

MINUTES OF THE JT. COMMITTEE ON STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 12:25 p.m. on February 8, 2006 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Members present:

Senator Dwayne Umbarger
Senator Greta Goodwin
Senator Pat Apple
Senator Steve Morris
Representative Joe Humerickhouse
Representative Steve Brunk
Representative Melvin Neufeld
Representative Bill Feuerborn
Representative Bob Grant

Committee staff present:

Deb Hollon, Michele Alishahi, Amy Deckard , Audrey Dunkel, Susan Kannarr, Carolyn Rampey, Reagan Cussimano, Legislative Research Department
Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisors
Helen Abramson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Gary LaShell, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Others attending:

See Attached List

Chairman Umbarger called the meeting to order.

Staff presented the Judicial Branch capital improvement for FY 2007 (Attachment 1). The Judicial Branch requests \$141,141 from the State General Fund to create a judicial suite for the 13th judge on the Court of Appeals and 2.0 full time employees as associated staff who are scheduled to be added in January 2007. The addition is part of a statutory expansion of the Court of Appeals, which will be completed in January 2008 with the addition of the 14th judge.

The current law provides that the 13th judge will be added next January and the 14th and final judge will be added in January 2008. Judge Rulon, the Chief of the Court of Appeals, ask the budget sub-committee this week to postpone, but not abandon the continued expansion of the court. This will require a change in the law. The legislature has done this twice before. The Judicial Branch is requesting that the total amount be removed from the budget this year and legislation passed to delay the expansion.

The Governor recommends \$165,540 from the State General Fund for the creation of the judicial suite for the 13th judge. The apparent discrepancy between the Judicial Branch's request and the Governor's recommendation is a coding difference. (An additional \$24,399 requested by the Judicial Branch for capital outlay associated with the new judge is included in the operations portion of the budget, as recommended by the Governor.)

Representative Humerickhouse moved for Committee approval to delay the expansion of the court for the Judicial Branch by removing the funding for capital improvements from the budget. Senator Goodwin seconded. Motion carried.

Staff presented the capital improvement requests for FY 2006 and FY 2007 for the Department of Commerce (Attachment 2).

For FY 2006, the agency estimates expenditures of \$521,500 for capital improvement expenditures. Projects include rehabilitation and repair for the various buildings owned by the department, replacement of the HVAC unit and roof, and debt service payments for the Topeka Workforce Building. The Governor concurs with the agency estimate.

For FY 2007, the agency requests expenditures of \$65,000 from other funds for debt service payments for the Topeka Workforce Building. The Governor concurs with the agency's request.

Representative Feuerborn moved for Committee approval to concur with the Governor's FY 2006 and FY 2007 recommendation for the Department of Commerce. Representative Grant seconded. Motion carried.

Staff presented the Commission on Veterans' Affairs capitol improvement request for FY 2006 and FY 2007 (Attachment 3).

The agency estimates \$1,304,857 for FY 2006 capital improvement projects. Of this amount \$807,600 is for the Veterans Cemetery Program, \$394,510 is for rehabilitation and repair, and \$102,747 is for projects at the two homes. Funding for the estimate includes \$458,908 from the State Institutions Building Fund and \$845,949 from the federal funds. The Governor concurs with the agency's estimate.

The agency requests \$8,377,998 for FY 2007 for capital improvement projects. Of the request, \$4,507,403 is for the Veterans Cemetery Program, \$479,615 is for rehabilitation and repair projects, and \$3,390,980 is for projects at the two homes. Funding for the request includes \$1,669,433 from the State Institutions Building Fund and \$6,708,565 from federal funds. The Governor concurs with the Agency's request.

Representative Neufeld moved for Committee approval of the FY 2006 and FY 2007 Governor's recommendation for the Commission on Veterans' Affairs. Representative Feuerborn seconded. Motion carried.

Staff presented FY 2006 and FY 2007 capital improvement projects for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (Attachment 4).

For FY 2006, the agency estimates \$2,587,861, including \$2,287,861 from the State Institutions Building Fund. The request includes \$2,248,264 for first priority rehabilitation and repair projects

at the state hospitals; \$300,000 for window replacement at the Chanute Service Center; and \$39,597 in re-appropriated funds for projects at Larned State Hospital. The Governor concurs with the agency's estimate.

For FY 2007, the agency requests \$9,068,200, including \$8,768,200 from the State Institutions Building Fund. The request includes: \$1,418,300 for first priority rehabilitation and repair projects at the state hospitals; \$300,000 for window replacement at the Chanute Service Center; and \$7,349,900 for second priority rehabilitation and repair projects at the state hospitals.

The Governor recommends FY 2007 capital improvement expenditures of \$2,247,277, including \$1,947,277 from the State Institutions Building Fund. The recommendation is a reduction of \$6,820,923 (75.2 percent) below the agency request. The Governor concurs with the \$300,000 requested for the Chanute Service Center, but recommends only \$1,947,277 for rehabilitation and repair projects at the state hospitals.

Discussion followed concerning the balance of the State Institutions Building Fund which comes from a statewide mill levy and the 40-bed capacity expansion for sexual predators.

Gary LaShell, Architect, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, remarked that the capacity will be 214 (up from 138) after all the remodeling is completed on the Dillon and Young buildings.

Senator Morris moved for Committee approval of the Governor's recommendation for FY 2006 and FY 2007 for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Senator Goodwin seconded. Motion carried.

Staff presented FY 2006 and FY 2007 capital improvement projects for the Juvenile Justice Authority (Attachment 5).

For FY 2006, the agency estimates capital improvement expenditures of \$2,187,300 from the State Institutions Building Fund. The request includes \$392,000 in rehabilitation and repair projects and \$1,795,000 in debt service principal payments. The Governor concurs with the agency's estimate.

For FY 2007, the agency requests capital improvement expenditures of \$3,427,852 from the State Institutions Building Fund. The request includes \$887,000 in rehabilitation and repair projects and \$1,885,000 in debt service principal. The request also includes \$655,852 for new construction projects as follows:

- \$596,987 from the State Institutions Building Fund to build a new maintenance building at Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility. The building will provide space for a carpentry, plumbing, electrical, paint, vehicle maintenance and grounds-keeping shop.
- \$58,865 from the State Institutions Building Fund for the construction of a new shed at Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility.

The Governor recommends FY 2007 capital improvements of \$2,619,800 from the State Institutions Building Fund. The recommendation includes rehabilitation and repair expenditures totaling \$734,800, including \$60,000 for projects at Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex. The

recommendation does not include a project at Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility for the replacement of burners at the old heating plant. The Governor did not recommend the new construction projects at Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility and Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility.

Representative Feuerborn moved for Committee approval of the Governor's recommendation FY 2006 and FY 2007 for the Juvenile Justice Authority. Representative Humerickhouse seconded. Motion carried.

Representative Humerickhouse recommended "Crumbling Classrooms" information be presented to the Committee prior to FY 2006 and FY 2007 capital improvement request from the Board of Regents.

Chairman Umbarger adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled February 9, 2006.

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