

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

February 17, 2010
Room 144-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator Dwayne Umbarger, Chairperson
Representative Jo Ann Pottorff, Vice-chairperson
Senator Pat Apple
Senator Jay Emler
Senator Marci Francisco
Senator Laura Kelly
Representative Steve Brunk
Representative Bill Feuerborn
Representative Bob Grant
Representative Mitch Holmes

Staff

Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jonathan Tang, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary
Florence Deeter, Committee Assistant

Conferees

Richard Koerth, Assistant Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Other Attending

See attached list.

The Vice-chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m., thanked Sue Peterson and Kansas State University for providing lunch, and asked Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department, to complete the review of capital improvements budgets for the Regents universities (Attachment 1).

Ms. Dunkel referenced a previous meeting (February 15) to note the omission of figures showing deferred maintenance for Fort Hays State University in FY 2011; the corrected copy includes \$635,100 for deferred maintenance.

A motion was made by Representative Feuerborn, seconded by Representative Grant, and passed to approve all Regents capital improvements budgets reported on Monday, February 15.

Ms. Dunkel continued the review of the Regents capital improvements budgets for Wichita State University, the University of Kansas, the University of Kansas Medical Center, and Kansas State University, the last which includes KSU Veterinary Medicine and the Extension Systems and Agriculture Research Programs (ESARP). Ms. Dunkel said the FY 2010 estimates of \$134.7 million include \$1.4 million from the State General Fund (SGF), \$51.3 million for rehabilitation and repair, \$46.2 million for deferred maintenance, and debt service principal payments of \$37.1 million. The Governor concurred with these estimates, except for the funding for the Postsecondary Education Infrastructure (PEI) bonds. He recommended \$5 million, all from the SGF rather than from special revenue funds.

Regarding FY 2011 capital improvements budgets for the Regents, Ms. Dunkel stated that the request of \$103.6 million included \$33.9 million from the SGF, \$39.3 million for rehabilitation and repair, \$5.7 million for deferred maintenance, and debt service principal payments of \$43.6 million. The Governor reduced the request to \$71 million (\$8.7 million SGF), a reduction of \$32.6 million from all funds and \$25.1 million from the SGF. Again, the Governor recommended PEI bond debt service payments from SGF rather than from special revenue funds. The Governor recommended a hiatus on any further bond issuance, a savings of \$2.5 million.

Representative Feuerborn made a motion, seconded by Representative Brunk, to approve the Wichita State University report. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Representative Feuerborn, seconded by Senator Francisco, and passed to approve the report for the University of Kansas.

By motion of Senator Kelly and second of Senator Francisco the report for the University of Kansas Medical Center was approved.

The budget report for Kansas State University, the Veterinary Medical School, and KSU/ESARP was approved. The motion was by Representative Feuerborn and seconded by Representative Holmes.

Ms. Dunkel gave an abbreviated version of an earlier review (February 4) of the capital improvements budget for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. She said the FY 2010 agency estimate totaling \$14.5 million (\$461,049 SGF) was revised upward \$6.5 million due to carry-over funds. The Governor recommended expenditures totaling \$14.5 million, including \$461,049 from the SGF, but concurred with the revised estimate. For FY 2011 the agency requested expenditures of \$8.9 million, a decrease of \$5.7 million from the FY 2010 estimate because some multi-year projects are being completed in FY 2010; the request includes a \$1.5-million enhancement. The Governor recommended an expenditure decrease of 47.3 percent from the FY 2010 total; he did not recommend the \$1.5 million enhancement. He recommended suspension of a transfer from the State Highway Fund, but did recommend an addition of \$125,000 from federal funds for state park facilities.

Dick Koerth, Assistant Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, reviewed previous testimony (February 4), adding that cuts in the road maintenance fund will require adjusting from scheduled maintenance to emergency repairs (Attachment 2). He commented on the success of the cabin-building program and noted that purchase of 3,000 acres from the federal Parsons Ammunition Plant is nearly finalized. A member questioned using Land and Water Conservation Fund monies for park maintenance. Mr. Koerth replied that a federal agency must approve the shift in funding before money can be diverted.

A motion was made by Representative Feuerborn, seconded by Representative Holmes, and passed (9-1) to approve the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2010, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

Prepared by Gary Deeter
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Approved by Committee on:

April 28, 2010
(Date)