

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 A.M. on February 11, 2005, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Newton- excused

Representative Weber- excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department

J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department

Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research Department

Reagan Cussimano, Legislative Research Department

Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department

Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department

Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes

Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes

Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Analyst

Shirley Jepson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee Report on Judicial Branch and Judicial Council for FY 2005 & FY 2006
- Attachment 2 Budget Committee Report on Board of Indigents' Defense Services for FY 2005 & FY 2006

**HB 2379, HB 2428, HB 2429, HB 2430** are referred to the Retirement Sub-Committee

**HB 2410** and **HB 2413** are referred to Social Services Budget Committee

**HB 2412** is referred to Revenue, Judicial, Transportation & Retirement Budget Committee

Representative McCreary, Chair of the Revenue, Judicial, Transportation and Retirement Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Judicial Branch for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Representative McCreary, Chair of the Revenue, Judicial, Transportation and Retirement Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Judicial Branch for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Responding to a question, the Budget Committee clarified that the \$298,306 for the Court of Appeals in Item No. 4, is being deleted from the Judicial Branch budget, rather than the State General Fund (SGF). With reference to the emergency surcharge fund, Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department, stated that the surcharge is generated from increased docket fees, put in place by the court two years ago, to cover a revenue shortfall and have been extended two times. The Budget Committee noted that additional judges are requested for Johnson County - district judge, magistrate judge and related positions. The Committee indicated that verbiage in the Budget Committee report is inaccurate in stating as being "recommended by the Governor", when actually the budget is recommended by the Judicial Branch.

Representative Gatewood, member of the Revenue, Judicial, Transportation and Retirement Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Judicial Council for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative McCreary. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Appropriations Committee at 9:00 A.M. on February 11, 2005 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

Representative Gatewood, member of the Revenue, Judicial, Transportation and Retirement Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Judicial Council for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative McCreary. Motion carried.

Responding to a question concerning the fee increase for attorneys, the Budget Committee indicated that when the Judicial Council goes "on-line" with their publications, the Judicial Council's fee fund revenue will decline. Attorneys have agreed to pay an increased fee, if necessary, to fund the Judicial Council.

Representative Sharp, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Board of Indigents' Defense Services for FY 2005 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2005 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

Representative Sharp, member of the Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Board of Indigents' Defense Services for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Light. Motion carried.

In response to a question from the Committee, the Budget Committee indicated that the Board of Indigents' Defense Services (BIDS) work in conjunction with the county court system on the defense of felonies; however, is funded from the State General Fund (SGF).

**Action on HB 2347 - Fort Hays state university conveyance of certain real estate to city of Hays.**

Representative Feuerborn moved to move **HB 2347** to the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 14, 2005.

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Melvin Neufeld, Chair