

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Yoder at 9:05 a.m. on February 13, 2009, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Sydney Carlin- excused
Representative Jerry Henry- excused
Representative Kasha Kelley- excused

Committee staff present:

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J.G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kelly Cure, Chief of Staff
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Budget Committee Reports on Adjutant General, Highway Patrol, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, State Fire Marshal, Emergency Medical Services Board, Kansas Parole Board and Sentencing Commission

Chairman Yoder welcomed Committee members, and noted that today is Public Safety Day. The meeting agenda was reviewed. Chairman Yoder expressed his appreciation of Committee members for their work on the FY 2009 budget.

Introduction of Legislation

Representative Mast moved to introduce legislation regarding the removal of the Pet Inspection Division from the Animal Health Department to the Department of Agriculture. The motion was seconded by Representative Watkins. Motion carried.

Chairman Yoder discussed the Committee process, and the changes made to the data provided in the Budget Committee Reports. This information contains the agency's request, the Governor's recommendation and the House Budget Committee recommendations. The FY 2009 revision bill has been sent to the Governor. The budgets that the committee is reviewing does not reflect proposed budget cuts, but is based on the Governor's FY 2009 base budget as passed by the 2008 Legislature.

Representative Yoder made a motion to apply FY 2009 cuts through into FY 2010, to ensure that the recent budget cuts of 4.25 percent are not replaced in the FY 2010 budget. In light of a line item veto, the budget will be brought back to the Committee. The motion was seconded by Representative Mast. Motion carried.

Representative Tapanelli, Chair of the Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Adjutant General's Department Budget Report, (Attachment 1). The House Budget Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with noted adjustments which include: moratoriums on KPERs Death and Disability and employee health insurance, Omnibus review of funds to match the Federal Emergency Management Performance grant, hazard Mitigation Funding and Disaster Match Funding.

Representative Tapanelli made a motion to approve the FY 2010 Adjutant General's Department Budget Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood.

Discussion by Committee members followed regarding outstanding disaster payments and payout time

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frames, hazard funds for litigation and eligible private non-profits and areas for reduction that would have the least amount of impact or risks.

Representative Tapanelli renewed the motion to approve the FY 2010 Adjutant General's Budget Committee Report. Motion carried.

Representative Tapanelli, Chair of the Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Kansas Highway Patrol Budget Committee Report, (Attachment 1). The House Budget Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with noted adjustments which include: salary and wage enhancements; the moratoriums on KPERS Death and Disability and employee health plan; the digital in-car camera project; the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant program; Motor Carrier Safety Assistance program; and computer and information technology equipment.

Representative Tapanelli made a motion to approve the FY 2010 Kansas Highway Patrol Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood.

Representative Tapanelli discussed the impact of budget cuts, risk factors and safety concerns. He responded to Committee questions regarding the memorandum of agreement, fee fund transfers, Homeland Security grants, federal funds for contracted equipment, reduced resources packages, and the possibility of reviewing the impact of matching grants at Omnibus.

Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department, responded to questions from Committee members regarding fee funds and the Highway Patrol troopers contracted by the Turnpike Authority.

Representative Tapanelli renewed the motion to approve the FY 2010 Highway Patrol Budget Report. Motion carried.

Representative Tapanelli, Chair of the Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Kansas Bureau of Investigation Budget Report, (Attachment 1). The House Budget Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with noted adjustments: the moratoriums on employee health plan and KPERS Death and Disability; Kansas Criminal Justice Information System Project; and a review at Omnibus for the purchase of a new KCJIS message switch.

Representative Tapanelli made a motion to approve the Kansas Bureau of Investigation FY 2010 Budget Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood.

Discussion by Committee members followed regarding the challenges and potential shortfalls in the FY 2010 budget process. The need to review tax exemptions and concerns for public safety was expressed. It was suggested that a policy review should take place prior to further reductions. Budget committee rules, processes, time lines and responsibilities were discussed. Chairman Yoder stated that Secretary Goossen is scheduled for next week's agenda to review the Governor's FY 2010 proposed budget and budget committee guidelines.

Representative Tapanelli renewed the motion to approve the Kansas Bureau of Investigation FY 2010 Budget Report. Motion carried.

Representative Tapanelli, Chair of the Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the State Fire Marshal Budget Report, (Attachment 1). The House Budget Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with noted adjustments: the moratoriums on employee health plan and KPERS Death and Disability; SGF Services Fee; Fire Insurance Premium Levy; the Emergency Medical Services; and the State Fire Marshal Fee Fund.

Representative Tapanelli made a motion to approve the State Fire Marshal FY 2010 Budget Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Representative Gatewood, member of the Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the

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Board of Emergency Medical Services FY 2010 Budget Report, (Attachment 1). The Budget Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with noted adjustments: the moratoriums on employee health plan and KPERS Death and Disability; SGF Services Fee; and request for an interim study on the State Fire Marshal's EMS.

Representative Gatewood made a motion to approve the FY 2010 Board of Emergency Medical Services Budget Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Tafanelli. Motion carried.

Representative Gatewood, member of the Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Kansas Parole Board FY 2010 Budget Report, (Attachment 1). The House Budget Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with noted adjustments: the moratoriums on employee health plan and KPERS Death and Disability; goals of the agency; and budget reductions 4.5% below the FY 2009 approved budget.

Representative Gatewood made a motion to approve the FY 2010 Board of Emergency Medical Services Budget Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Tafanelli.

Representative Gatewood responded to questions from Committee members regarding salaries, caseloads, administrative expenses and the impact of budget reductions.

Representative Gatewood renewed the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Gatewood, member of the Transportation and Public Safety Budget Committee, presented the Kansas Sentencing Commission FY 2010 Budget Report, (Attachment 1). The House Budget Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with noted adjustments: the moratoriums on employee health plan and KPERS Death and Disability; and substance abuse treatment.

Representative Gatewood made a motion to approve the FY 2010 Kansas Sentencing Commission Budget Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Tafanelli.

Representative Gatewood responded to questions from Committee members regarding the 4.25 percent budget reduction, which is not reflected on this report, and fee funds supporting **SB 23**.

Representative Gatewood renewed the motion to approve the FY 2010 Kansas Sentencing Commission Budget Report. Motion carried.

Chairman Yoder discussed the agenda for Monday, February 16. He stated that the Committee will continue work on **HB 2095**.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Kevin Yoder, Chairman