

## **MINUTES**

### **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

February 17, 2015  
Room 159-S—Statehouse

#### **Members Present**

Representative Steve Brunk, Chairperson  
Senator Kay Wolf, Vice-chairperson  
Senator Marci Francisco  
Senator Laura Kelly  
Senator Forrest Knox  
Senator Larry Powell  
Representative John Alcala  
Representative J. Steve Alford  
Representative Mark Hutton  
Representative Adam Lusker

#### **Staff Present**

Shirley Morrow, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mark Dapp, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

#### **Others Attending**

See attached sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Chairperson Brunk.

Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department, reviewed the FY 2015, FY 2016, and FY 2017 capital improvement budget requests for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) ([Attachment 1](#)). He reported the FY 2015 estimate totals \$7.9 million (\$4.9 million for projects and \$2.9 million for rehabilitation and repair), an increase of 13.5 percent from the previous fiscal year. The Governor concurs with the agency's estimate. The agency's FY 2016 and FY 2017 budget requests totaled \$7.4 million for each year, a 5.1 percent decrease from FY 2015. The Governor recommended expenditures of \$5.6 million for FY 2016 and \$5.7 million for FY 2017, all from the State Highway Fund, but did not recommend the land purchases, relocation of sub-areas, or upgrading the wash bays for FY 2016 or FY 2017.

Responding to questions, Peter Carttar, Assistant Bureau Chief, Bureau of Construction and Maintenance, KDOT, explained maintenance offices are relocated when access or space becomes an issue or when a building cannot be properly upgraded. The offices are always relocated within the same community. He noted modern trucks are much longer than trucks used in the 1950s and 1960s; the increased length makes it impossible to house them in some older facilities.

*A motion was made by Representative Lusker, seconded by Representative Alford, to concur with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2015, FY 2016, and FY 2017. The motion passed.*

Mr. Klaassen outlined the FY 2015, FY 2016, and FY 2017 capital improvement budgets for the Kansas Adjutant General's Office. The agency's FY 2015 estimate total of \$5.4 million includes \$2.6 million from the State General Fund (SGF). The increase of \$232,343 SGF is due to a supplemental request of \$505,094 to provide the state's 50.0 percent matching funds for rehabilitation and repair costs for the 76 Kansas Army National Guard facilities. The Governor concurred with the agency's estimate except he did not recommend the supplemental request. For FY 2016, the agency requested \$6.7 million. Mr. Klaassen referenced ([Attachment 2](#)) to provide details regarding specific enhancements which the Governor did not recommend and to note the Governor recommended the State Emergency Operations and Training Center Design project by drawing \$472,000 from the Disaster Relief section of the SGF.

Answering a question about public safety, Colonel Mark Green, Director of Public Works, Adjutant General, stated none of the projects excluded by the Governor, if omitted from agency plans, would threaten public safety, although the leaking roof did create a nuisance for weekend maneuvers. He replied design funding is recommended for FY 2016, but not construction costs. He explained the bond refinancing consolidated three bonds, one of which extends to CY 2028.

*A motion was made by Representative Hutton and seconded by Senator Powell to concur with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2015, FY 2016, and FY 2017.*

*A motion was made by Senator Francisco, seconded by Senator Kelly, to amend the motion by adding \$250,000, from the SGF for FY 2016 and \$250,000, from the SGF for FY 2017 earmarked for rehabilitation and repair. The motion to amend passed.*

*A motion was made by Representative Alcalá, seconded by Senator Kelly, to concur with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2015, FY 2016, and FY 2017, as amended. The motion passed.*

Mr. Klaassen presented the FY 2015, FY 2016, and FY 2017 capital improvement budgets for the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP). For FY 2015, KHP estimates \$4.7 million in expenditures, all from special revenue funds, for rehabilitation and repair, debt service, construction of Troop F headquarters, and other projects. The Governor concurred on the agency estimates and added \$631,300 for retaining wall replacement at the Training Academy in Salina.

A member questioned the "unanticipated expenditure authority" for Troop F. Kim Torrey, Chief Financial Officer, KHP, stated if KDOT does not pave the parking area, contingency funds will be needed for that project. Further, the agency's original construction estimate a year ago may not be sufficient to address rising construction costs. Regardless, the costs will be borne by

Federal Forfeiture funds. She noted the Justice Department has given authority to spend up to the amount in the forfeiture fund, which presently stands at about \$2 million.

Mr. Klaassen reviewed the agency's FY 2016 and FY 2017 requests: \$633,522 and \$652,355, respectively. The Governor concurred with both years' requests.

*A motion was made by Senator Wolf, seconded by Senator Francisco, to concur with the Governor's recommendations for FY 2015, FY 2016, and FY 2017. The motion passed.*

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for noon, Thursday, February 19, 2015, in Room 159-S.

Prepared by Gary Deeter  
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Approved by the Committee on:

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February 24, 2015  
(Date)