

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

February 7, 2012
Room 144-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator Dwayne Umbarger, Chairperson
Representative Jo Ann Pottorff, Vice-chairperson
Senator Marci Francisco
Senator Laura Kelly
Senator Jeff Longbine
Senator Carolyn McGinn
Representative Steve Brunk
Representative Bill Feuerborn

Staff Present

Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ryan Weir, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Wales, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees

Ray Roberts, Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections
Marshall Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer, Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs

Others Attending

See attached list.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order stating the purpose of the meeting was to review agency capital improvements budgets ([Attachment 1](#)).

Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department, reviewed the capital improvements budget for the Kansas Department of Commerce, saying the FY 2012 budget included \$80,000 for debt service principal to finance the purchase and renovation of workforce centers and \$80,000 for rehabilitation and repair. The Governor concurred with the agency estimate. The FY 2013 budget includes \$85,000 for debt service principal and \$80,000 for rehabilitation and repair; the Governor concurred with the agency's request.

Ryan Weir, Kansas Legislative Research Department, reviewed the capital improvements budget for the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs. The agency estimated FY 2012 expenditures of \$848,090 for rehabilitation and repairs, all from the State Institutions Building Fund (SIBF). The Governor concurred. The agency's FY 2013 request of \$1.24 million represents an increase of 42.6 percent for repairs and maintenance of facilities at the Kansas Soldiers' Home in Dodge City and the Kansas Veterans' Home in Winfield, an increase with which the Governor concurred.

Marshall Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer, Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, stated the cottages at the Dodge City facility are repaired only as they are needed. Several years of street repairs are being completed this year.

Mr. Weir summarized the capital improvements budgets for the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority. The FY 2012 total of \$3 million included \$2.4 million for debt service principal, \$608,076 for facility rehabilitation and repair, and \$500 for design fees for a generator. The Governor recommended a decrease of \$18,914 in the amount for rehabilitation and repair. For FY 2013, the agency requested \$3.7 million, all from the SIBF, an increase attributed primarily to \$328,139 for a new warehouse at the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility. The Governor did not recommend the new warehouse.

Michael Wales, Kansas Legislative Research Department, reviewed the capital improvements budgets for the Kansas Department of Corrections and facilities. He noted the totals for FY 2012 (\$7.9 million) and identified each facility, object of expenditure, and funding sources, including \$2.2 million from the State General Fund (SGF) ([Attachment 2](#)). The Governor recommended a total of \$9.6 million, which included \$1.7 million for refurbishing the conservation camps in Labette County and establishing a geriatric unit to house 262 inmates, the funds derived from ELARF (Expanded Lottery Act Revenues Fund). The agency's FY 2013 request for \$9.3 million includes \$3.1 million from the SGF. The Governor's recommendation for \$8.7 million shifted funds from rehabilitation and repair to expenditures in other areas.

Ray Roberts, Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC), noted overcrowding in the male prison population and presented the opportunity to purchase the St. Francis Boys' Home, located one mile from the Ellsworth Correctional Facility as an alternative to contracting for prison beds. The Boys' Home will be closed on March 1, 2012 ([Attachment 3](#)). He proposed diverting \$1.5 million slated for contract beds to purchase (\$350,000) and refurbish the soon-to-be vacant campus, a move that will offer a 95-bed minimum-security facility and free up 95 minimum-security inmates currently being housed in a medium-custody facility. Besides freeing up beds needed for medium- and maximum-security inmates, the proposal would enable cost-sharing between the new facility and the present Ellsworth Correctional Facility. Items to note include:

- The property has not been appraised, but conversations with the Home's principals suggest the \$350,000 figure is fairly accurate;
- Co-location with the nearby correctional facility will save about \$350,000 in operating costs annually; and
- Obtaining an appraisal will take about 30 days; the Home is willing to pay for one appraisal for the property.

Michael Gaito, Director of Capital Improvements, KDOC, stated the five buildings were built between 1940 and 1960, and would require about \$100,000 to rehabilitate and refurbish.

Members expressed interest in the proposal. *A motion was made by Representative Feuerborn, seconded by Senator Longbine, to introduce a bill to allow the KDOC to purchase the property in Ellsworth. The bill would require one disinterested appraisal and be exempt from KSA 75-3043a, the statute that requires three appraisals. The purpose is to use the land for housing of inmates in the custody of KDOC. The motion passed.*

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the agency capital improvements budget reports. (Motion by Representative Pottorff; seconded by Representative Brunk.)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 144-S.

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Approved by the Committee on:

March 13, 2012

(Date)