

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Schwartz at 9:00 A.M. on February 8, 2007, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Representative Kay Wolf - excused

Committee staff present:  
Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department  
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department  
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Dunkel, Legislative Research Department  
Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research Department  
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
Shirley Jepson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Sheila Frahm, Executive Director, Kansas Community College Association  
Clark Coco, President, North Central Kansas Technical College  
David Monical, Executive Director of Governmental and University Relations, Washburn University

Others attending:  
See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee Report on Kansas Animal Health Department and the Kansas State Fair
- Attachment 2 Presentation on Deferred Maintenance Issues of Community Colleges and Technical Schools by Sheila Frahm
- Attachment 3 Presentation on Deferred Maintenance Issues of Technical Colleges and Schools by Clark Coco
- Attachment 4 Presentation on Deferred Maintenance Issues at Washburn University by David Monical

Representative Tafanelli moved to introduce legislation concerning employment preference for veterans. The motion was seconded by Representative Holmes. Motion carried.

Representative Tafanelli moved to introduce legislation for a house resolution to urge the United States Senate to restore funding levels to pre-base realignment levels. The motion was seconded by Representative Carlin. Motion carried.

Representative Masterson moved to introduce legislation concerning mental health reimbursement costs. The motion was seconded by Representative Holmes. Motion carried.

Representative Powell, Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Kansas Animal Health Department for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

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The Budget Committee noted that the request in Item No. 2 for funding for two additional inspectors was not funded because the agency was unable to answer some Budget Committee questions. The Budget Committee felt that the agency should work to address the backlog of kennel inspections by improving the procedure for inspections and making better use of the inspectors' time.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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With reference to the deletion of funding in Item No. 3, the Budget Committee noted that studies do not show sufficient cost savings for alternative energy enhancements. In addition, the alternative energy enhancements were not being used for educational purposes.

Chair Schwartz recognized Sheila Frahm, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, who presented testimony on deferred maintenance issues relating to community colleges (Attachment 2). Ms. Frahm was accompanied by Dr. Tom Burke, President of the Kansas City Community College. The Kansas Association of Community Colleges represents the 19 community colleges in Kansas, serving approximately 170,000 students. Each college is governed by a locally elected board of trustees in the county in which they are located. Ms. Frahm reported that the property taxing district for each college is the county in which they are located. Approximately 44 percent of the funding comes from the county property taxes, 23 percent from the students and 23 percent from the State.

Ms. Frahm stated that the Board of Regents is responsible for coordinating all higher education including the community colleges and technical schools. However, the community colleges and technical schools were not included in the recent deferred maintenance study performed by the Board of Regents. A separate study conducted by the ISES Corporation, the same firm that conducted the Regents' study, has been performed to determine the needs of 18 community colleges, technical schools and Washburn University. Ms. Frahm reported that the study showed a need for \$149.5 million for deferred maintenance needs. Johnson County Community College did not participate in the study. The cost does not include dormitories or portion of buildings used for student unions. At this time, the Association is working to remove athletic buildings from the study.

Ms. Frahm reported the buildings on the various campuses are locally owned. All maintenance has been funded through current funding sources. No specific State dollars are designated for deferred maintenance. Responding to a question from the Committee, Ms. Frahm reported that there are a total of 243 buildings located on the community colleges.

The Chair recognized Clark Coco, President, North Central Kansas Technical College, who testified on funding issues for the technical colleges and schools (Attachment 3). Mr. Coco reported that there are 5 technical colleges and 2 technical schools within the State. The technical colleges and schools have no taxing authority; buildings are owned by the individual college or school; funding is received by an allocation through the Board of Regents and tuition fees; some funding is received through grants; and capitol outlay funding is received through a mill levy as authorized by the Statute. All maintenance, upgrades or items of deferred maintenance are funded through general fund dollars. Mr. Coco noted that the technical colleges and schools receive no local tax dollars from a local mill levy.

Chair Schwartz recognized David Monical, Executive Director of Governmental and University Relations, Washburn University, who presented information on the University's deferred maintenance needs (Attachment 4). The study performed by ISES Corporation indicates a need of approximately \$20 million for deferred maintenance issues at Washburn University.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 9, 2007.

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Sharon Schwartz, Chair