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## MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman JoAnn Pottorff at Noon on February 11, 2009, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except Senators Francisco, Umbarger, and Apple, all of whom were excused.

### Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jonathan Tang, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Gary Deeter, Committee Assistant

### Others attending:

See attached list.

The minutes for the February 9 meeting were approved. (Motion by Representative Grant, seconded by Representative Brunk)

Agency capital improvement budgets were reviewed by the Committee (Attachment 1).

Staff Jonathan Tang presented the capital improvements budgets for FY 2009 and FY 2010 for the Kansas Historical Society. For FY 2009 the agency requested \$714,754; the Governor's recommendation was \$338,185, which included funding for a steam humidification project over two years. The agency budget request for FY 2010 was \$691,536. The Governor recommended \$579,821, including the second year for the steam humidification project.

Staff Aaron Klaassen reviewed the FY 2009 and FY 2010 budgets for the Adjutant General's office. The agency requested \$3,905,300 for FY 2009 and \$7,504,072 for FY 2010. The Governor recommended \$2,610,300 for FY 2009 and \$1,300,000 for FY 2010. Answering a question, Mr. Klaassen said that the Great Plains Regional Training Center at Salina is planned in four phases, each phase a quadrant. He said the Governor did not recommend funding the first quadrant for FY 2010.

Staff Jarod Waltner apprised the Committee regarding the Kansas Department of Corrections (DOC) capital improvements budgets. The agency, which maintains eight correctional facilities, requested \$11,871,928 for FY 2009; the Governor recommended \$11,831,928, most of the reduction due to restructuring of debt service. The FY 2010 request for \$9,972,732 was reduced by the Governor to \$7,453,035. Responding to a member's question about the possible closing of facilities at Norton and Winfield, Charles Simmons, Deputy Secretary for Facilities Management, replied that the budgets were developed before the Facilities Closing Commission was created and that closing one or more facilities was contingency planning at this point. He said that until a decision is made, the facilities would be kept operating. The member expressed concern that funding for the facility(ies) would be recommended on one hand and discussion of closing the facility(ies) would be approved on the other hand. Another member suggested that the Committee recommend a proviso to the

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legislative funding committees addressing possible closing of the two facilities. After discussion, members agreed to recommend a proviso to the House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means Committees.

A member requested more information regarding the L-4 bonds, which authorized \$1.7 million to design a new facility if the prison population expands beyond present capacity. Another member noted the disjuncture between plans for closing facilities and plans for designing a new facility. Mike Gaito, Director of Capital Improvements for the DOC, replied that the \$1.7 million was allocated for design work at Yates Center, but no construction has been authorized. He responded that the design costs were about \$250,000 to \$300,000.

A motion was made (Senator Emler), seconded (Representative Holmes), and passed to include proviso language in the final legislative budget bill.

Members discussed the authorization process for the L-4 bonds. Mr. Simmons replied that the legislature authorized funding of \$20 million and the State Finance Council approved \$1.7 million for design work, all of which was done before the budget crisis.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for noon on February 12, 2009, in Room 143-N.