

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Schwartz at 9:00 A.M. on February 22, 2008, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Masterson - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department  
 J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department  
 Cody Gorges, Legislative Research Department  
 Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department  
 Nobuko Folmsbee, Revisor of Statutes  
 Nikki Feuerborn, Chief of Staff  
 Shirley Jepson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Marilyn Jacobsen, Department of Administration

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1      Budget Committee Report on Government Ethics Commission
- Attachment 2      Budget Committee Report on Department of Administration

### Introduction of Legislation

Representative Lane moved to introduce legislation concerning cemetery corporations. The motion was seconded by Representative Holmes. Motion carried.

### Government Ethics Commission

Representative Beamer, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Governmental Ethics Commission for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2008 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Beamer, member of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Governmental Ethics Commission for FY 2009 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2009 (Attachment 1). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Responding to a question from the Committee, the Budget Committee noted that fines and penalties assessed by the Governmental Ethics Commission are deposited into the State General Fund (SGF).

### Department of Administration

Representative Yoder, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Administration for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2008 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. Motion carried.

The Budget Committee indicated that the funding for 1.0 FTE position for staffing for the pay plan project is for a partial year. It was noted by the Committee that the new pay plan is still in the negotiations process and not finalized at this time.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Appropriations Committee at 9:00 A.M. on February 22, 2008, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

Representative Yoder, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Administration for FY 2009 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendations for FY 2009 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Lane.

Responding to questions from the Committee, the Budget Committee stated that the bonding authority attached to the SGF is approximately 18 percent.

The Committee voiced concern with the numbering system of offices within the State Capitol Building and noted that work is in progress to provide a secure numbering system for offices.

Marilyn Jacobsen, Department of Administration, stated that there is \$55 million bonding authorized for Phase 4 of the Statehouse renovation of which \$27 million has been issued to date. An additional \$38.8 million has been requested in the FY 2009 budget for exterior masonry and rebuilding of the east stairwell. Ms. Jacobsen noted that approximately 170,000 square feet of new office space has been added to the Capitol building during the renovation.

With reference to Item No. 5, the Budget Committee indicated that there is base federal grant funding of \$3 million distributed to public broadcasting stations across the State. The agency is requesting an enhancement of \$500,000 for FY 2009 and reported that they are concerned with recent changes by the federal government that may cause a reduction in federal funding.

Responding to a another question from the Committee, Ms. Jacobsen stated that the air quality in the Docking State Office Building has been tested 6 times by 3 different vendors between the period January 2005 and December 2007. The testing has indicated that the air quality in the building is better than the outside air. Currently, Ms. Jacobsen noted that a state employee in the Docking State Office Building has filed a complaint with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) about the air quality. The Department of Administration is working with CDC to address the complaint.

- The Committee requested a report on the total bonding authority authorized and the amount of bonds issued as of this date for the Statehouse renovation.
- The Committee requested a briefing on the Statehouse renovation by the Department of Administration at a Committee meeting in the near future.

Representative Henry made a substitute motion to add language to the Budget Committee report on the Department of Administration for FY 2009 to request a study of existing state-owned buildings in and outside of Shawnee County before making a decision on renovation of the Docking State Office Building and review the issue at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Holmes. Motion carried.

Representative Yoder moved to adopt the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Department of Administration for FY 2009 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 25, 2008.

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Sharon Schwartz, Chair