

Indiana Offenders and Westville Correctional Facility Staff collaborate on Conference Table for Governor's Office

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Commissioner



There is always plenty to discuss at meetings hosted around the conference table at the Governor's office. But business isn't the only topic of discussion these days. In fact, the table is a masterpiece worthy of discussion. The 16-foot long structure was designed by a small group of offenders and staff from the Westville Correctional Facility and is made of wood from trees grown on the facility grounds. Several years ago the trees, which include cherry, tulip, poplar, black walnut and white pine were cut down to improve visibility and security. Much of the wood was turned in to mulch. However, the best pieces were milled, dried and preserved in speculation that a project worthy of their use would arise someday.

The elaborate parquet top is fashioned with puzzle like intricacy and displays the Seal of Indiana, the State Flag and the State of Indiana with each county carved out of a separate piece of wood. Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner, J. David Donahue describes the table as "A true work of art." Donahue adds, "This table will be enjoyed by State and National leaders for years to come. The DOC is honored to have been responsible for its creation."

To read more about this amazing craftsmanship click on the following link to Tauton's Fine Wood Woodworking magazine at: <http://www.taunton.com>

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