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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Appropriations

The meeting was called to order by Bill Buntен at
Chairperson

1:00 ~~am~~/p.m. on February 1, 1989 in room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representatives Fuller, Hensley and Turnquist
(all excused)

Committee staff present: Debra Duncan, Legislative Research
Alan Conroy, Legislative Research
Paul West, Legislative Research
Russ Mills, Legislative Research
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Sharon Schwartz, Administrative Aide
Sue Krische, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Warren Corman, Board of Regents

Others attending: see attached list.

Representative Mead moved that the Committee reconsider its action on Representative Kline's motion on the previous day to adopt the amended subcommittee report on HB 2040 and that HB 2040 be amended as recommended in the Committee report and that HB 2040, as amended, be recommended favorably for passage. Representative Lowther seconded. Motion carried.

Having voted on the prevailing side, Representative Mead moved that the Committee reconsider its action on Representative Helgerson's motion on the previous day to delete Section 6 regarding Sheridan Coliseum renovation at Fort Hays State University from HB 2040. Representative Wisdom seconded. Motion carried.

During discussion of the Sheridan Coliseum project, Representative Kline explained the Governor feels a strong commitment to spending \$4 million from the Educational Building Fund (EBF) this year for major maintenance. Therefore, he recommended funding for the completion of Sheridan from the State General Fund.

In addition, the project costs have exceeded estimates by \$2 million. Warren Corman, Board of Regents, advised that under the contract used by the state in hiring architects, the architects cannot be held liable for a bad estimate. Mr. Corman stated the project is down to such a frugal design that the agency has been unable to lower costs further. In response to Representative Helgerson's question, Mr. Corman stated an additional \$200,000 will be paid the architects--not for design fees, but for the additional year they will be making site inspections.

Representative Shriver noted that initially Fort Hays State University agreed to raise privately one-third of the proposed \$6 million project. President Hammond, Fort Hays State University, confirmed those funds will be forthcoming. In the request for the final \$2.4 million to complete the project, Fort Hays agreed to raise one-third of that amount, or \$800,000, in private donations; however, that has not been possible due to the downturn in the economy of the area. Representative Shriver does not feel the entire \$800,000 should be forgiven and appropriated from the State General Fund.

Representative Solbach requested Mr. Corman to furnish him a memo analyzing the circumstances resulting in the architect's incorrect estimate on the Sheridan Coliseum.

Representative Shriver offered a substitute motion to amend the subcommittee report to require Fort Hays State University to raise \$100,000 privately toward Phase III of the Sheridan project and that the State General Fund appropriation be reduced by this amount. Representative Brady

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seconded. If this motion passes, the University would be required to raise a total of \$2.3 million toward the whole project. Representative Shriver withdrew the motion with the consent of the second, Representative Brady.

On Representative Helgerson's motion to delete Section 6 of HB 2040, Representative Helgerson withdrew the motion with the consent of the second, Representative Teagarden. Representative Helgerson expressed concern at the confusion surrounding this issue and its handling last session.

Representative Chronister moved adoption of the subcommittee report on HB 2040 as amended, and that HB 2040 be amended as recommended in the committee report, and that HB 2040, as amended, be recommended favorably for passage. Representative Moomaw seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Buntten appointed a subcommittee--Representative Lowther, Chairman, Representative Goossen and Representative Shriver--to review HB 2016 concerning the establishment of local mental health authorities and to make a recommendation to the full Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.