Street and Grand Avenue is significantly more expensive. In a Memorandum of Understanding, the DAS agreed to pay the difference in rent, plus janitorial and Iowa Communications Network (ICN) fees, a total of \$11,224 per month, from June 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015.

FY 2015 Budget Amended. At the September 26, 2014, meeting, agency staff informed the Commission that DAS had stopped paying its share of the rent without warning on July 1, 2014. Staff said they were not informed of this until the Department of Management contacted them in September. The Commission

adopted an amendment to increase the FY 2015 budget by \$135,000 and authorized the staff to pay the agency's full rent and related expenses beginning July 1, 2014.

Operating Fund Projections. The funding for the budget increase will come from monies earned servicing federal student loans under the now-defunct Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP). This operating fund is also used to partially support administrative costs for State-funded student aid programs. As the agency's FFELP portfolio declines, the income into the operating fund declines. The Commission received a report from financial advisors on recent changes in federal regulations that will impact that income. As a result, the fund is now projected to be fully depleted in FY 2020.

Report. The Commission also heard a presentation from the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) on a concept paper entitled, "States in the Driver's Seat: Leveraging State Aid to Align Policies and Promote Access, Success, and Affordability," funded by the Lumina Foundation. The report can be found here:

http://www.luminafoundation.org/publications/ideas_summit/States_in_the_Drivers_Seat.pdf.

More Information. Additional information from the meeting can be found at: <u>https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/content/iowa-college-aid-board-meetings</u>.

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FINANCIAL LITERACY WORK TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS

Work Team. On September 15, 2014, the Department of Education released the recommendations of the Financial Literacy Work Team, which began its work in January. The team included representatives from public and nonpublic schools, financial services, higher education and the Iowa Department of Education.

Recommendations. The work team recommended the following:

- Examine the financial literacy requirement within the 21st Century Skills in the Iowa Core to ensure the financial literacy component is clear and age appropriate.
- Support the current status of financial literacy within the 21st Century Skills in the Iowa Core without mandating an additional course or credit requirement.
- Utilize external stakeholder groups with expertise in financial literacy to assist in professional development training for teachers.
- Establish better ways to measure implementation outcomes and explore ways to measure student achievement in financial literacy.
- Make communication in the area of financial literacy in the Department of Education a priority by, among other things, establishing a point person as a way to promote both internal and external communications.
- Establish a central location online for vetted financial literacy resources to be posted.
- Investigate the possibility of creating a financial literacy course through Iowa Learning Online as an option for Iowa school districts.
- Work with Institutes of Higher Education, specifically educator preparation programs, to ensure that
 preservice teachers understand financial literacy concepts.

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BOARD OF REGENTS EFFICIENCY STUDY

Recommendations Adopted. The Board of Regents (BOR) received and approved three recommendations from Deloitte Consulting, the firm under contract to conduct the Transparent, Inclusive Efficiency Review (TIER) at the September 10, 2014, meeting. The Board directed Deloitte Consulting to work with the Board Office to develop implementation plans. The recommendations came in the form of the following business cases. The complete text of the recommendation is available at: <u>http://www.regents.iowa.gov/Meetings/DocketMemos/14Memos/September2014/HR10SS08SS05Busine ssCases090214.pdf</u>. **Professional and Scientific Staff Search Committee Recommendation.** The consultants recommended creating an alternate recruitment model that does not require a search committee for positions below the level of Director, allowing the positions' direct supervisor to lead the search, with that employee's direct supervisor responsible for secondary approval. The recommendations also included the following:

- Developing more comprehensive guidelines for search committees for positions at the Director level or above.
- Allowing the use of search waivers when a qualified internal candidate has been identified through succession planning.
- Offering more recruiting training and services, better defining Human Resource responsibilities and expectations to lessen work duplication, and evaluating the potential to utilize technology.

Regents Admission Index (RAI) Standardization Recommendation. The consultants recommended several steps to standardize the calculation of the RAI for cases where a particular piece of information is missing and RAI currently cannot be calculated; i.e., when a student's high school does not provide a class rank. Currently, each university has a different method for establishing acceptance criteria when class rank is not provided. The recommendation includes:

- Establishing a standard alternative calculation and automate it within each university's student services systems.
- Establishing a "data mart lite" of admissions data for past and present students that can be used to periodically check and, if needed, update the alternative calculation.
- Periodically analyzing student success indicators against the RAI parameters to provide a control mechanism to flag grade inflation or other concerns.

Common Applications Portal Recommendation. The consultants recommended exploring the possibility of a common entry point for prospective students to complete applications for admission to any or all of the Regent institutions. Currently, a student applying to two or three Regent institutions must complete a different application for each university. The consultants recommend keeping the current application fees in place to ensure that students have serious intent toward the universities to which they apply. There is an estimated one-year cost of \$500,000 to establish the common portal.

Estimated Benefits and Savings. The three recommendations cited a variety of qualitative benefits but did not cite significant anticipated cost savings. It is anticipated that the search committee recommendations would significantly reduce staff time spent on search committees, freeing that time for other activities.

Future Recommendations. The Deloitte consultants will present the eight remaining business cases at the BOR meeting on October 2, 2014. The Board will act on those recommendations in November.

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AUDIT REPORT – PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

Report. The State Auditor issued the FY 2013 Audit Report for the Public Employment Relations Board on September 11, 2014. The Legislative Services Agency (LSA) received the report on September 16, 2014. The report included one reportable condition.

Closed Sessions. The Board went into closed session on October 17, 2012, November 1, 2012, November 5, 2012, November 26, 2012, November 28, 2012, January 7, 2013, April 15, 2013 and May 13, 2013. The minutes did not document the vote of each member on the question of holding the closed sessions or the reason for the closed sessions by reference to a specific Code of Iowa exemption as required by Iowa Code section <u>21.5</u>(2).

Personnel Issues. Also, the minutes for the October 17, 2012, meeting indicates the Board went into closed session "to discuss personnel issues." Discussion included "salary adjustments and potential new Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) position." Iowa Code section 21.5(1) discusses purposes for which a governing body may enter into a closed session. Discussion of personnel issues is not an allowable reason for holding a closed session.

Result. The State Auditor's report recommended that the Board comply with Iowa Code chapter <u>21</u>. The Board acknowledged corrections need to be made to close sessions in future minutes. The response was accepted.

More Information. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request and a copy of the Audit is linked <u>here</u>.

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AUDIT REPORT – DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Report. The <u>Office of Auditor of State</u> released its audit report on the <u>lowa Department of Justice</u> September 10, 2014. The <u>report</u> was filed with the Legislative Services Agency on September 16, 2014.

Findings. For the Prosecuting Attorney Training Office, maintenance of accounts receivable records were not segregated from accounts payable records. The Department addressed this internal control issue by indicating that all mail for this Office will be opened by the Office of the Attorney General's main receptionist. All checks and cash received will be receipted into the Department by the Attorney General's Office staff. These payments will then be delivered to the Prosecuting Attorney Training Office, and those staff will maintain responsibility for updating financial databases.

Financial Reporting. The Department's Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) package understated accounts receivables by \$2.2 million. This was a delayed receipt from a grant from the <u>U.S.</u> <u>Department of Justice</u>, <u>Victims of Crime Act</u> funds for <u>victim compensation</u>. The GAAP package was due September 1, 2014, while the grant was received in October. The Department indicated it will notify the Department of Administrative Services (<u>DAS</u>) in the future if there are any delays in accounts receivables.

Biennial Report. Iowa Code requires the Consumer Credit Protection Bureau to file a biennial report with the General Assembly. The report has not been filed for 2011 and 2012. The Department indicated it would file the report; a copy of that report is available <u>here</u>.

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VETERANS COUNTY GRANTS REPORT

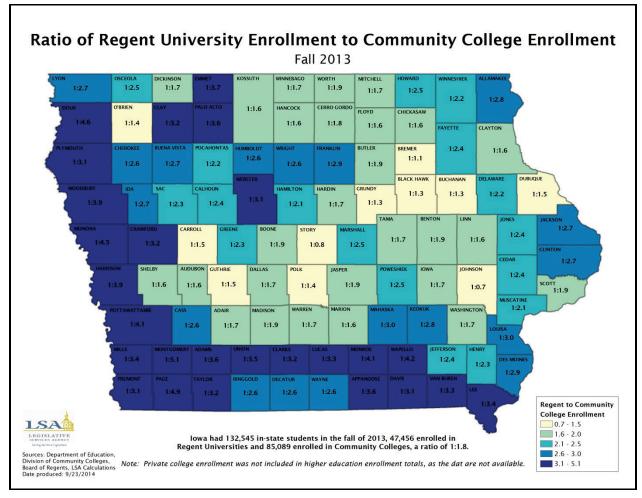
Fund. The <u>lowa Department of Veterans Affairs</u> (IDVA) annually allocates \$10,000 for each county from the County Commissions of Veterans Affairs Fund. The Fund is established in Iowa Code section <u>35A.16</u> to assist County Commissions of Veterans Affairs in complying with legislative requirements for employing a county veteran service officer who is nationally accredited through the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers; who is occupied in veterans affairs for a minimum number of hours; and who maintains an office in a location owned or leased by the county.

FY 2014. The standing limited appropriation of \$1.0 million was notwithstood and \$990,000 was appropriated from the General Fund for the Program (2013 Iowa Acts chapter <u>138</u>). The most common expenses reported by the counties included salaries, national education and training, outreach and promotional materials, specialized software, and other office equipment and supplies. Of the \$990,000 appropriated for FY 2014, \$34,529 was unspent by 19 counties. Unspent funds are returned to the State and used by the IDVA for the County Commission of Veteran Affairs Training Program in Iowa Code section <u>35A.17</u>.

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MAP – REGENT AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

Map. The following map shows the ratio of total resident enrollment at the three Regent universities to the total resident enrollment at the community colleges. The ratios are shown by county of residence, as identified by the student. Currently, the LSA does not have access to detailed enrollment data from the independent colleges and universities in Iowa.



Maps Online. This map and others are available online at: <u>https://www.legis.iowa.gov/resources/mappingResources/mapOfTheWeek</u>.

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SENATE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Senate Oversight Meeting. The Senate Government Oversight Committee met on September 30, 2014, in Des Moines. Senator Janet Petersen called the meeting to order. Senator Petersen provided opening remarks about the meetings held during the interim and discussed a report that summarized the findings and recommendations for proposed legislation for the next Legislative Session.

Summary Document. Senator Petersen directed the Legislative Services Agency to compile a document summarizing the activities from the Senate Oversight meetings that will be submitted to the lowa Legislature. Senator Petersen moved that the Senate Oversight Committee approve the report. Senator Garrett asked about the procedure for voting on the report and also provided opening remarks. The Senate voted and passed the recommendations in the report.

Additional Comments. Senator Matt McCoy requested that information on the cost-benefit analysis of services be included in the public record. Senator McCoy also asked to review the reasons for the delay of opening the new Fort Madison prison.

Additional Information. Additional information and documents related to the meetings can be found at: Senate: <u>https://www.legis.iowa.gov/committees/committee?ga=85&groupID=588</u>. House: <u>https://www.legis.iowa.gov/committees/committee?ga=85&groupID=589</u>.

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STATE APPEAL BOARD MEETING

Meeting. The <u>State Appeal Board</u> met October 6, 2014, in Des Moines. The Board discussed and approved the FY2013 audit of the Appeal Board. An update was given by Joseph Barry, Risk Manager and State Appeal Board Executive Contact, on the Board's legislative policy development process. The newly proposed language for the Appeal Board's policy will be presented to the Legislature by the Auditor of State and the Treasure of State upon convention of the 2015 General Assembly.

Claim. The Board also discussed and approved a lump sum settlement in regards to a personal injury claim from February 2014 involving an Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) snow plow and a vehicle owned by the company Safelite. The driver of the company vehicle, a western Iowa resident, was seriously injured when the DOT snow plow pulled out in front of him on Iowa Highway 10. The claim was settled for a total of \$450,000, which included a \$5,000 payment to workers' compensation carrier for Safelite, \$435,000 in personal injury and workers' compensation liens to the plaintiff and \$10,000 to the plaintiff's spouse for emotional distress. The settlement will be paid from the Road Use Tax Fund.

Claims. The Board approved the following claims:

- General Claim filed under Iowa Code chapter <u>25</u> in the amount of \$231 for the back pay of overtime wages.
- Tort claims filed under Iowa Code chapter <u>669</u>. The Board approved ten claims totaling approximately \$461,000. The Board denied tort claims totaling approximately \$11.6 million.

Settlements and Judgments. The Board approved:

- A settlement with a California resident to resolve a pending claim of personal injury due to allegedly being exposed to toxic material from improper packaging of Phase II trial drugs provided by the University of Iowa Pharmaceuticals and the University School of Pharmacy. The settlement requires the University of Iowa to pay a \$50,000 settlement fee out of the Iowa Pharmaceuticals budget.
- A settlement in which almost three dozen plaintiffs filed allegations of racial discrimination in hiring practices associated with the Iowa Workforce Development. The Board approved a settlement that requires the State of Iowa to pay \$35,000 out of the General Fund to a single plaintiff.
- The Board also agreed to a settlement with a former correctional officer that filed allegations of disability discrimination. The settlement awards the plaintiff an amount of \$121,000 and his counsel an amount of \$87,000, totaling a payment of \$208,000. The settlement will be paid from the General Fund.
- A settlement of \$1,490 as a reimbursement to a Black Hawk County plaintiff that paid for a court appointed attorney at the time of judgment, prior to completion of a hearing on ability to pay. A July 2014 court hearing deemed the plaintiff indigent at the time of the hearing and the Appeal Board voted to reimburse the \$1,252 attorney fee, \$150 filing fee, and the \$88 transcript fees. The settlement will be paid from the General Fund.

Meeting. The next meeting of the State Appeal Board will be held November 10, 2014, in Des Moines.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting. The Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Advisory Committee conducted an electronic meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2014. With the retirement of Acting Chairperson Dave Meyers, Mark Headlee was elected as the new Acting Chair.

Discussion. Items discussed included:

- An Iowa Code chapter <u>28D</u> agreement in which an Information Technology (IT) person would be hired to back up Dave Schmitz (current CJIS BUS administrator) and also work on other CJIS projects. An amount of \$150,000 was approved by the Committee and approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was also given.
- An update was given regarding the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) Exchanges. Currently, there are 45 counties that are fully connected and operational, 21 counties where the EDMS was being reviewed and tested, eight counties that will be in the testing phase soon, and 25 counties left for connection.
- There is a proposed MOU between the Governor's Office and the Chief Justice. Final paperwork is still being developed.
- A Purchase Order for software to develop a Disaster Recovery Site has been issued.
- The FY 2016 budget request was discussed as being a status quo request unless additional funds are requested for a reform project.
- Work on Exchange Migrations for information from the Judicial Branch and the Department of Corrections (DOC) is underway; it is a lengthy project with many details.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Committee will be December 11, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. This will be another electronic meeting.

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CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting. The <u>Criminal and Juvenile Justice Advisory Council</u> met September 24, 2014, at the Oran Pape Building in Des Moines. Steve Michael, Interim Administrator, updated the Council on the process of filling the Division Administrator position. The Director of the <u>Department of Human Rights</u> makes the final decision; Mr. Michael has applied for the position. There is also a vacant Executive Officer (EO) position within the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division (CJJPD). Once the Division Administrator position is filled, the EO position will be filled. The vacant Information Technology position that supports the <u>Justice Data Warehouse</u> has been filled.

Grants. The CJJPD was recently notified that it has received several federal grants:

- \$83,000 for the Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) to work with the <u>Department of Public Safety</u> on updating the <u>Uniform Crime Report</u> (UCR). The CJJPD serves as the SAC for the State of Iowa.
- \$8,001 from the <u>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</u> to work with the State Training School on <u>Prison Rape Elimination Act</u> (PREA) training. The PREA is a federal law designed to prevent rape in prisons, county jails, and juvenile detention or holding facilities.
- \$100,000 for a planning grant for Juvenile Justice Re-Entry, under the federal Second Chance Act.
- The Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (<u>ODCP</u>) received a three-year grant award of \$3.0 million under the federal Second Chance Act. The <u>CJJPD</u> will be a subcontractor for the evaluation of the project.

DMC. John Spinks, Vice Chair of the Council, and Dave Kuker, CJJPD staff, discussed the strategic plan for addressing <u>Disproportionate Minority Contact</u> (DMC) in the juvenile justice system. Council members and staff have been meeting with juvenile justice system providers to gain agreement on evidence-based programming for juveniles. The CJJPD is working with the <u>State Court Administrator's Office</u> to have a detention screening tool in the lowa Court Information System (ICIS). The tool would be available to county and State employees; it would be used to determine if a juvenile should be placed in detention after arrest, or after adjudication, or after they violate the terms of supervision. Iowa has the highest rate of arrest of juveniles of color. For juvenile African Americans, they are most often arrested for simple misdemeanors; these are not violent offenses. Local law enforcement needs to effectively establish relationships will all communities, especially those of color. Mr. Kuker noted that the largest school

districts have significantly reduced their suspension rates over the last five years (<u>School-to-Court</u> <u>initiative</u>). Progress is being made on this issue.

Reinvestment Initiative. Kathy Nesteby, CJJPD, presented information regarding the state's juvenile justice reform and reinvestment initiative. Iowa received a multiyear grant for a demonstration project through the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (<u>OMB</u>). The goal is to assist providers in improving programs for juveniles. The CJJPD is partnering with the First, Third, and Sixth Judicial District juvenile courts, and is reviewing community-based services and residential treatment programs for juveniles.

Five Year Plan. Mr. Michael distributed the last two five year plans that were issued in 2005 and 2010. The Council discussed the format, issues, and methods of gaining public input. Mr. Michael also distributed a listing of reports required to be published by the CJJPD under Iowa Code chapter <u>216A</u>.

Legislation. Sarah Johnson, CJJPD, distributed information regarding criminal code legislation enacted in the 2014 Legislative Session. The Council discussed which items should be monitored.

Next Meeting. The Council is scheduled to meet November 19, 2014. Additional information is available on the CJJPD website at: <u>http://www.humanrights.iowa.gov/cjjp/cj_council.html</u>.

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PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Meeting. The <u>Public Safety Advisory Board</u> met September 24, 2014, at the Oran Pape Building. The Board reviewed the *draft* report titled *An Analysis of the Sex Offender Special Sentence in Iowa* (this document is still in draft form and not available online) prepared by staff at the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division (<u>CJJPD</u>). It was noted that sex offenders have a very low rate of reoffending for sex offenders are not for sex offenses. It appears the special sentence does not impact public safety. The Board indicated it would be useful to know what other states do in terms of sentencing sex offenders. The draft report will also be presented to the <u>Sex Offender Research Council</u> when it meets September 30, 2014.

Juvenile Sentencing. Mr. Steve Michael, Interim Director of the CJJPD, reviewed the <u>Legal Update</u> published by the Legislative Services Agency regarding juvenile mandatory minimum sentences. Currently under lowa law, juveniles that commit certain acts are waived into adult court and sentenced as adults; depending upon the crime, the juvenile offender may be subject to a mandatory minimum term of confinement in a State prison. Both the federal and State court systems have made rulings regarding the imposition of long mandatory minimum sentences on juvenile offenders.

Report. The Board reviewed issues for its December 2014 report, including sex offender sentencing, child kidnapping, sentencing of drug offenders, the sentencing structure for the crime of robbery, sentencing penalties for crack and powder cocaine, and juvenile issues.

Next Meeting. The next Public Safety Advisory Board meeting is November 19, 2014. Additional information is available on the website at: http://www.humanrights.iowa.gov/cjjp/psab/index.html.

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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

Meeting. The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB) held its monthly meeting on September 24, 2014. There were several manager and committee reports.

- Craig Allen, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), reported that he had attended several East and West Iowa Communications meetings while reviewing the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). There is a new Central Iowa Communications group that has formed.
- E911 Council Program Manager Barb Vos reported:
 - Work is continuing on installing secondary backup systems for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). The backup for Des Moines was activated recently. All backups should be installed by the end of October.

- There was a denial of service attack on a PSAP in Linn County that is being investigated.
- Work on Text-to-911 systems is continuing. Five requests for carryover funds have been approved.
- The Finance Committee asked for and received approval for the FY 2016 budget request. Salaries
 were increased to represent the amount of overtime worked, and \$5,000 was added for Strategic
 Technology Trailer maintenance.
- The Governance Committee received no response from the public after a 30-day posting of the policy of governance of Strategic Technology Reserve (STR) trailers. This policy was approved during the meeting.
- The Operations Committee received no response from the public after a 30-day posting of the policy allowing no encryption on interoperable channels. This policy was approved during the meeting.
- The Outreach Committee is working on updating the logo. Two options were presented for discussion.
- Training and Exercise Committee:
 - A communications exercise is being developed that will be a functional exercise having task book sign-off capability and also include a train-the-trainer aspect. This is tentatively going to be held in May and has never been done before. After this large exercise there is a plan to implement two smaller ones.
 - A proposed <u>Policy Statement</u> supporting the Iowa All-Hazards Communications Unit Credentialing Procedure was approved for the ISICSB website as a notice for public comment.
- Technology Committee:
 - The initial consultation with FirstNet Broadband is scheduled for November 18, 2104. Iowa will be the seventh state to have their initial consultation. After this, recommendations will be made whether to opt in or opt out of FirstNet.
 - The Committee recommended approval to purchase amateur radio equipment for the STR trailers, with funding from Homeland Security not to exceed \$20,000 for installation (not maintenance). This was approved by the ISICSB.

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E911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting. The E911 Communications Council met on September 24, 2014. Items discussed included:

- Work is continuing on establishing secondary backup systems for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). All backups should be installed by the end of October.
- There are 40 applications obligated at this point for carry-over funds in the Text-to-911 system
 program and other applications are coming in. Standardized training for dispatchers when Text-to911 service is available is being explored.
- Linn County is still working on an episode of denial of service with a rogue caller. There is a possibility that Buena Vista County had the same problem. The investigation into the matter continues.
- Wireless carryover Acceptance of all carryover applications was approved.
- Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communications System Board There will be a first consultation with FirstNet on November 18. This is the national broadband that states can opt out or opt into. Iowa is currently working on determining the interest in this.
 - FirstNet Phase I is doing an assessment of interest.
 - FirstNet Phase II is doing an assessment of infrastructure and capacity.
 - Contact has been made with every county in Iowa, but not every county in Iowa has yet to provide feedback.

Comments. Comments from the Council included that there are a lot of moving parts that go into everything that is trying to be accomplished in the E911 communications arena and there are also security concerns of wireless systems to consider. The next several years will be challenging to have the right skills at the right time with new technology.

IOWA SEX OFFENDER RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting. The <u>Sex Offender Research Council</u> met on September 30, 2014. The Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division (<u>CJJPD</u>) of the Human Rights Department presented their latest *draft* publication, *An Analysis of the Sex Offender Special Sentence in Iowa* (this document is still in draft form and not available online). The Council was instructed in Iowa Code section <u>216A.139(4)(b)</u> to examine the "cost and effectiveness of special sentences pursuant to Iowa Code chapter <u>903B</u>."

Findings. In this analysis, two different groups of sex offenders were studied. One was offenders serving a special sentence, and the other a group of offenders who had been sentenced before the special sentence requirement. Recidivism rates for sex offenses were not noticeably different between the two groups. There was a high parole revocation rate with the special sentence group; this can be expected as this group is under a larger amount of scrutiny for a longer period of time. Most of the special sentence revocations were for technical violations, not new crimes.

Offense Risk. The study showed that the blanket approach of issuing special sentences may not be necessary as the majority of lowa's convicted sex offenders are at a low risk to reoffend. While there were lower rates of general crime among the special sentence study group, there was no significant difference in new sex offense convictions between the special sentence group and the comparison group sentenced before the special sentence requirement. Baseline rates of sexual reoffense for both groups were low. A savings of at least \$5 million over three years is estimated to be realized if the special sentence were not applied to every sex offender.

Joint Meeting. The Sex Offender Research Council would like to have a joint meeting with the Public Safety Advisory Board on November 19, 2014, to further discuss the conclusions of the special sentence study.

Prevention Programs. An update was provided relating to Sexual Violence Prevention Programs. The last time lowa did a population survey on sexual violence was in 2006. The next year that adequate sampling will be available for State estimates is 2016. New approaches to prevention include:

- There is a shift to educating and working with young men.
- There is a Regents institutions President's challenge to lower sexual violence on campuses which includes policy changes and presenting information during orientation to new students.

Action Items. The Council approved the *draft* report, *An Analysis of the Sex Offender Special Sentence in Iowa*. The Council also approved:

- Granting judges' discretion to impose the special sentence on sex offenders within certain parameters.
- Providing more funding for early and effective prerelease treatment of sex offenders, and improving the quality of sex offender assessments and evaluations.
- Providing adequate funding of the CJJPD.

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IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting. The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Council Meeting held a meeting on October 2, 2014. The following requests for petition of waiver were considered:

- Approved a waiver of Administrative Rule 501-3.8(4) for Jonathan Douglas of the Davenport Police Department. Officer Douglas has previous Military Police (MP) training and experience and had attended a shortened Florida police academy based upon that experience. Several states are recognizing MP experience and allowing shortened Police Academy training.
- Approved a waiver of Administrative Rule 501-2.1(5) for Leland Williams as requested by the Clarion Police Department. Mr. Williams had minor charges on his record from the late 1990s. He has since become a volunteer fireman and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) in Clarion.

- Denied a waiver of Administrative Rule 501-2.1(5) for William Holmes as requested by the Sigourney Police Department. Mr. Holmes had several driving while barred violations as well as speeding, no current registration, seat belt, OWI and hauling excessive weight violations while in his 20s.
- Approved a waiver of Administrative Rule 501-2.1(1) for Jeffrey DeVrieze of the Muscatine Police Department. Mr. DeVrieze requested to be allowed to live in Rock Island, Illinois, with his parents while housing issues were settled. A six-month waiver was approved.

Director's Report. Director Arlen Ciechanowski gave his report:

- There are 32 officers in the 258th Basic Level I Training Class and 34 officers in the 259th Basic Level I Training Class. There has been one injury that may necessitate the officer leaving current training and returning to a later class. The officer's department will not be charged additional money for training.
- The FY 2014 budget has been finalized with just \$152 not expended. The FY 2014 budget had challenges including \$50,000 paid out to two people that separated from the Academy and grant transfers for salaries not paid. The FY 2016 budget process started with a meeting with the Department of Management. Maintenance staff will be one area for a possible request in the budget.
- Job Task Analysis Project: The statistical analysis of the surveys should be done this week; a meeting with the curriculum committee is scheduled for October 9, 2014, to discuss the results. Surveys were sent to the last six years of Academy graduates (1,100 officers) and supervisors representing 311 Iowa agencies. The analysis could show that additional training needs to be added in some areas, for instance, rifle training.
- Reserve Certification Process Review: A curriculum review may be done to change the training
 module and address the needs of reserve certification. Reserve testing costs the Academy \$6,500
 per year; reserves and their departments are not charged any of this. The possibility of online training
 will be considered as well, as there are a low number of reserves. Recommendations will be coming
 to the ILEA Council with discussion, possibly at the December meeting.
- Mental Health Training Approval: Legislation mandated one hour of mental health training for departments every year for four years as approved by the ILEA Council. Technically that would require the Council to approve every department request. Director Ciechanowski will compile a noninclusive list of training for the Council to approve to expedite the process.
- Assistant Director hired: Chief Judy Bradshaw will begin as ILEA Assistant Director on October 6, 2014.

Attorney General Report. The Assistant Attorney General reported:

- There were no voluntary surrenders.
- One personnel case (Grimes) was tabled until the December meeting.
- There was one decertification petition for the Council to consider in closed session.

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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING

Meeting. The Board of Corrections met at the Luster Heights Prison Camp in Yellow River Forest State Park on October 3, 2014. Warden John Fayram welcomed the Board and guests to the Camp; its operating budget is included in the General Fund appropriation for the Anamosa State Penitentiary. The Camp's capacity is 88 beds while the population is 69 offenders.

Director's Report. Director John Baldwin indicated the Camp was closed twice in the past. It is important for the Department of Corrections (\underline{DOC}) to manage its mission. The Camp is a minimum live-out facility and provides opportunities for offenders to re-enter the community. The Director's update included:

• There were up to 400 pills discovered at the North Central Correctional Facility (NCCF) at Rockwell City. The contraband was transferred to the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) of the Department of Public Safety (DPS). According to the DCI, it was not a controlled substance. Along with the pills, four cell phones were found. This is all contraband and the information has been turned over to the county attorney for potential prosecution. There are about 500 offenders housed at the

NCCF and approximately 200 offenders are transported outside the perimeter fence daily for work crews and employment.

- The DOC received a grant award from the <u>National Governor's Association</u> for data sharing with <u>Everly Ball</u> in Des Moines through the Iowa Corrections Offender Network (ICON). The majority of the mental health treatment centers in Iowa use the same management information system as Eyerly Ball. Completing the ICON connection to Eyerly Ball will permit data sharing between the corrections and mental health systems.
- Two preservice training classes have been held. There is high staff turnover but the DOC is filling vacancies. The Department is committed to hiring more minorities.
- Building 5 at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women (ICIW) at Mitchellville has been demolished. This building was very unstable. The footings have been poured for the Program Building. The new ICIW will be completely built by October 2015.
- Professor Julie Stevens and her landscape architecture students at the Iowa State University (<u>ISU</u>) will be working with the new Iowa State Penitentiary (ISP) at Fort Madison. They are starting design plans for landscape at the new prison.
- The University of Iowa (<u>UI</u>) and ISU are both interested in keeping the old ISP in use. The universities, along with the DOC, are working with the <u>City of Fort Madison</u> to propose uses for the historic structures.
- The <u>Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy</u> received a \$3.0 million grant award for three years under the federal <u>Second Chance Act</u>. The grant focuses on hiring policies, procedures, and practices as well as building community relationships for the DOC to reduce recidivism.
- The DOC recently received a grant to enhance services for mentally ill women offenders. This grant ties in with the Eyerly Ball project.
- The DOC is working with Canada on an Interstate Compact between the two countries. There is an offender at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility that is serving a life sentence. He is originally from Canada and wants to go back there. Under the terms of the Compact, Canada could release him from supervision. They may not do so, but the potential is there.
- The lowa Department on Aging (IDA) developed a software package for local health care providers and social services agencies. The DOC would like to use that package in the ICON, but money is required.
- The Director chairs the Mental Health Care subcommittee for the Association of State Corrections Administrators (<u>ASCA</u>). The <u>Yale</u> medical and law schools want to work with State departments of corrections to change administrative segregation, disciplinary detention, protected custody, and long-term confinement (also known as solitary confinement). These areas generate the most lawsuits, and offenders' mental health status deteriorates quickly in solitary confinement. The National Institute of Corrections (<u>NIC</u>) facilitated discussions and training within the DOC in September to consider options to change how the DOC operates.
- The FY 2016 and FY 2017 General Fund budget requests approved by the Board in September 2014 will not be entered into the state budget system. The Board will sign a letter requesting additional funds in priority order, contingent on funding being available.

Presentation. Ms. Karen Herkelman, Director of the <u>First Community-Based Corrections</u> (CBC) District Department, presented information on the Mental Health Jail Diversion Program operating in Black Hawk and <u>Dubuque</u> counties. She also provided information on a Domestic Violence Court that started in FY 2014 in <u>Black Hawk County</u> with a grant from the <u>Iowa Judicial Branch</u> and the <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u>, <u>Office on Violence Against Women</u>. There is a judge dedicated to the Program that conducts pleas and sentences, compliance hearings, violations of no contact order hearings, bond reductions and arraignments, pretrial conferences, and motions to lift or modify no contact orders. Staff from victim services agencies is available in the court room and the Parole/Probation Officer (PPO) is in court so the offender is signed up for probation at the time of sentencing.

NIC Update. Deputy Director Jerry Bartruff explained the process the NIC used to assist the DOC in developing options to reduce the length of stay in solitary confinement, and change the way offenders are treated that are in protected custody status. The goal is to reduce the use of Restricted Housing (RH) over time. The DOC needs to create housing units for mentally ill offenders at each of the Institutions. This may be done by converting existing segregation cells to housing units, but would require more treatment staff than is currently available.

ISP Archives. Mr. Mark Fullencamp works for the University of Iowa. He is working with women offenders, the ISU and the UI, and the <u>Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs</u> to digitize glass negatives of pictures of inmates. About 11,200 pictures have been converted to date. The group is working on creating an online archive to put the inmates' stories with their picture. Once completed, it will be the only inmate archive in the country. The group is also working with the City of Fort Madison to use the old ISP as a business incubator. It is the oldest working prison west of the Mississippi River.

Luster Heights. Staff from the Luster Heights Prison Camp described the types of substance abuse treatment available at the Camp. There is in-patient, out-patient, aftercare and relapse prevention available for offenders. There is also an anger management class as well as a drunken driving program. The Camp uses Iowa Code chapter <u>28E</u> agreements with local governments and nonprofit agencies for work crews. There is a wood working shop on grounds and a mentoring program through the <u>Catholic Archdiocese of Dubuque</u>. A large percentage of offenders at the Camp return to the <u>Dubuque</u> area. Representative Ruff spoke to the advantage of having offender work crews for the <u>City of McGregor</u>. It provides work and life skills training for offenders and saves the city and tax payers money. The offenders also maintain large gardens; the produce is used by the Camp and significant donations are made to local food banks.

Public Comments. Director Baldwin indicated that civilians are starting to be released from the Civil Commitment Unit for Sex Offenders (CCUSO) at the Cherokee Mental Health Institute (MHI). These civilians are supervised by the Department of Human Services (DHS) while at the Cherokee MHI. Under Iowa Code chapter 229A, the CBC District Departments supervise these civilians when they transition back to the community. Treatment is required as a condition of release. Most of these people are transitioning back to small towns that have minimal treatment resources, but relatively low rent and more housing options. Urban areas may have more treatment resources but also have more restrictions on housing options for these civilians.

Board Discussion. The Board requested an update on the new Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison. Director Baldwin indicated he cannot assure the Board the buildings will be occupied before he retires in January 2015. There are multiple issues that are being fixed. There are nine small heat exchange systems for the geothermal mechanical system. The Commissioning Agent will be on site this week to conduct final testing of that system. The <u>State Fire Marshal</u> has not yet granted an occupancy permit due to issues with the smoke control system. The contractor believes that system is fixed. The DOC continues to work with the State Fire Marshal, <u>Department of Administrative Services</u>, and the contractors to determine a date for occupancy. The <u>Office of the Attorney General</u> is involved in this process as well.

Next Meeting. The Board of Corrections is scheduled to meet November 7, 2014, at the DOC Central Office in Des Moines. Additional information is available from the DOC website at: http://www.doc.state.ia.us/ or by contacting the LSA.

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MEETINGS MONITORED

Meetings Monitored. The following meetings were monitored by Fiscal Services staff. Please contact the staff listed for more information.

Meeting	Date	Staff Contact
Board of Regents	September 10, 2014	Robin Madison (1-5270)
Council on Human Services	September 9-10, 2014	Jess Benson (1-4611) Kent Ohms (5-2200)
Cannabidiol Implementation Study Committee	September 11, 2014	Kent Ohms (5-2200) Alice Wisner (1-6764)
Criminal Justice Information System Advisory Committee	September 11, 2014	Alice Wisner (1-6764)
Iowa Child Welfare Advisory Committee	September 12, 2014	Kent Ohms (5-2200)
Environmental Protection Commission	September 16, 2014	Deb Kozel (1-6767)
IPERS Investment Board	September 17-18, 2014	Jen Acton (1-7846)

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Iowa Direct Care Worker Advisory Council	September 18, 2014	Kent Ohms (5-2200)
Iowa Public Information Board	September 18, 2014	Christin Mechler (1-6561)
Water Resource Coordinating Council	September 18, 2014	Deb Kozel (1-6767)
Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division Board	September 23, 2014	Christin Mechler (1-6561)
Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications	September 24, 2014	Alice Wisner (1-6764)
System Board		
E911 Communications Council	September 24, 2014	Alice Wisner (1-6764)
College Student Aid Commission	September 26, 2014	Robin Madison (1-5270)
Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Council	September 24, 2014	Beth Lenstra (1-6301)
Public Safety Advisory Board	September 24, 2014	Beth Lenstra (1-6301)
Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development Council	September 24, 2014	Kent Ohms (5-2200)
Watershed Planning Advisory Board	September 26, 2014	Deb Kozel (1-6767)
Criminal Justice Information System Advisory	September 11, 2014	Alice Wisner (1-6764)
Committee	-	
Sex Offender Research Council	September 30, 2014	Alice Wisner (1-6764) and
	-	Beth Lenstra (1-6301)
Air Quality Stakeholders Group	September 30, 2014	Deb Kozel (1-6767)
Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs	October 1, 2014	Kent Ohms (5-2200)
State Soil Conservation Committee	October 2, 2014	Deb Kozel (1-6767)
Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board	October 2, 2014	Christin Mechler (1-6561)
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Council	October 2, 2014	Alice Wisner (1-6764)
Board of Corrections	October 3, 2014	Beth Lenstra (1-6301)
State Appeal Board	October 6, 2014	Beth Lenstra (1-6301) and
		Christin Mechler (1-6561)
School Budget Review Committee (SBRC)	October 7, 2014	John Parker (5-2249)

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