

Statement from Governor Musgrove:

“Philosophically, I don’t believe in creating jobs based on having people commit more crimes. That’s not the direction we should take our state. We must focus on education and jobs. That’s where we need to put our priorities.

For a number of years, the legislature has put a priority on building new prisons. We now have a situation where we have too many prison beds. We must allow the Department of Corrections to manage the prison system in the most efficient and cost effective manner.

I am committed to helping Greenwood, Leflore County, and the Delta. Closing Delta Correctional Facility was a tough decision. As Governor, I have to make these tough choices every day. But again, we must focus on what’s important and using state resources to help educate our children is my first priority. ”