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## **AGENDA**

### **Purpose: State Facility Closure Act Hearing;**

### **Illinois Department of Corrections, Thomson Correctional Center Closure**

Sterling High School Centennial Auditorium, 1604 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sterling, Illinois, December 22, 2009; 2:00 pm

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#### **I. Call to Order by Commission Co-Chairmen:**

1. Summary: State Facility Closure Act
2. Summary: State Property Control Act

#### **II. State of Illinois Executive Branch Officials:**

1. Director Michael P. Randle, Illinois Department of Corrections
2. Chief Operating Officer Jack Lavin, Office of the Governor

#### **III. Federal Government Officials:**

1. Director Harley Lappin, United States Federal Bureau of Prisons
2. Principal Director Alan Liotta, U.S. Department of Defense / Office of Detainee Policy

#### **IV. Elected Officials & City/Village Representatives:**

1. State Senator Tim Bivins (45<sup>th</sup> Senate District)
2. Trustee Vicky Trager, Village of Thomson
3. Former Village President Mary Jo Pauley, Village of Thomson
4. Director of Public Works / City Engineer Shawn Ortgiesen, City of Dixon (Representing City)
5. Mayor George Gaulrapp, City of Freeport
6. County Board Member Jim Bohnsack, Rock Island County Board
7. Village President Bonnie Heckman Foust, Village of Shannon

#### **V. Employee Organizations, Unions and Associations:**

1. Executive Director Henry Bayer, AFSCME Council 31
2. President Lori Laidlaw, AFSCME Local 2359 (Thomson Correctional Center)
3. President Ralph Portwood, AFSCME Local 1866 (Stateville Correctional Center)
4. President Anthony Ferranto, AFSCME Local 1175 (Menard Correctional Center)
5. President Brad Long, Northwest Illinois Building Trades
6. Executive Director Rory Washburn, Tri-City Building Trades

## **VI. Educational and Economic Development Organizations:**

### ***a.) Educational Organizations:***

1. President George Mihel, Sauk Valley Community College

### ***b.) Economic Development Organizations:***

1. Heather Sotelop, Greater Sterling Development Corporation
2. Administrator Betty Steinert, Whiteside County Economic Development
3. Executive Director Diane Komiskey, Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority
4. Dr. Edward Olds, III; Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority Member
5. Corporate Counsel John Cox, Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, Inc.
6. Sandy Henrekien, Rock Falls Community Development Organization
7. President Dr. William Tonne, Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development

## **VII. Advocacy Organizations and General Public Comments:**

### ***a.) Advocacy Organizations:***

1. Staff Attorney Alice Johnson, Illinois Nurses Association
2. Beverly Perlson, *The Band of Mother's*
3. John "Howie" Howell, *Chandler's Watch*, blogtalkradio Host
4. Robert Clark, *Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights*, President
5. Craig Mijares, *TEA Party Palatine Group* District Coordinator
6. Sandra Mijares, *TEA Party Palatine Group* & Concerned Citizen
7. Richard Biesiada, *Chicago Minutemen* (Director )
8. Debbie Lee; *America's Mighty Warrior's*

### ***b.) General Public Comments:***

1. Kirk Wellman, IL Department of Corrections, Dwight Corrections Officer
2. Dan Proft
3. Joe Alger, Concerned Citizen
4. Steve Stevlic, Concerned Citizen
5. William Kelly, Business Owner
6. Robert Zedeck
7. John Arrington
8. Adam Andrzejewski

## **VIII. Old Business:**

1. Jessie "Ma" Houston
2. Kankakee Correctional Center

## **IX. New Business:**

## **X. Adjournment:**

**(Agenda is subject to Additions / Corrections / Deletions and is current through 12/20/09 1:00pm CST)**