

## **MINUTES**

### **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

February 11, 2010  
Room 144-S—Statehouse

#### **Members Present**

Senator Dwayne Umbarger, Chairperson  
Representative Jo Ann Pottorff, Vice-chairperson  
Senator Pat Apple  
Senator Jay Emler  
Senator Marci Francisco  
Senator Laura Kelly  
Representative Steve Brunk  
Representative Bill Feuerborn  
Representative Mitch Holmes

#### **Member Absent**

Representative Bob Grant

#### **Staff**

Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jonathan Tang, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary  
Florence Deeter, Assistant

#### **Conferees**

Janice Harper, Comptroller, Adjutant General's Office

#### **Other Attending**

See attached sheet.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:21 p.m. and thanked Florence Deeter for providing the gourmet lunch.

The Chairperson requested further discussion regarding the Adjutant General's FY 2010 and 2011 budget requests. Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department, reviewed the capital improvements budget requests from the agency, specifically the National Guard Museum project (Attachments 1 and 2). He said the Legislature established a dedicated funding stream through FY 2009 session laws to appropriate 30 percent of the net profits from the Veterans Benefit Game Lottery tickets to fund construction of the museum, which, when coupled with the Governor's recommendation of \$270,000, would provide sufficient funds (\$459,357) to complete the project. He stated that, based on Lottery receipts, \$968,687 was transferred to the State General Fund, which was then to be appropriated for the museum project. However, due to the state's revenue shortfalls, the funds were diverted elsewhere. The agency's FY 2011 budget included a renewed request for \$488,687 to complete the project, which was not recommended by the Governor except for the \$270,000 previously transferred to the agency. Members discussed the issue, asking for input from Janice Harper, Comptroller for the Adjutant General's office. Ms. Harper said that the building is 50 percent complete but is not presently useable and further delay may jeopardize the project. She said the original cost estimate of \$1.2 million was reduced so that \$459,357 would be sufficient to complete the project.

During the discussion a question was raised about the new armory being built in Wichita. A Committee member suggested that, since the new armory is near the headquarters for Troop F of the Kansas Highway Patrol, co-location at the new armory might address the crowded conditions for Troop F. Ms. Harper said the new armory will replace other armories in Wichita.

Committee members further discussed how to respond effectively to the absence of funding for the National Guard Museum, considering several options for renewing funds to complete the Museum as promised. *A motion was made by Senator Francisco and seconded by Representative Brunk to approve the FY 2010 budget, which includes the Governor's recommendation for \$270,000 plus \$459,357 with the exception of \$157,283, Phase 4 of the project, which can be included in the FY 2011 budget request. The motion failed, 4-5.*

*A motion was made by Senator Kelly to place the full amount of \$459,937 in the FY 2010 budget. It was seconded by Senator Emler. The motion passed.*

*A motion was made by Representative Feuerborn, seconded by Senator Emler, and passed unanimously to approve the FY 2010 and the FY 2011 budgets as amended.*

Mr. Klaassen reported on the capital improvements budget requests by the Kansas Department of Transportation. He said that the agency's FY 2010 budget estimates of \$8.7 million, all from the State Highway Fund, includes \$4.3 million for projects and \$4.4 for rehabilitation and repair, amounts with which the Governor concurred. For 2011 the agency requests expenditures totaling \$7.4 million, all likewise from the State Highway Fund, an amount which includes \$3.9 million for projects and \$3.5 million for rehabilitation and repair. The Governor did not recommend certain projects totaling \$1.6 million. *A motion was made by Representative Feuerborn, seconded by Representative Pottorff, and passed unanimously to approve the report.*

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 15, at 12:00 noon in Room 144-S.

Prepared by Gary Deeter  
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Approved by Committee on:

April 28, 2010

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