

JCSBC Testimony
Department of Administration
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Good morning, my name is Sarah Shipman, Chief Counsel, Department of Administration. You should have received the materials previously requested regarding the current occupancy of state owned buildings, state leased space in Shawnee County, proposed occupancy of state owned buildings, and Dept. of Administration recommendations for Docking and future occupancy.

Last year, the Governor asked the Dept. of Administration to determine the most cost effective solutions to the challenges of the Docking building and to reduce the occupancy costs for agencies located in state buildings. After exploring relocation of the power plant and total demolition, sale/leaseback arrangements (which would include renovation), state managed total renovation, and partial deconstruction and renovation, the Dept. concluded that the most cost effective approach would be to partially deconstruct the building and renovate up to three floors for long term occupancy. Until this project can be undertaken, hopefully sooner rather than later, the opinion of the Dept. of Administration is that the best mechanism to control and reduce occupancy costs for state agencies located in state space is to attempt 100% occupancy of all buildings other than Docking while keeping the Depts. of Revenue and Children and Families in the Docking building and maintaining the status quo with regard to the building itself.

I am available to answer your questions.

Thank You.