

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

February 21, 2011
Room 144-S, State Capitol

Members Present

Senator Dwayne Umbarger, Vice-chairperson
Senator Pat Apple
Senator Laura Kelly
Senator Carolyn McGinn

Members Absent

Senator Marci Francisco
Representative Jo Ann Pottorff
Representative Steve Brunk
Representative Bill Feuerborn
Representative Bob Grant
Representative Kay Wolf

Staff

Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ryan Weir, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Shirley Morrow, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Estelle Montgomery, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees

Jennie Chinn, Executive Director, Kansas Historical Society
Ray Dalton, Deputy Secretary, Disability and Behavioral Health Services, Kansas Social
and Rehabilitation Services

Other Attending

See attached list.

The Vice-chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m. and invited Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department, to review the capital improvements budget for Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS). For FY 2011, she stated that the agency requested \$10.2 million, which included \$3.4 million for debt service, \$6.6 million for rehabilitation and repair for the five state hospitals, and \$200,000 for rehabilitation and repair of the Chanute office, all but \$200,000 from the State Institutions Building Fund (SIBF). The Governor concurred with the request. For FY 2012, SRS requested a total of \$7.8 million: \$200,000 for rehabilitation and repair of the Chanute office (from the Other State Fee Fund), \$1.4 million for rehabilitation and repair of the five state hospitals, \$3.6 million for debt service, and a planning enhancement for expanding the Sexual Predator Treatment Program facilities. The Governor decreased the capital improvements expenditures to \$5.2 million, a decrease of \$2.7 million; he also did not recommend expansion of the Sexual Predator Treatment Program facilities ([Attachment 1](#)).

Estelle Montgomery, Kansas Legislative Research Department, presented capital improvements budget requests for two of the state hospitals: Kansas Neurological Institute (KNI) in Topeka and Parsons State Hospital and Training Center (PSH). For FY 2011, KNI requested \$191,305 and PSH requested \$128,553, which represent repayment for the agency's participation in the Kansas Department of Administration's energy conservation improvement project, a project to help capture savings in energy costs through energy improvements. Ms. Montgomery noted that \$63,618 of the total request of \$319,858 came from the State General Fund (SGF). For FY 2012, the request was nearly the same (KNI, \$191,305; PSH, \$133,930), the total of \$325,235 allocated for the energy project repayment; SGF funds represent \$66,279 of the total. The Governor concurred on both budgets. Ray Dalton, Deputy Secretary, SRS, responded to a question, saying that the energy numbers have been tracked for several years and show cost avoidance rather than savings. The projects are completed; the expenditures represent bond payments. A Committee member requested the energy reports.

Shirley Morrow, Kansas Legislative Research Department, briefed the Committee on the capital improvements budget request for the Kansas State Historical Society, saying that the FY 2011 budget request of \$331,529 included several site projects plus emergency repairs of \$125,447. The draw on the SGF (\$163,447) included \$38,000 in emergency supplemental funds for the Fort Hays Visitors' Center. The Governor recommended \$293,529, a total which does not include the supplemental emergency funds. For FY 2012, the agency is requesting \$427,400, a total which, in addition to the emergency repairs of \$125,000 from SGF, includes air conditioning for the Topeka center's computer room (\$44,800), lighting fixtures replacement for the Topeka center (\$44,800), and remodeling exterior restrooms at the Grinter Place (\$35,700) to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Improvements to other buildings (John Brown Museum, Shawnee Indian Mission) will be done with private funds. From the SGF, the Governor only recommends emergency repairs (\$125,000). Members discussed the safety hazards associated with the Topeka building: the lighting fixtures that have caught fire, and the risk to digital archives without air conditioning. Jennie Chinn, Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society, commented on previous damage caused by lighting fixtures fires, saying that, under the direction of a building engineer, the lighting fixtures are selectively turned off to minimize the possibility of fires. She replied to a question that the warranty has expired on the lighting fixtures. To another question she replied that the agency had asked for SIBF moneys; the agency is not eligible for those funds. Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department, said that Economic Development Initiatives Fund (EDIF) is not available. Ms. Chinn commented that donors readily give to building projects, but not to lighting fixtures. Following further discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend that the air-conditioning and the lighting-fixtures projects be funded.

Ms. Morrow reviewed the capital improvements budget request for the Kansas Department of Labor, stating that the Governor concurred on the agency's request of \$340,631, which included \$260,631 of debt service, and \$80,000 for general building repair, the amount funded through Reed Act and other funds. For FY 2012, the agency requests \$818,663, with \$270,163 allocated for debt service and the remainder for renovation projects, including a roof replacement at 417 SW Jackson (\$ 77,400). The Governor concurred with the agency request. However, a Senate subcommittee recommended deleting the roof replacement item, since the agency stated the project is not necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for noon on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

Prepared by Gary Deeter
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Approved by the Committee on:

June 1, 2011

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