

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

February 24, 2011
Room 144-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Representative Jo Ann Pottorff, Chairperson
Senator Laura Kelly
Representative Steve Brunk
Representative Bill Feuerborn
Representative Bob Grant

Members Absent

Senator Dwayne Umbarger, Vice-chairperson
Senator Pat Apple
Senator Marci Francisco
Senator Carolyn McGinn
Representative Kay Wolf

Staff

Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ryan Weir, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dylan Dear, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Other Attending

See attached list.

Chairperson Pottorff called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. and requested that Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department, respond to a request from the previous meeting: the Kansas State University Extension Office lease in Chanute is a five-year lease that costs \$41,800 per year, however, a 90-day exit clause allows the lease to be canceled with no penalty. The agency has leased the building since 2004, the building was not constructed specifically for the agency, and the agency notified the landlord that the facilities are too limiting. The agency has notified the landlord that the facilities are too limiting.

In response to a previous request, Dylan Dear, Kansas Legislative Research Department, documented all off-budget items from the Kansas Department of Administration ([Attachment 1](#)). Marilyn Jacobson, Director, Facilities Management, Kansas Department of Administration, explained that most non-reportable expenditures are simply accounting methods to eliminate duplicate reporting ([Attachment 2](#)). She noted that off-budget items show as much detail as on-budget listings. She added that federal agents audit all off-budget funds and, if they find undue surpluses or inappropriate expenditures, they can either require the department to rectify the issue in question or require the department to issue a reimbursement check to the federal government. Ms. Jacobson said that in the past five years, several checks have been written to the federal government, and the checks were drawn from off-budget funds.

Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department, reviewed the capital improvements budgets for the Kansas Department of Transportation ([Attachment 3](#)). He said that the agency requested \$8.4 million for FY 2011, all from the State Highway Fund; \$4.3 million for projects and \$4.1 million for rehabilitation and repair. The Governor concurred with the agency's request. The agency requested \$7.5 million for FY 2012, all from the State Highway Fund. The Governor pared the request to \$6.1 million, a reduction of \$1.3 million. The Governor does not recommend the building projects.

Mr. Klaassen reported on the capital improvements budget for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI). The agency's FY 2011 budget request of \$710,952 included several enhancements. The Governor did not recommend the enhancements and did not recommend capital improvements expenditures for FY 2011 or FY 2012. The Senate Subcommittee added \$100,000 for a back-up generator for the central office, noting that, if the power were to fail, all Kansas law enforcement entities would lose access to the Kansas Criminal Justice Information System. Members expressed concern that the Governor deleted both years' capital improvements budgets.

David Hutchings, Special Agent in Charge, Special Operations Division, KBI, responded to members' questions with the following comments.

- The geo-technical report is required by the architects to assure that the building site will support the proposed structure.
- The KBI complex project has been placed on hold until funds become available.
- A new generator is critical, as is repair of the leaking roof at the Great Bend facility.

Ms. Dunkel noted that the KBI is not eligible for funds from the State Institutions Building Fund.

Mr. Klaassen reviewed the capital improvements budgets for the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP). The FY 2011 budget request of \$451,560 includes debt service principal of \$305,000 and rehabilitation and repair of \$146,560. The Governor concurred with the agency's request. For FY 2012, the agency requests \$594,330, including \$315,000 for debt service principal payments, \$147,330 for rehabilitation and repair, and \$132,000 for scale replacement. The Governor concurs with the request. Kim Torrey, Chief Financial Officer, KHP, and Sharon Marcum, Director of Finance, explained that funds allocated to scale replacement are used not for a specific scale in need of repair, but for general scale maintenance or replacement.

Mr. Klaassen briefed the Committee on the capital improvements budget requests for the Adjutant General's Office. The agency requested \$43.3 million for FY 2011, including \$1.8 million from the State General Fund for debt service principal, and the remainder from other funds. Projects include completion of the Fusion Center and construction of the Field Maintenance Shop and Armory in Wichita. The Governor concurred with the request. Janice Harper, Comptroller and Fiscal Officer for the agency, stated that the new armory is near K-96 highway in northeast Wichita. She said that the new armory will replace the one on west Douglas Street, which will revert back to the City of Wichita.

For FY 2012, the agency's budget request totaled \$36.2 million, including \$9.7 million from the SGF for debt service principal and two enhancements. The Governor did not recommend the enhancements.

Expressing further concern regarding a zeroed-out capital improvements budget for the KBI, members requested further attention to the issue at the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, in Room 144-S, Statehouse.

Prepared by Gary Deeter
Edited by Audrey Dunkel and Ryan Weir

Approved by the Committee on:

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