

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:00 A.M. on February 21, 2006 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Assistant
Shirley Jepson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Jene Vickrey
Gary Daniels, Secretary, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS)
Charles Johnson, city of Osawatomie
Lois Young, city of Osawatomie
Sandra Allison, city of Osawatomie

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Information regarding private prisons provided by Representative Knox
- Attachment 2 Testimony on **HB 2954** by Gary Daniels, Secretary, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS)
- Attachment 3 Testimony on **HB 2954** by Charles Johnson, city of Osawatomie
- Attachment 4 Testimony on **HB 2954** by Lois Young, city of Osawatomie
- Attachment 5 Testimony on **HB 2954** by Sandy Allison, city of Osawatomie
- Attachment 6 Budget Committee Reports on Legislative Coordinating Council, Legislative Division of Post Audit, Revisor of Statutes, Legislative Research Department, Legislature
- Attachment 7 Budget Committee Reports on Postsecondary Education Systemwide, Board of Regents, University of Kansas, KU Medical Center
- Attachment 8 Information provided by Fort Hays State University Department of Nursing

Information provided by Representative Forrest Knox was distributed to the Committee in response to Committee questions during the February 20, 2006, hearing on **HB 2688** regarding private prisons (Attachment 1).

Hearing on **HB 2954** - Surplus real estate at Osawatomie state hospital to city of Osawatomie for economic development purposes.

Susan Kannarr, Legislative Research Department, provided an overview of **HB 2954**.

Chairman Neufeld recognized Representative Jene Vickrey, who presented testimony in support of **HB 2954**. Representative Vickrey explained that the land in question is owned by the State of Kansas and occupied by the Osawatomie State Hospital, composed of approximately 1,000 acres. The Hospital is no longer using a considerable section of this land. The city of Osawatomie has requested that a tract of approximately 386 acres of the surplus land be transferred to the city for economic growth.

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The Chair recognized Gary Daniels, Secretary of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), who provided testimony in opposition to **HB 2954** (Attachment 2). Secretary Daniels stated that SRS is not opposed to the transfer but has not participated in any discussions concerning the conveyance of approximately 338 acres of land from the state to the city of Osawatomie and felt the agency has not had time to gather specifics on the property outlined in the legislation. Secretary Daniels noted that sections of the unused property are leased to a private citizen for crop and grazing use with the lease expiring on March 31, 2008.

Chairman Neufeld recognized Charles Johnson, city of Osawatomie, who presented testimony in support of **HB 2954** (Attachment 3).

Chairman Neufeld recognized Lois Young, city of Osawatomie, who presented testimony in support of **HB 2954** (Attachment 4). Included with Ms. Young's testimony was a copy of the plan developed by the city of Osawatomie (copy available from Legislative Research Department), copy of the book titled "*Boom Town USA*" written by Jack Schultz and the history of the Osawatomie State Hospital.. Ms. Young stated that economic growth is important to the area and development of the land would provide jobs as well as putting the land back on the tax rolls.

The Chairman recognized Sandra Allison, city of Osawatomie, who presented testimony in support of **HB 2954** (Attachment 5). Ms. Allison reiterated the need for economic growth in the area.

Concerns voiced by the Committee included:

- Appraised value of the land.
- The need for a survey and legal description of the land involved.
- Adequate infrastructure and funding in place to handle any new construction as well as the Osawatomie State Hospital without requesting additional funding from the State.

The Committee noted that the language in **HB 2954** addresses 338 acres of the land and the city of Osawatomie is requesting 386 acres. The Committee indicated that it may be necessary to amend the bill to include the legal description of the land involved.

Chairman Neufeld closed the hearing on **HB 2954**.

Representative McLeland, member of the Legislative Branch Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Legislative Coordinating Council for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 6). The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Representative McLeland, member of the Legislative Branch Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Legislative Coordinating Council for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 6). The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Representative McLeland, member of the Legislative Branch Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Division of Legislative Post Audit for FY 2006 and FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 and FY 2007 (Attachment 6). The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Representative McLeland, member of the Legislative Branch Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Office of Revisor of Statutes for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 6). The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

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Statutes for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 6). The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr.

Representative Landwehr moved to amend the Budget Committee report to change any language in Item No. 3 referring to the Research Department to the Office of Revisor of Statutes. The motion was seconded by Representative McLeland. Motion carried.

Representative McLeland moved to adopt the Budget Committee report on the Office of Revisor of Statutes for FY 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Representative McLeland, member of the Legislative Branch Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Legislative Research Department for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 6). The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Representative McLeland, member of the Legislative Branch Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Legislative Research Department for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 6). The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion carried.

Representative McLeland, member of the Legislative Branch Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Legislature for FY 2006 and FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 and FY 2007 (Attachment 6). The motion was seconded by Representative Powell. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Postsecondary Education Systemwide for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 7). The motion was seconded by Representative Huy. Motion carried.

The Budget Committee noted that several members did not sign the report because of objections to some budgets but not all budgets. It was noted that "Totals" on page 1 of the Postsecondary Education Systemwide report for FY 2006 were incorrect.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Postsecondary Education Systemwide for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 7). The motion was seconded by Representative Huy.

Representative Pottorff moved to amend the Budget Committee report on the Postsecondary Education Systemwide for FY 2007 by adding funding of \$3 million for technical colleges. The motion was seconded by Representative Sharp. Motion carried.

The Budget Committee provided additional information on Item No. 6 pertaining to a Masters-level nursing program at Fort Hays State University (Attachment 8).

Representative Feuerborn moved to amend the Budget Committee report on the Postsecondary Education Systemwide for FY 2007 by striking the \$150,000 from the State General Fund (SGF) directed to Fort Hays State University and inserting language redirecting the \$150,000 plus an additional \$200,000 from the State General Fund (SGF) to the Board of Regents to be used in the Masters Scholarship Program for Nursing to hire additional faculty for the nursing program. The motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion failed.

Representative Powell moved to amend the Budget Committee report on the Postsecondary

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Education Systemwide for FY 2007 by inserting language to move \$200,000 from the Nurses Service Scholarship Fund to the Board of Regents for the purpose of increasing . The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins moved to adopt the Budget Committee report on the Postsecondary Education Systemwide for FY 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative McLeland. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the State Board of Regents for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 7). The motion was seconded by Representative Huy. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the State Board of Regents for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 7). The motion was seconded by Representative McLeland. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the University of Kansas for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 7). The motion was seconded by Representative Huy. Motion carried.

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Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the University of Kansas Medical Center for FY 2006 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2006 (Attachment 7). The motion was seconded by Representative Huy. Motion carried.

Representative Hutchins, Chair of the Education Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the University of Kansas Medical Center for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 7). The motion was seconded by Representative McLeland. Motion carried.

Representative Schwartz moved to amend the Budget Committee report on the University of Kansas Medical Center for FY 2007 by deleting the \$5 million for the Cancer Center with additional language indicating that the Committee supports the funding of a cancer center; however, would request a review at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr. Motion failed on a 10-11 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 22, 2006.

Melvin Neufeld, Chairman