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Jail Standards Committee Idaho Sheriffs' Association February 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilde at 9:00 a.m.

Tim Higgins, IDOC, reported that IDOC realizes the Probation and Parole Discretionary time is impacting the jails and wants the jails to contact IDOC to let them know if there are problems because of it.

Tim also explained that under their justice program assessments, they have done away with the old programs and have implemented new programs that are based off of the classifications and needs of the inmates.

IDOC has also made some changes to their long term restrictive housing and now they can have two people in restrictive housing instead of just one. This has opened up bed space for them and they are planning on bringing back the inmates that they are currently housing in Colorado.

Daren Ward reported on what the Jail Administrator's Association has been doing. He stated the Board had a conference call recently and discussed things they would like to work toward. IJAA would like to look at the medical reimbursement statutes and commissary statutes and propose some changes to the present language in the statutes. They realize it is too late this year but would like to work toward the changes in the near future.

Cindy Malm explained the jail inspections and the IPREA audits that are coming up this year. Jail inspections will begin in March and will go through the middle of June. IPREA audits will begin in April and will be done by the end of November.

Daren Ward reported he participated in training for the Western States Sheriff's Conference a couple of years ago explaining their ACLU consent decree. He stated that they have asked him to return this year to do an update at their March conference in Reno. They want him to talk about what went wrong and what was done right. He is hoping to be able to report that the ACLU will be allowing Canyon County to be released from the consent decree. Daren stated that the conference will have two sets of training, one for the jails and one for the sheriffs. He encouraged everyone to attend, if possible.

Lorin Nielsen recommended that the sheriffs look at reviewing the Justice Fund Statute for an increase as many are up against the cap and are being given more and more mandates to have to fund.

Vaughn said that some of the county commissioners have been looking into it. He said that we wouldn't be able to get enough money to do projects such as building new jails. Vaughn stated that counties may want to start looking at building regional jails.

Jay Heward explained that their regional jail works very good. The adult jail is in Cassia County and the juvenile detention facility is in Minidoka.

Doug Giddings explained the situation in Burns, Oregon and two of the citizens in Idaho County that are still holed up in the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in the standoff. He was asked to talk to the two but then the FBI completely took over. The two are not militia but don't trust the government. He feels that the situation could be resolved if the government would back off for now.

Chairman Wilde adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Minutes Written by Cindy Malm