

BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND JUDICIARY

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2024 Interim

August 21, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 2nd meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary was held on August 21, 2024, at 9:30 AM in Room 129 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Patrick Flannery, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representative Patrick Flannery Co-Chair; Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer Co-Chair; Senators Michael J. Nemes, and John Schickel; Representatives Daniel Elliott, Adam Bowling, Josh Bray, George Brown Jr., Nima Kulkarni, and Scott Sharp.

Guests: Alan Watt, Special Assistant, Capital Construction Management Branch, Department of Corrections; Scott Jordan, Deputy Commissioner of Adult Institutions, Department of Corrections

LRC Staff: Zachary Ireland, Perry Papka, and Benjamin Thompson.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Schickel made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2024, meeting. Representative Sharp seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without objection.

Department of Corrections

Alan Watt, Special Assistant, Capital Construction Management Branch, Department of Corrections; Scott Jordan, Deputy Commissioner of Adult Institutions, Department of Corrections provided information regarding Department of Corrections construction projects.

In response to questions from Chair Flannery, Mr. Jordan noted that a level four security prison is equipped to house all inmates up to and including maximum security. The department is unaware whether the level four prison that will be constructed in eastern Kentucky is intended to replace an existing facility. The Kentucky State Reformatory is scheduled to go offline when expansion of the Little Sandy Correctional Complex and construction of a new medical facility in Lexington are completed.

In response to questions from Senator Funke Frommeyer, Mr. Watt noted that the total

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cost of the 466 items identified by the department's mechanical, engineering, and plumbing study would be \$336 million. The department's maintenance pool sits at \$10 million.

In response to a question from Senator Schickel, Mr. Watt stated that the new Kentucky State Reformatory Medical Facility that is being constructed in Lexington is expected to open in the spring of 2026. The new facility must be completed before the current Kentucky State Reformatory can be vacated.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 AM.