

MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Crum at 3:37 pm on February 16, 2011, in Room 711 in the Docking Building.

All members were present except:  
Rep. Mike Kiegerl - Excused

Committee staff present:  
Estelle Montgomery, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Dorothy Hughes, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Nancy Fontaine, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:  
Representative Steven Johnson  
Dr. Jim Morford, Retired Ellsworth Director, Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society  
Rob Fillion, Executive Director, Ellsworth County, Smoky Hill Development Corporation  
Laura Howard, Deputy Secretary for Administration, Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services  
Jack Fowler, Executive Director, Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs

Others attending:  
See attached list.

The hearing on **HB 2258 - Conveyance of land in Ellsworth County from SRS to the Lutheran Evangelical Good Samaritan Society** was opened. Nobuko Folmsbee, staff revisor, reviewed the bill.

Representative Steven Johnson spoke in support of **HB 2258** stating it removes use restrictions, which would allow the region to use a portion of the land for economic development. When the land was initially transferred, the state retained two rights. One was mineral rights and other was a clause returning the property to the state should Good Samaritan cease to operate for charitable purposes a home for the aged. This bill does not address the mineral rights but would grant clear title to Good Samaritan (Attachment 1).

Dr. Jim Morford spoke in support of **HB 2258**. He provided a a copy of the original deed for the property signed in 1959 (Attachment 2), other historical documents (Attachment 3) and the draft agreement between the Evangelical Luther Good Samaritan Society and the Smoky Hill Economic Corporation (Attachment 4).

Rob Fillion spoke in support of **HB 2258**. The land would be conveyed to the Smoky Hill Development Corporation in order for them to develop it and provide and opportunity for economic stimulus to Ellsworth County. Mr. Fillion stood for questions.

Laura Howard testified that the Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services supports **HB 2258** as written. Ms. Howard stood for questions.

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **HB 2258** was closed.

**State Mental Health Hospitals Budget Presentation continued:**

The committee resumed deliberations on the State Mental Health Hospitals with Larned State Hospital.

Representative McLeland made a motion to approve the Larned State Hospital budget. Representative Mast seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Henry recommended including in the budget report to the Appropriations Committee language regarding the Sexual Predator Treatment Program. There was consensus among members to include this language.

Representative Bowers made a motion to approve the Larned budget as amended. Representative

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Goodman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Deliberations continued with a discussion of the Osawatomie State Hospital budget.

Representative McLeland made a motion to approve the Osawatomie State Hospital budget. Representative Mast seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Henry recommends adding the same language agreed to in the Rainbow Mental Health Facilities budget be included in all the Mental Health Hospital reports. There was consensus among the members to include this language.

Representative Mast made a motion to accept the Osawatomie State Hospital budget as amended. Representative Wolf seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Veterans' Affairs Budget Presentation:**

Dorothy Hughes presented the Veterans' Affairs FY2011 and FY2012 budget (Attachment 5) and stood for questions.

Jack Fowler provided the Agency Presentation including a review of FY2011 issues and budget issues for FY2012 (Attachment 6). Mr. Fowler stood for questions.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm.