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COMMITTEE REPORT

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4/26/83

Date:

5/6/83

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES has had SSIB 374

"An Act relating to the establishment of maximum security prison facilities at Anderson and Palmer/Sutton."

under consideration and reports it back as follows:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for SSIB 374 same title
 new title
- and recommends amend bill indicate of 2 amendments
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation Zero Fiscal Note Attached
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

Miss Miller

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

CHAIRMAN

POSITION PAPER

Sponsor Substitute for House Bill No. 374

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The Department of Health and Social Services and the Division of Adult Corrections totally opposes the concept of predetermined building sites for prison facilities. It is imperative that such decisions be made by professional correctional practitioners and based on sound criminal justice criteria for site location to ensure that the prison facilities meet standards for programming, security, and safety.

Recommended by: *for Roger V. Endell*
Roger V. Endell, Director
Division of Adult Corrections

Date: 4-29-83

Approved by: *Robert London Smith*
Robert London Smith, Ph.D.
Commissioner

Date: 4/29/83

STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date _____, 1983

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: SS for HB #374
 Title: Act relating to estab. of max pris fac
 Sponsor: Schultz
 Requestor: House HESS

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Health & Social Services
 Program Category Affected: Adm. of Just.
 BRU, Program of Subprogram(s) Affected: Adult Confinement

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

Not applicable.

IV. ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for any Analysis

Prepared By: Roger C. Lange *Roger C. Lange* Phone: 465-3376
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Recommended by: *Roger V. Endell*
for Roger V. Endell, Director
Division of Adult Corrections

Date: May 13, 1983

Approved by: *Robert London Smith*
Robert London Smith, Ph.D.
Commissioner

Date: 5/17/83

I. REQUEST CS for SS for II. FISCAL DETAIL
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Not applicable.

IV. ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for any Analysis

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TO: HESS Committee Members

FROM: Heidi H. Borson

RE: Staff Report - HB 347 - An act relating to the establishment of maximum security prison facilities at Anderson and Palmer/Sutton.

HB 347 mandates that all newly constructed maximum security prisons with 200 or more beds be located within the vicinity of Anderson and Palmer/Sutton. The fiscal note for HB 374 is zero due to a lack of information, and the next committee of referral is Judiciary.

The Department of Health & Social Services totally opposes the concept of predetermined building sites for prison facilities; and thus opposes HB 374, as well as HB 217 and HB 275.

The language in Section 33.30.025 of HB 374 differs from HB 217 and HB 275 in two respects:

1. the name of the designated location
2. the added stipulation that the prison facilities contain 200 or more beds

Note that in previous deliberations over HB 217 and HB 275, the committee voted to adopt committee substitutes for the bills which changed the wording in Section 33.30.025 from locating "all newly constructed maximum security prison facilities" within the vicinity of X to locating "the next maximum security prison facility" within the vicinity of X.

Backup material from the sponsor of HB 374 is attached to this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
FOR THE LEGISLATURE

The Anderson Case
for a
Maximum Security Prison
April 26, 1983

We'd like to be taken seriously.

Now that the attention-getting phase of our program has concluded, we'd like to firmly establish our position on maximum security prisons by briefly re-stating it:

1. The Legislature should decide on the location of any correctional facility such as this one. The impacts on a community are enormous and of long-term economic and social importance. It is the kind of decision that determines which part of the State will or will not grow. This is the kind of decision Legislatures should be making. Legislatures prevail, over time. Commissioners come and go, and policies with them. It is obvious that you and your colleagues must make this decision. It is just as obvious that the management decisions belong to the professionals.

2. It is decision time. Information we have developed during our research tells us that the State of Alaska is at peril if a decision is not reached during this Session of the Thirteenth! We have mentioned this to no one up to now, but, we'll appreciate being able to fill you in during the coming week. Please let us have a couple of minutes to do so. Thank you.

3. Two small prisons, not one large one. Our research among Alaska prison managers, those in the Lesser-48, and throughout the professional literature support the validity of this concept, and it may actually cost less to operate two smaller, than one large. Costs to construct two will be only about 22% more than to build the single larger unit, we have been told by prison architects.

4. Palmer and Anderson are appropriate locations to serve the north and south of the State since about 46% of all inmates resided in the Greater Anchorage area and about 41% came from Fairbanks and the Bush before their placement in institutions.

5. And finally, Anderson has the same kind of locational advantages as any other site, except one -- and that's where we have it all over everybody -- our citizens voted for it in a legal Referendum. To this time, no other city has done that!

THE CITY OF ANDERSON

G. W. Mueller
Mayor

White Paper

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A Consideration
For Location of
Maximum Security
Prison
In
Anderson

Developed In Cooperation With
GAPY COPUS, Ph.D
Criminal Justice Division
University of Alaska
Fairbanks

Credentials Brief

GARY COPUS, PH.D

Currently serving the Thirteenth Alaska Legislature as a consultant in Corrections, Dr. Copus has also assisted the Mayor and Council of the City of Anderson in determining its viability for siting a Maximum Security Prison.

He received his Doctorate in Sociology at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

From 1970 until 1979, he was instructor in Criminal Justice in the graduate school at Sam Houston University, Huntsville, Texas.

From 1980 to the present he served in the Criminal Justice program in which he has published and lectured in all areas of corrections and its alternates.

We are very proud to have the assistance of Dr. Copus in developing our position.

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CONSIDERATIONS ABOUT ANDERSON AND MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISONS

- o Purpose of maximum facilities is LESS REHABILITATION AND MORE WAREHOUSING. Lessens the necessity to establish facilities in urban, or near urban, areas.
- o Availability of the Anderson Site for VISITATION is enhanced by the TRAIN STOP and HIGHWAY connecting Alaska's two largest cities.
- o There is no other prison system in Anderson. The modern trend is to keep prison facilities: less than 500 bed capacity, and GEOGRAPHICALLY SEPARATE, so as NOT TO CREATE A "PRISON MEGALCOPOLIS." This latter characteristic allows for 1) distribution of the economic advantages and 2) the flexibility for prison management to have access to a variety of resources from the land and the community.
- o Anderson is in the middle of a growth/development corridor of Alaska. Remembering that given the prison facility will last many generations to come the Anderson site makes an excellent choice given the emerging DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS ALONG THE RAIL-BELT.
- o The facility, if a 400 bed one as currently proposed, will employ between 175 and 250 persons. The City of Anderson looks forward to the advantages new citizens afford and to the opportunity for current and future citizens to obtain correctional employment.
- o With OVERWHELMING COMMUNITY SUPPORT any deficit Anderson may have will be overcome or lessened. No matter where a site is located, there will be positive and negative factors to be dealt with. It is emphasized that where Anderson differs is the community spirit so necessary for what successes prisons can achieve.
- o IN SUMMARY, Prisons need four things to operate: a physical facility, personnel to staff and administer, offenders to be located there, and supplies. Anderson can provide a location whereby the state can satisfy these needs efficiently, economically, and continually.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- o Referendum on February 29, 1983 supported prison by 2-to-1.
- o 61% voter turnout
- o Five public meetings informed citizens
- o Reasons Anderson wants prison are community expansion and employment opportunities in future generations.

LAND AVAILABILITY

- o Multiple sites for selection
- o Sites are available by State Land Selection Process from Cook Inlet Region, Incorporated; or, Federal Lands

ELEMENTS OF PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

- o Water - pure, unlimited, and without fee via prison's own wells and distribution facilities.
- o Sewage - Cost saving from construction/operation of on-site treatment system.
- o Power - Optional excess power available from Clear AFB or, Golden Valley Electric Association and potential Anchorage-Fairbanks intertie.
- o Heating - Coal from Usibelli Mines 50 miles away, and/or fuel from North Pole Refinery 100 miles away.
- o Transportation available by highway, rail, and air.

ELEMENTS OF HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

- o Recreational areas and activities plentiful in Anderson area.
- o Modern elementary and high school expandable to accommodate increased student body.
- o Medical facilities currently 80 miles north in Fairbanks via highway, but, with increased population expect Anderson facility.
- o Fire protection supported by Anderson and Clear AFB.
- o The prison will attract quality personnel to work there and live in Anderson. Precedent in support is Clear AFB personnel educational level and technical skill level in Anderson for 20+ years. AFB also offers supply of potential quality employees from those retired or wishing a job change.

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A Consideration
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Maximum Security
Prison
In
Anderson

MODERN
PRISONS
DESCRIBED

1. In modern penal systems the purpose of maximum security units has changed little since the inception of the first prison in our nation. The purpose is simply to provide for the safe keeping of those individual offenders who have shown themselves incapable of co-existing with others, or are deemed a danger to themselves or others, or are in danger from others.

Less
Rehabilitation

Individuals are assigned to maximum units via a thorough process called classification and end up "max-rated" only as a last resort. Given these considerations, experts argue that "max units" are simply warehousing units, with less emphasis on rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation is attempted in minimum or medium security units -- an assignment available to max inmates through re-classification. Thus

FOR SITE SELECTION OF A MAXIMUM SECURITY UNIT
THE AVAILABILITY OF REHABILITATION SERVICES
SHOULD NOT BE A MAJOR FACTOR OF CONSIDERATION.

EASY
TRAVEL

2. An Anderson site would be ideal for friends and relatives wishing to visit inmates because of its accessibility by highway and rail. The train is a particularly good asset for families not having access to automobile transportation and during most of the year the frequency of the local runs is such that persons visiting the prison could make convenient connections. Additionally, for persons visiting from Fairbanks, Anderson is a short, scenic drive.

NO PLACE
PERFECT

3. With the numerous points to consider, no matter which site the State selects, all points will not be positive relative to other sites. For example, one might argue that Haines would have been more positively effected economically than a Palmer area site, but Palmer is nearest the largest city. Anderson may have transportation and utility advantages over Palmer. Given that no one site will score relatively higher than other sites on all points, what becomes important is how to handle the deficits and then the community becomes an indispensable part of site consideration.

Positive
Community
Attitude

A positive community outlook supports the goals of the prison in many direct and subtle ways. For example, a positive community attitude attracts, in part, quality personnel to staff the prison; assists those families moving to the area because a friend or relative is incarcerated and thus eliminates worry on part of the inmate; works with the prison administration to provide for staff housing, supplies, and emergency labor needs thus resulting in an efficient institution with a high morale.

ANDERSON IS A CITY WHICH HAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED, ON THE BASIS OF INFORMED DECISION MAKING, THAT IT WILLINGLY ACCEPTS THE COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY.

LONG
USEFUL
LIFE

4. Prisons last for many years, a conservative estimate being a useful life of between 60 to 90 years. A good many prisons operating today are "centenarians". Thus when considering a site, the future of the area must be carefully taken into account. Any points negative with respect to Anderson should be assessed with the question, "What will the Anderson area be like 5, 10, 20, 50 years from now?" The current projections are that Anderson will be part of a rapidly developing area along the rail belt which could make it a center point of population in the next 20 years. This, accompanied by projected increases in transportation facilities demotes any current concerns about "out-of-the-wayness" to only temporal concerns at best.

MAJOR
PRISON
PROBLEMS

5. Many of the major problems in prisons today are in part related to their mere magnitude in terms of numbers of persons locked up under one roof. Recent national recommendations stress the importance of keeping newly constructed units less than 500 bed capacity, and the physical separation of units. In other words, the recommendations could be interpreted as "do not build a prison megalopolis" be it under one roof or by building multiple adjacent structures. Separation of facilities, geographically, has several advantages.

Physical
Separation

First from the standpoint of the state the economic advantages are spread as well as any disadvantages which communities might accrue. For example, suppose the presence of a facility attracts inmate families which have children who in turn have learning problems, behavior problems in school, and relatively high delinquency rates. Why concentrate these traits versus spreading them out and subject them to strong positive community influence (like Anderson can provide)?

Other
Advantages

Second building a facility geographically separate from other current institutions makes good sense from a management point of view. Take the hopefully unlikely and extreme case of a major earthquake in the vicinity of a prison creating the need for evacuation. Would it not be better to evacuate only one facility than several too closely juxtaposed? Further, physical separation enhances identification by staff with "their" facility and increases pride, morale, and dedication as opposed to "working in a large network of prisons." Management also has a variety of land and community resources, the variety offering the opportunity to install new programs and ideas which may not be acceptable in just any one location. These are only a few of the reasons not to build prisons in the same geographical locale.

Gary Copus, Ph.D

INTRODUCTION TO ANDERSON

Anderson, Alaska thinks it would be a good place for a Maximum Security Prison--But only a Maximum Security Prison! The people of Anderson are pretty outspoken on that point. They have talked it over.

You say you've never heard of Anderson-- and haven't the foggiest notion of where it is?

Touche!

No convention mecca, is Anderson. It is not on the tourist highways and by-ways or the slick travel maps. But, it is well connected--very well connected, to an all-weather highway, an airport and ocean-going barges via the Alaska Railroad, right in the middle of nowhere! Between Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Now you've heard of Anderson! a town of 550 people which comes of age on its 21st birthday in June.

The reasons for putting forth Anderson's name stem from a package of advantages no where else available in quite the same magnitude or combination, as they are available in Anderson.

..... READ ON!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The City of Anderson has made a pointed and energetic effort to inform the citizens of all aspects, both negative and positive, of having a maximum security prison within close proximity of the town. The idea was first publicly presented on February 8 at a City Council meeting where the decision was made to continue by informing the public and assessing the general opinion. During further public hearings and Town Hall meetings occurring on February 17, 18, 25, 26, and March 18, 26 it is estimated that over 60% of all citizens in Anderson were personally involved in acquiring knowledge and asking questions. Undoubtedly, 100% became informed through informal discussion.

During the meetings, material used to guide informative discussion was used from the American Correctional Association, The Federal Bureau of Prisons and the Criminal Justice Institute at Hemlock Hill, New York. In addition, at the March 18th Town Hall meeting, professionals in the correctional area were invited to address the citizenry. Invited and accepting were Captains Douglas Nowak and Lawrence Jackson of the U.S. Air Force, and Dr. Gary Copus.

Dr. Copus, with academic and practical expertise in community impact by prisons, was very careful to point out what to some communities might be undesirable impacts. No area was left unexamined and the result was--

BASED ON SOUND AND TOTAL INFORMATION THE CITIZENS OF ANDERSON VOTED ON FEBRUARY 29TH TO DIRECT THE CITY COUNCIL TO PURSUE WITH VIGOR THE ATTRACTION OF THE MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON TO ANDERSON.

The resulting 2-to-1 vote was based on 61% of the registered voters. Voting was done in an official manner in all precincts, locked ballot boxes and election judges. Noteworthy is that the prison issue was the only item on the ballot so that the largest turnout in Anderson's voting history was due to the community interest which was overwhelmingly positive.

An informal assessment was made as to the reasons the community obviously wanted a maximum security prison.

First the community sees the prison as an employment opportunity for its future generations. Correctional employment was seen as not only an opportunity for young adults to have the alternative of remaining in Anderson as productive citizens, but the community also recognized modern corrections as providing a desirable career opportunity. Present employment was of lesser concern. Anderson is not currently impacted by any economic crisis which might sway a community's opinion to be only temporally positive. Anderson is in a reasonably good economic and employment status.

Second the community saw many positive aspects of development and growth. Among those mentioned were cultural and social growth, economic growth through curricula expansion and attraction of additional qualified teachers, and the establishment of social and health services. The community looks at the prison as offering a challenge to develop and manage a "new Anderson."

ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES
OF ANDERSON

The economical advantages of an Anderson site could vastly outweigh those of many other potential sites if life cycle economics is considered.

Life cycle economics center upon options available for essential operating utilities, such as:

heating/air conditioning
electric power
water
sewage treatment
transportation

HEATING Healy coal, transported by the Alaska Railroad, powers the generators and boilers at the Anderson-located Clear Air Force Station. Three Anderson sites are located immediately adjacent to the Alaska Railroad. Options for heating and power generation include both coal and/or diesel transported by the Alaska Railroad:

- o Coal: Usibelli Mines, Inc.
Healy, Alaska
50 miles South
- o Diesel: North Pole Refinery Co.
North Pole, Alaska
100 miles North

ELECTRIC POWER An option available only at an Anderson site includes the potential of purchasing the stable excess power generated at Clear Air Force Station, as many other Alaskan communities do from nearby U.S. Government facilities. The City of Anderson itself purchases power from the Golden Valley Electric Association, soon to be served by the Anchorage-Fairbanks Power Intertie, providing still another option for sub-station service at about the same time the Maximum Security Prison is expected to be operational.

WATER Anderson does not offer city-treated or supplied water to the Clear Air Force Station which consumes in excess of One Hundred Fifty Million Gallons per Month, or to the 117

domestic users inside the Municipality. The prison facility would drill its own wells and provide its own water from the uniquely-abundant natural supply of superior quality potable water available in Anderson--one of its priceless natural resources. Thus the prison would not now, or later, be in the position of having to purchase water supplies from a Municipality. And, the water in Anderson is hygienically pure without treatment. The prison would, of course, have established water rights, thereby protecting its call upon the natural resource forever.

A comprehensive water study, funded by the Alaska State Legislature, was completed on February 7, 1983 by URS Engineers, an internationally-connected firm of engineers and scientists with an Anchorage operations base. The final Draft Report, accepted by the Anderson City Council on February 15, 1983, found the water to be not only pure, but plentiful for domestic needs for generations into the future in the built-up residential area, and, of unlimited industrial supply nearly everywhere else in the Municipality.

In further testimony of the purity and abundance of water for large-demand-users such as the prison might be considered, the State-owned/operated Clear Fish Hatchery draws water from its complex of wells directly into its propagation system, using 60 million gallons per month. Brewing and soft drink industries are looking at Anderson not only because of its abundance of pure water, but also because of its logistical advantages.

SEWAGE TREATMENT Another cost saving advantage of an Anderson site is that the prison would construct and operate its own small, self-contained treatment system, just as does the Clear Air Force Station for its 500+ military and civilian personnel forces. The State may wish to acquire slightly more than the proposed 100-acre-reservation for these purposes. Everywhere at all Anderson sites, land is available to the State for its purposes and needs.

TRANSPORTATION The advantages of prisoner transfer transportation has been earlier addressed. In this section, logistical transportation is discussed.

The locational advantage of an inter-modal transportation network must not be under-estimated, either for the construction phase or the ultimate operational life of the prison.

Construction materials can be boarded on rail cars at any point in the Lower-48 or the Orient and off-loaded near any of the potential Anderson sites. This same transportation system will greatly reduce costs of consumable supplies for the operation phases through use of the rail-barge-rail-truck-road inter-modal matrix available only at Anderson, while utilizing the state-owned Alaska Railroad utility. The air link to Anderson sites has been prior addressed.

CULTURAL-SOCIAL-RECREATIONAL
ADVANTAGES OF ANDERSON

Since Anderson is just 90 minutes driving time from the main campus of the University of Alaska/Fairbanks, and the university's Nenana Valley Rural Education Center presents credit-courses at Anderson and throughout the region, opportunities to take or teach graduate and under-graduate courses are readily available, as are symphony, drama, music and art, sports and popular music. The Fairbanks Regional Medical Center is only 30 air minutes from Anderson and provides a wide range of modern medical procedures.

In Anderson itself, there is an opportunity to participate in social and fraternal clubs and organizations as well as sports and educational activities. Anderson's new and modern elementary and High School can absorb a hundred or more students with only the addition of a few staff positions. By adding new rooms to the architecturally expandable complex, up to 250 additional students could be responsibly accommodated.

A new gun club and indoor shooting range will be completed next year in Anderson and, cross-country ski, snowmachine and ATV trails criss-cross the area and sport fishing and hunting are very nearby. Youth and large all-family parks are popular and in use. All roads and water removal ditching will have been completed prior to commencement of major construction.

Anderson is a Second Class City with an experienced, stable government and Council. There is no property tax. Except for educators and government employees, most adults work at Anderson's Clear Air Force Station as technical or management personnel. While Anderson has obvious employment stability, second and eventually third generation citizens face chronic unemployment and welcome the opportunity to train and to qualify for positions at the prison, now, and into its future life cycle.

LAND AVAILABILITY
IN ANDERSON

Anderson is surrounded on both sides by land available to the State through the State land selection process. Most specifically, from removal from the Cook Inlet Region, Incorporated selection pool, or from other federally owned land from which it may select. The State itself owns land which should be considered, and will soon receive numerous Sections of land in Township 7 South, Range 7 West, F.M. which affords a number of site potentials. The City of Anderson recommend sites in Sections 15, 14, 10, 11 of T7S, R7W FM be studied; then, section 8 or 4 of T7S, R7W FM; finally sections 13, 23, 26, 27 and 34 T7S, R7W FM.

POINTS TO CONSIDER FOR LOCATING PRISON IN ANDERSON

1. Prison would be close enough to Fairbanks to benefit that area's labor, logistics and transportation.
2. All supplies for the prison would probably come through Fairbanks.
3. Prison would not have the annual expense of paying a city for water and sewage treatment. The community of Clear, adjacent to the proposed prison site, has ample supply of water and the ground percolates well for sewage treatment.
4. Fairbanks Bar Association has advised that they are for this location and will process any services that are needed at the prison.
5. Population of Anderson voted on a regular ballot (not straw vote - as did Haines) to locate the prison there and by a vote of two to one. Haines citizens are against locating prison in Haines.
6. City of Anderson has hired Dr. Copus to assist them in setting up, administering and supporting the prison efforts there. He is an expert on prisons, having written many books on the subject.

(Above information supplied by Vern McCorkle and Jerry Mueller)

Anderson says yes to high security jail

If residents in the City of Anderson have their way, the state will build Alaska's first maximum security prison in their small Railbelt community.

Anderson residents voted nearly 2-1 last week in favor of offering their community as a site for a maximum security prison, jumping into competition with Palmer for the \$49 million facility.

Division of Corrections Director Roger Endell has told the Anderson city council he is not interested in Anderson as a site, but city officials are hoping the vote will change his mind.

"We know Endell has always said he'd never build the prison in a town where the people were not solidly behind the project, and we intend to hold him to that," said Anderson Mayor G.W. Mueller.

Mueller said the first thing the Anderson city council did was schedule public hearings and a "town hall" meeting to get in-

formation to residents and an indication of their sentiments.

"Now that the people are behind us, we are hoping for some support from Juneau, and we'll be there to make our case," Mueller said.

"We know that Endell has already selected the Palmer area, but Anderson has some definite advantages no other site can offer, including Palmer."

Mueller said one of the main advantages is the local support in the 550-resident community.

Mueller also said Anderson is only an hour south of Fairbanks and three hours north of Anchorage, a statement that might be disputed by highway drivers who maintain the 55-mph speed limit.

However, Mueller said Anderson also sits in the middle of the heart of Alaska's new growth corridor, and offers rail and air service.

Mueller said the town has already made wide contact with legislators and that Anderson is the most logical site for the prison.

ALASKA

Anderson ready for tough fight to get prison

By DAVID RAMSEUR
News-Miner Bureau

JUNEAU—City Manager Vern McCorkle likens it to David and Goliath. Others say it's more like the impossible dream.

The tiny town of Anderson, about 75 miles south of Fairbanks on the Parks Highway, has tossed its hat in the ring for a new maximum security state prison.

Even though state officials have all but narrowed the prison site to two other locations, Anderson is not giving up. In fact, Anderson officials say they've just now begun to fight.

"It's definitely uphill," city Manager McCorkle admitted Wednesday between appointments with legislators. "We just know it's not going to be an easy fight."

He and Mayor Gerald Mueller are here for the week trying to convince enough lawmakers that their community of 550 is the best spot to house 300 hardened criminals.

"Our position is it's all well and good for the president of the Senate to want the prison in his backyard but we'd like equal consideration," McCorkle said.

Politicizing the issue with state

ments like that is part of Anderson's strategy. City officials are carefully counting noses in case selection of the prison site falls to the Legislature.

They hope to recruit the co-chairmen of the powerful Senate Finance Committee and on the surface appear to stand a good chance. Sen. Don Bennett is from nearby Fairbanks and Sen. John Sackett once represented Anderson.

But state officials have different ideas. Three areas—Seward, Haines and the Mitanuska Susitna Valley, probably Sutton—are still in the running for the prison estimated to cost

\$45 million, according to state Corrections Director Roger Endell.

Sutton is near Palmer, the hometown of Senate President Jay Kertula.

Endell told a legislative panel this week that despite heavy lobbying, Haines stands little chance. Endell said he'll probably wait until the Legislature approves funding for the prison before selecting a site.

According to McCorkle, Endell also has told Anderson officials they're out of luck and that he even refused to visit their town to check out the proposed sites.

The smooth-talking McCorkle however, looks on the bright side.

Following four public hearings, Anderson voted 102-59 on March 29 to support location of the prison in their town.

The community is a transportation hub, McCorkle says, with the Alaska Railroad and Parks Highway with a

stone's throw and support services such as a hospital and court system nearby in Fairbanks.

Healy coal or North Pole produced fuel oil could heat the prison. It could probably be located on land soon to be owned by the Cook Inlet Native Corp., which would increase the value of the firm's other land in the area, McCorkle said.

Unlike other areas in the running, McCorkle said Anderson doesn't need the prison to bail it out of tough economic times.

"We're looking beyond the immediate job seekers in the area," he said. "We're looking to the next 100 years."

The prison is expected to provide up to 175 jobs when in operation and many more during its construction.

McCorkle said he hopes the prison will attract small businesses which will help provide an incentive for Anderson area youth to remain in their community.



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April 26, 1983

Representative Richard Shultz
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: Location of Maximum Security Prison Facility

Dear Representative Shultz:

I am pleased to inform you that at a recent special meeting, the Board of Directors of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce unanimously endorsed the concept of locating a maximum security prison facility in the community of Anderson. We feel that location is well suited for a maximum security facility, as it has a good location, access, adequate support services, and strong community support.

The location of such a facility at Anderson would have a positive economic effect on the Fairbanks community as well. For goods and services, the community of Anderson, in many cases, relies on Fairbanks suppliers. An enhancement of Anderson's economic base would have an equivalent enhancing effect on the economy of the entire Interior.

I realize that it's late in the game for making a decision on this facility. However, we are convinced that the Anderson proposal warrants serious consideration as an option that will serve the best interest of all Alaskans.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Buki Wright
President

Dr. Gary Copus, Prof of Criminal Justice, UAF

4B 374 has 2 issues - 1) size - 2) location

1) size - used to consider 1 400 bed facility
people in Anderson cognizant of trend
towards smaller prisons

2) have a variety of locations to offer

+ of smaller institutions - more humane
greater control
managerial flexibility

200 or more - reflects the intent to keep
prisons small

role of the legislature re: site selection

1) do nothing - leave it to Dept of Corrections

2) jelly bean option - give several alternatives
to pick from

3) make a recommendation for a specific site
advocated the 3rd option

Should consider 2 factors:

functional - water, land, power, transportation - all
available

political - prisons affect those inside + outside
wealth distributed through prison

positive community attitude 61% toward
2 to 1 in support

Anderson is as viable as the other sites.

Legislatures resp to locate site for the benefit of the state, look at site, don't tell how to run the prison.

Make decision quickly - state under the Cleary Decision

face material - commission doesn't support any profound summation

Anderson Palmer/Sutton
facility to serve both Northern + Southern axis of the State

my personal ~~with~~ observation, feeling and philosophy is ...

Introduced: 4/25/83
Referred: State Affairs and
Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY SHULTZ

COMMITTEE

2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 374

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the establishment of maximum
7 security prison facilities at Anderson and Palmer/-
8 Sutton."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. AS 33.30.020 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 33.30.020. COMMISSIONER TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER PRISON
12 FACILITIES. Subject to the provisions of AS 33.30.025, the [THE]
13 commissioner shall establish prison facilities and classify the pris-
14 oners in prison facilities. The commissioner shall provide for the
15 safety, subsistence, proper government, and discipline of prisoners.
16 The commissioner shall establish programs for the treatment, care,
17 rehabilitation and reformation of prisoners.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 33.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

19 Sec. 33.30.025. LOCATION OF FACILITIES. After July 1, 1983, the
20 commissioner shall locate within the vicinity of Anderson and Palmer/-
21 Sutton ^{the next} ~~all newly constructed~~ maximum security prison facilities that
22 contain 200 or more beds.



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Committee Report by the
Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee

May 3, 1983

SITE SELECTION FOR A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON

The Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee, in considering SB 224 and SB 267 relating to the location of maximum security prison facilities, recommends that the new facility be constructed in the Palmer area within the vicinity of Sutton.

The Committee also considered the testimony and presentation by Anderson, Alaska, and wishes to commend its citizens for their enthusiasm and support for the prison site.

In future planning for regionalization of prison sites, the Committee would recommend that the Commissioner of the new Department of Corrections grant serious consideration to Anderson as a possible prison location.

Anticipated development in the Railbelt Corridor coupled with transportation, utility and land availability make Anderson an attractive site.

The Committee is aware that Haines, Seward, Valdez and Whittier may have an interest in being chosen as the site for the proposed facility, but no testimony was received on their behalf.

Findings of the Committee in selecting the Sutton site were:

1. Construction and operating costs are lower than other areas of the state under consideration for the prison site.
2. State-owned land in the area is readily available allowing sufficient capacity for development and the recommended "buffer zone" between the facility and the community.

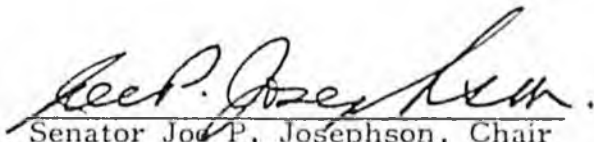
CSSB 224

- 1) a maximum security prison will be built in the Sutton area
- 2) the commissioner shall consider Anderson as a future site
- 3) no date stipulation

3. Road access is available through the Glenn Highway, with the proximity to Anchorage offering reasonable access to a large percentage of the anticipated prison population for supportive contact with families and friends, as well as members of the parole board.
4. Support services are locally available through the court system, the hospital and health centers, the mental health centers, and public transportation. (There is a new Superior Court at Palmer, and in FY 1984, a public defender.)
5. Utilities can be made available at the site through the Palmer Correctional Facility, which also presents the possibility of sharing prison ancillary services between facilities.
6. The Mat-Su Borough offers a large potential labor force and commuter access to the state's largest population area, with housing and land locally existing.
7. Public support for the prison facility is widespread.

The above mentioned facets of the Sutton site appear to fulfill the siting criteria outlined by the Criminal Justice Planning Agency. Combined with the economic savings that would be realized in the selection of Sutton, and the urgent need to commence the project to meet the 1987 deadline for returning Alaska felons to the state, the Senate Hess Committee respectfully recommends that Sutton be selected for the new maximum security prison.

To this end, the Committee is forwarding the Committee Substitute for SB 224 to the Finance Committee.



Senator Joe P. Josephson, Chair
Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee