TO: Members of Tennessee Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision  
Board of Parole, Board Members  
All Staff, Department of Correction

FROM: Bobby Straughter, Assistant Commissioner

DATE: December 12, 2014

RE: Minutes of the December 11th, 2014 Meeting of the Tennessee Council for  
Interstate Adult Offender Supervision

The Tennessee Council For Interstate Adult Offender Supervision conducted a meeting on December 11, 2014 at 1:05 PM. Present were Council Members: Judge Steven Dozier, Senator Rusty Crowe, Kathleen Starnes, representative for victims, Stephen Young, representing criminal defense attorneys, Assistant Commissioner Bobby Straughter, and Richard Muckle, Special Assistant to the Commissioner for TDOC Commissioner Derrick Schofield. Also in attendance was Jim Purviance representing the Board of Parole, TDOC General Counsel Debbie Inglis, and Deputy Compact Administrator Deborah Duke.

Minutes  
The meeting Agenda and the minutes from the September 11, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

ICAOS Business & Fee Update
The South Region states are represented in the ICAOS by Chris Moore of Georgia. Mr. Straughter read a short bio of Mr. Moore and stated he has a common stake in our southern state interests. This is a rule amendment voting year and there may be some changes in the rule regarding compact eligible misdemeanants in the works.

At the request of Chairwoman Starnes, the offender fees were revisited for the possibility of introducing legislation to increase them. The last time the supervision fees were visited was in 1995 when they were raised from $5 a month to $15 a month. Feedback from the judiciary indicate the offenders already have a difficult time paying fees at the current rate and if they are employed, need all the money they earn to support their families. Fee exemptions are already prevalent with allowances for medical and poverty issues and offenders also have other costs such as restitution and GPS tagged on to monthly fees. Judges are reluctant to violate just for fees and TDOC is not inclined to ask for an increase in fees at this time.

Senator Crow asked how he could assist in getting other legislation passed that would assist in interstate compact work and the issue of Community Supervision for Life case authority was discussed.

Data Recap
Deborah Duke explained what information was available and could be located on the ICAOS website www.interstatecompact.org. A brief recap of the number of transfers was provided to the Council as well as information regarding the dues paid to the Commission (36,674.30) in relation to the dollar amount generated by the transfer application fee (73,866.17), the number of parole extraditions this year (8) and the fact that if Tennessee were to be found in default of our compact obligations we could be fined in excess of $100,000. In addition to our public safety responsibility, defaulting on the compact's mandatory extradition rules would be fiscally irresponsible.

Old Business/New Business
Judge Dozier suggested having someone speak to the District Attorney's regarding the Community Supervision for Life offenders and the interstate compact responsibilities and obligations. Bobby Straughter noted he would look into this.
Deborah Duke will provide the current Community Supervision for Life statutes to the Council for further discussion as to what changes in the legislation would make it more relevant.
The quarterly meetings for 2015 will still be held on the second Thursday at 1pm, with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday March 12, 2015 at 1pm in the Rachel Jackson Building.
Meeting was adjourned at 2:03pm.

Minutes Approved by:

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Kathleen Starnes, Chair

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Date
3-12-2015