

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Yoder at 9:08 a.m. on February 25, 2009, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Doug Gatewood- excused  
Representative Tom Sawyer- excused  
Representative Lee Tafanelli- excused

Committee staff present:

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Estelle Montgomery, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Christina Butler, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
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 Report on Kansas Neurological Institute, Parsons State Hospital and Training Center, Osawatomie State Hospital, Larned State Hospital, Rainbow Mental Health Facility, Kansas Guardianship Program
- Attachment 2 Budget Committee Report on Governmental Ethics Commission

Chairman Yoder welcomed Committee members, and discussed the paintings on display by Artist, Deb Schroer of Strong City, Kansas.

Representative Holmes made a motion to introduce legislation regarding joint claims against the state. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Watkins made a motion to introduce legislation regarding Kansas Department of Health and Environment and accreditations. The motion was seconded by Representative Holmes. Motion carried.

Representative Mast, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Kansas Guardianship Program Budget Committee Report for FY 2010, (Attachment 1). The Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with the following recommendations and notations: the moratoriums for the Employee Health Plan and KPERS Death and Disability; and the adoption of a reduced resource plan, which would be revisited at Omnibus.

Representative Mast made a motion to approve the Kansas Guardianship Program Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Crum.

Representative Mast responded to questions from Committee members regarding options for determining budget cuts.

Representative Mast renewed the motion to approve the budget report. Motion carried.

Representative Mast, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented an overview of the Rainbow Mental Health Facility Budget Committee Report, (Attachment 1). The Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with the following adjustments and notations: the moratoriums for the Employee Health Plan and KPERS Death and Disability; annualize the FY 2009 reductions; reduce the FY 2010 budget by 3.0 percent; review of enhancement requests and budget at Omnibus; FY 2010 reductions to the budget

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absorbed in the Department of Social Rehabilitation Services budget; and staffing needs.

Representative Mast made a motion to approve the Rainbow Mental Health Facility Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard.

Representative Mast responded to questions from Committee members regarding budget cuts, which were annualized for FY 2009 and FY 2010. Concerns for the impact of additional budget cuts was expressed.

Estelle Montgomery, Kansas Legislative Research Department, responded to questions from Committee members regarding the 3 percent global budget cuts and 4 percent budget cuts based on Committee recommendations. She noted that the Governor's recommendation was \$1 million less in the State General Fund, resulting in an overall 7.25 percent budget reduction.

Don Jordan, Secretary, of the Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services (SRS), responded to Committee questions regarding the Governor's revised budget cuts and staffing concerns. He stated that budget cuts are absorbed in the SRS budget, and he noted that premiums for Worker's Compensation and Health Insurance have increased.

Representative Mast renewed the motion to approve the Rainbow Mental Health Facility Budget Committee Report. The motion carried.

Representative Mast, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented an overview of the Parsons State Hospital and Training Center Budget Committee Report, (Attachment 1). The Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with the following adjustments and notations: the moratoriums on the Employer Contributions to the State Health Plan and KPERS Death and Disability; annualizing FY 2009 reductions; review enhancement requests at Omnibus; agency budget reductions for FY 2010 be absorbed in the SRS budget; and staffing needs.

Representative Mast made a motion to approve the Parsons State Hospital and Training Center Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard.

Don Jordan, Secretary, SRS, responded to questions from Committee members regarding; enhancements and overtime policies; memorandum agreement; and capital improvements.

Representative Mast renewed the motion to approve the Parsons State Hospital and Training Center Budget Committee report. Motion carried.

Representative Mast, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented an overview of the Kansas Neurological Institute Budget Committee Report, (Attachment 1). The Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with the following adjustments and notations: the moratoriums on the Employer Contributions to the State Health Plan and KPERS Death and Disability; analyzation of FY 2009 approved reductions; review of enhancement request and budget at Omnibus; agency budget reductions for FY 2010 be absorbed in the SRS budget; and staffing needs.

Representative Mast made a motion to approve the Kansas Neurological Institute Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard.

Discussion by Committee members regarding; consolidated resources, dental services and unused space.

Don Jordan, Secretary, SRS explained the increase in SGF funds from FY 2009 to FY 2010 was off-set by budget decreases in all other funds. It was noted that the agency has been spending down over the past few years the Title 19 funds, requiring more SGF.

Representative Mast renewed the motion to approve the Budget Committee Report. Motion carried.

Representative Mast, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented an overview of the Larned State Hospital Budget Committee Report, (Attachment 1). The Committee concurs with the Governor's

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recommendation with the following adjustments and notations: the moratoriums on the Employer Contributions to the State Health Plan and KPERs Death and Disability; analyzation of FY 2009 approved reductions; enhancement requests for establishing a mobile satellite evaluator program and Sexual Predator Treatment Program; agency budget reductions for FY 2010 be absorbed in the SRS budget; and staffing needs.

Representative Mast made a motion to approve the Larned State Hospital Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard.

Discussion by Committee members followed regarding: the Sexual Predator Treatment program and relocation issues.

Secretary Jordan discussed the projected participation increase in the treatment program and community resources.

Representative Feuerborn made motions to 1) strike the recommendation for \$323,928 for six FTE positions and 2) a proviso that would only allow six Sexual Predator Treatment participants in each county. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane.

Discussion followed by Committee members regarding: the use of Larned until other centers are developed for re-entry in communities and cost involved; staffing needs; public safety; and need to review at Omnibus or Committee hearings for further discussion. The concern was raised regarding the waiting period for competency evaluations at Larned.

Representative Feuerborn renewed the motion. Motion failed

Representative Mast renewed the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Mast, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented an overview of the Osawatimie State Hospital Budget Committee Report, (Attachment 1). The Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with the following adjustments and notations: the moratoriums on the Employer Contributions to the State Health Plan and KPERs Death and Disability; analyzation of FY 2009 approved reductions; funding for staff and agency enhancements reviewed at Omnibus; and agency budget reductions for FY 2010 be absorbed in the SRS budget.

Representative Mast made a motion to approve the Osawatimie State Hospital Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

Representative Watkins, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented an overview of the Governmental Ethics Commission FY 2010 Budget Committee Report, (Attachment 2). The Committee concurs with Governor's recommendation with the following adjustment and notations: the moratoriums on the Employer Contributions to the State Health Plan and KPERs Death and Disability and analyzation of FY 2009 approved reductions.

Representative Watkins made a motion to approve the Governmental Ethics Commission Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Kelley.

Budget Committee members responded to questions from Committee members regarding budget cuts and fee funds. The budget was not reduced more than the Governor's recommendation. An explanation of the fee fund balance, which includes lobbyist taxes and filing fees was provided. J.G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department, stated that the Governor's across the board cuts averaged 3 percent.

Representative Watkins renew the motion to approve the FY 2010 budget. Motion carried.

Representative Watkins, Chair of the General Government Budget Committee, presented an overview of the FY 2011 Governmental Ethics Commission Budget Committee Report. The Committee concurs with the Governor's recommendation with the following adjustment for the moratoriums on the Employer

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Contributions to the State Health Plan and KPERS Death and Disability.

Representative Watkins made a motion to approve the Governmental Ethics Commission Budget Committee Report for FY 2011. The motion was seconded by Representative Whitham.

Representative Watkins responded to questions regarding the increase in FY 2011 budget, which included the moratoriums.

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Representative Watkins made a motion to amend the FY 2011 budget to be held flat at the FY 2010 numbers, which could be revisited at Omnibus or during the next session. The motion was seconded by Representative McLeland.

Representative Watkins closed the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Watkins made a motion to approve the FY 2011 Governmental Ethics Commission Budget Committee Report as amended. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

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Kevin Yoder, Chairman