

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 10:30 am on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes
David Wiese, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Justin Carroll, Legislative Research
Bobbi Mariani, Legislative Research
Ben Wilhelm, Legislative Research
Mark Skoglund, Legislative Research
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research
Debbie Luper, Chief Staff
Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Senator Masterson made a series of bill introductions requested by the Department of Administration.

Senator Masterson made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning the municipal audit threshold. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the motion was passed on a voice vote.

Senator Masterson made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning contractual provisions attachment preparation and use. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the motion was passed on a voice vote.

Senator Masterson made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning real estate leases cover sheet. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the motion was passed on a voice vote.

Senator Masterson made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning civil service board. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the motion was passed on a voice vote.

Senator Masterson made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning procurement. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the motion was passed on a voice vote.

Senator Masterson made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning the state building.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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advisory committee. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the motion was passed on a voice vote.

Senator Masterson made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning energy audits. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the motion was passed on a voice vote.

Senator Masterson made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning monthly reports by the Secretary of Administration to Joint Committee on State building construction. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the motion was passed on a voice vote.

Senator Masterson made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning KDOT review of bridges over \$200,000. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the motion was passed on a voice vote.

Senator Masterson made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning approval of budgets by taxing subdivisions; requirement of separate resolution or ordinance. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the motion was passed on a voice vote.

Senator Masterson made a motion to introduce proposed legislation concerning safety sensitive positions. The motion was seconded by Senator Powell and the motion was passed on a voice vote.

Subcommittee report signature page

All members of the Corrections and Juvenile Justice Subcommittee signed the signature page for the Subcommittee Reports for the Department of Corrections, Corrections System Facilities, and Juvenile Justice Authority ([Attachment 1](#)).

Subcommittee reports on:

Senator Fitzgerald, Chairperson of the Corrections and Juvenile Justice Subcommittee, gave the Subcommittee Report for the Department of Corrections ([Attachment 2](#)).

Senator Fitzgerald made a motion to retain \$1 million in the DOC budget for FY2016, and FY2017 for offender programs, to be reviewed at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Senator Arpke.

Senator Fitzgerald said there is very clear evidence that these programs are working, not only reducing recidivism, but in the community corrections area, it is reducing the number of inmates being incarcerated. He said it is a fast return on investment and is reducing bed space and reducing the number being housed in county jails. He feels the offender programs are a high priority and should be included in the budget.

Senator Denning stated that given the current uncertainty with revenues and the budget, he thinks it is

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wise to refrain from adding additional spending until the full financial situation is sorted out.

Senator Denning made a substitute motion to treat this recommendation as the Committee had handled the requested increase for Osawatomie, not to add the hard dollar increase at this time, but to note the recommendations to be reviewed at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Senator Arpke and the substitute motion passed on a voice vote.

Senator Fitzgerald, Chairperson of the Corrections and Juvenile Justice Subcommittee, gave the Subcommittee Report for the Department of Corrections Systems Facilities ([Attachment 3](#)).

Senator Fitzgerald made a motion that at Omnibus, the committee consider funding for FY2015 in the amount of \$139,529, \$156,004 for FY2016 and \$333,799 for FY2017 for the Department of Corrections Systems Facilities, because these amounts are for the expanded utility payments, and this motion includes a language change, on Page 17 of the Subcommittee Report which is needed for clarity. The motion was seconded by Senator Kelly, and the report was adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Fitzgerald said the Juvenile Justice Authority was consolidated and is now included in the Department of Corrections ([Attachment 4](#)).

Senator Fitzgerald made a motion to adopt the Subcommittee Report for the Department of Corrections, the Department of Corrections Systems Facilities as amended and the Juvenile Justice Authority for FY2015, FY2016 and FY2017. The motion was seconded by Senator Kerschen and the Subcommittee Report was adopted on a voice vote.

Subcommittee report signature page:

All members of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee signed the signature page for the Subcommittee Report for the Department of Agriculture, except Senator Francisco, the Ranking Minority member ([Attachment 5](#)).

Subcommittee reports on:

Senator Powell, Chairperson, of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee, gave the Subcommittee Report for the Department of Agriculture ([Attachment 6](#)).

Senator Francisco said there were discussions in subcommittee meetings to look at zero base budgeting and she said she feels the Department of Agriculture would be a good trial agency. She said there weren't any discussions concerning how that budget would actually work, and what would that mean for FY2016 and FY2017 since the budget for those two years are being adopted now.

Senator Powell said when the agency reports back to the subcommittee next year, they need to start their budget at zero for FY2016 and FY2017.

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Senator Powell made a motion to adopt the Department of Agriculture Subcommittee Report for FY 2015, FY2016, and FY2017. Senator Tyson seconded the motion and the report was adopted on a voice vote.

Possible action on bills previously heard

There was no action on any bills previously heard.

The next Ways and Means Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 10:30 am, in Room 548-S at the Capitol.

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 11:04 am.