
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: SMITH
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH YOUTH COURT JUDGES AND JANICE BROOME BROOKS
DATE: 9/19/02
CC: RENICK, LEE ANN, PROSPERE

Janice and I went to the Youth Court Judges Convention today to meet with some of the key Youth Court Judges. Judge Storey of Clay County and current Chairman of the Youth Court Judges Council, Judge John Hudson of Adams County, and Judge Ken McDaniel of Rankin County attended as well as staff from DHS.

The Attorney General had spoken to the group earlier today about Maintenance of Effort, TNAF, Child Support, and Social Workers. Janice explained each issue well and they were very supportive. All three judges praised Willie Blackmon and Clarence Powell with Division of Youth Services and said that they were doing a great job despite lack of funding. They verbalized their support to Janice and said that they were going to issue a resolution while they are having their convention to send to the legislators, asking them to appropriately fund DHS. They also said that their group would help push the legislators more the next session and admitted that they had not been supportive.

The only thing they asked of me was to request that you extend the current session to allow the legislators to appropriate the \$250,000 that the Attorney General's Office transferred to the General Fund on June 7, 2002. Would you consider adding this to the special session?

YES _____

NO _____