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SUPERVISORS OUTRAGED OVER POTENTIAL REAPPOINTMENT OF HOUSE OF CORRECTION SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Ron Malone's mismanagement wastes millions of taxpayer dollars

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Board's Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee voted 5-0 this morning to approve the reappointment of Mr. Ronald Malone as Superintendent of the House of Correction, prompting sharp criticism from Supervisors John F. Weishan, Jr., and Mark A. Borkowski, who are urging their colleagues to vote down the appointment.

“Mr. Malone has a dismal track record as Superintendent of the House of Correction. His mismanagement of both the House and the Community Correctional Center in downtown Milwaukee has led to cost overruns and millions of wasted taxpayer dollars,” Supervisor Weishan said. “Bad and unaccountable management at both facilities has led to inmate escapes, inmate deaths, inappropriate contact between correction officers and inmates, and gang and drug activity. We’ve seen almost everything short of fires and riots at these locations.”

“The County Executive’s office claims all the problems have been addressed. Well, nothing could be further from the truth. Mr. Malone has a terrible record and the House of Correction has turned into a potential disaster under his watch. It’s almost comical,” said Supervisor Borkowski, whose district includes the House of Correction. “Let’s have some honest progress here. I urge my colleagues to vote this appointment down to force the County Executive to bring in a new Superintendent as soon as possible.”

“The County Executive talks about making Milwaukee County more effective, yet he is reappointing someone who has failed to fill 60 vacant correctional officer positions, costing us millions in unnecessary overtime costs,” Supervisor Weishan added.

The County Board will vote on whether to confirm the appointment at its next meeting on June 26, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.