

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

February 16, 2011
Room 144-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Representative Jo Ann Pottorff, Chairperson
Senator Pat Apple
Senator Marci Francisco
Senator Laura Kelly
Senator Carolyn McGinn
Representative Steve Brunk
Representative Bill Feuerborn
Representative Bob Grant

Members Absent

Senator Dwayne Umbarger, Vice-chairperson
Representative Kay Wolf

Staff

Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ryan Weir, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Christina Allen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees

Denny Stoecklein, General Manager, Kansas State Fair
Robin Jennison, Acting Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

Other Attending

See attached list.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and invited Ryan Weir, Kansas Legislative Research Department, to review the capital improvements budget for the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority (Attachment 1). Regarding the agency request for FY 2011, Mr. Weir said the agency allocated \$2.29 million for debt service principal (repaying bonds for the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility and the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex in

Topeka) and \$1.1 million for repair of facilities, all from the State Institutions Building Fund (SIBF). The Governor concurred. For FY 2012, the agency is requesting \$2.4 million for debt service principal and, along with rehabilitation and repair (\$373,859), three enhancements, which include a backup generator in Topeka and a warehouse in Larned (\$746,257); operating expenditures total \$3.5 million, all from the SIBF. Mr. Weir noted that the agency reduced expenditures for repair so that funds would be available for the enhancements. The Governor concurred with the agency request.

Christina Allen, Kansas Legislative Research Department, reviewed the capital improvements budget for the Kansas State Fair, saying that the revised FY 2011 budget request of \$1.4 million included \$1.3 million for debt service from the State General Fund (SGF), and \$146,592 for rehabilitation and repair, nearly all from the State Fair Capital Improvement Fund (the increase of \$30,000 is drawn from special revenue funds). The Governor concurred with the agency request. For FY 2012, the agency is requesting \$1.8 million; besides the \$1.3 million for debt service from the SGF, the agency is requesting an enhancement for roof repair (\$376,950) from special revenue funds. The Governor concurs except for the enhancement, leaving \$118,923 for rehabilitation and repair.

Denny Stoecklein, General Manager, Kansas State Fair, said that last year's Fair was the fourth highest in attendance in the past 40 years. He replied that he appealed the Governor's decision not to fund the roof repair to no avail. He noted that the primary issue affecting the Fair's capital improvements fund is that the state's matching funds have not been provided consistently. Asked about the fund's balance, Ms. Allen replied that, for FY 2011, the balance was \$9,716; for FY 2012, it was zero.

In reviewing the capital improvements requests for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Ms. Allen said the FY 2011 request of \$20.8 million represented a \$14.3 million increase through the use of carry-forward funds. She noted a supplemental request of \$473,000 for a sewer line to connect the Pratt operations office to the city sewer system, a requirement of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. She also noted that the State Finance Council approved \$3.8 million from the Wildlife Restoration Fund for a Cheyenne Bottoms project. The Governor recommended a total of \$21 million, \$37,349 from the SGF, an increase that includes the sewer project and dam repair. For FY 2012, Ms. Allen said the agency is requesting \$9.6 million for capital improvements, \$1.5 million of that amount from the SGF; the Governor pared the request to \$8.0 million by not recommending the enhancements of major maintenance and cabin purchases, a reduction of \$1.5 million.

Robin Jennison, Acting Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, requested that the Committee recommend redirecting the \$2 million from special revenue funds allocated to land acquisition to other projects: dam repair, Milford fish hatchery improvements, and walk-in enhancements for hunting and fishing (Attachment 2).

Answering questions, Mr. Jennison said that Great Plains Development Authority has completed the purchase of 2,000 acres from the federal government for the former Parsons Army Ammunition Plant and, for the first time since World War II, taxes are being paid on the property. Members discussed with Mr. Jennison the issue of licensing out-of-state guides and outfitters. He explained that, to encourage out-of-state hunters, the license requirement was discontinued.

Representative Feuerborn made the motion, seconded by Representative Grant, to accede to the request and recommend to the Legislature the reallocation of the \$2 million for

land acquisition, directing it to other projects in accordance with the Senate Ways and Means Sub-committee recommendation (see Attachment 1, page 10). The motion passed.

A motion was made by Senator Francisco, seconded by Senator Kelly, and passed to approve the Committee's February 9 minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2011, in Room 144-S, Statehouse.

Prepared by Gary Deeter

Edited by Ryan Weir

Approved by Committee on:

February 23, 2011

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