

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

March 2, 2010
Room 144-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator Dwayne Umbarger, Chairperson
Representative Jo Ann Pottorff, Vice-chairperson
Senator Marci Francisco
Representative Bill Feuerborn
Representative Bob Grant
Representative Mitch Holmes

Members Absent

Senator Pat Apple
Senator Jay Emler
Senator Laura Kelly
Representative Steve Brunk

Staff

Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Christina Allen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cody Gorges, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees

Jeannette McGathan, Business Manager, Kansas School for the Deaf
Robert Maile, Superintendent, Kansas School for the Deaf
Llewellyn Crain, Executive Director, Kansas Arts Commission

Other Attending

See attached sheet.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and reminded members that the meeting was called to act on leases and capital improvements budget reports heard at a previous meeting (February 25).

A motion was made by Representative Feuerborn, seconded by Representative Grant, and passed to approve the proposed lease for the Kansas Animal Health Department.

Representative Feuerborn made a motion, seconded by Representative Grant, to approve the proposed lease for the Kansas Board of Healing Arts. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Representative Pottorff and seconded by Representative Feuerborn to approve the capital improvements budget report for FY 2010 and 2011 for the Juvenile Justice Authority. The motion carried.

Representative Feuerborn made a motion, seconded by Representative Grant, to approve the FY 2010 and 2011 capital improvements budget report for the Kansas School for the Blind. The motion passed.

Members discussed the capital improvements budget report for FY 2010 and 2011 for the Kansas School for the Deaf. Members reviewed the agency's emergency request of \$125,000 for repair of a high-voltage distribution system. Jeannette McGathan, the school's business manager, responded to a question, saying that costs for repair of the electrical distribution service would come from the State Institutions Building Fund. Robert Maile, Superintendent, replied to another question, explaining that replacement of the system will cost in the range of \$250,000 to \$450,000, but that the immediate repair costs would be about \$125,000. He noted that the proposed emergency repair would not change the high-voltage system, so electric rates would not be affected. Answering another question, he replied that the repair had been budgeted for several years but not recommended by the Governor or approved by the Legislature. He replied that an electrical engineer from the Division of Facilities Management (Kansas Department of Administration) had confirmed the imminent collapse of the system.

A motion was made by Representative Feuerborn, seconded by Representative Grant, and passed to recommend the expenditure of \$125,000 to repair the failing electrical distribution system for the Roth Building and to approve the remainder of the report.

Representative Grant made a motion, seconded by Representative Pottorff, to approve the capital improvements budget for FY 2010 and 2011 for the Kansas State Historical Society. The motion passed.

Llewellyn Crain, Executive Director, Kansas Arts Commission (KAC), briefly reviewed her report from February 25 regarding the proposed Dillon House renovation. She said that the KAC would be the primary tenant for the building, which would be used for a variety of other functions. KAC would be responsible to raise funds for the renovation, after which rentals for the facility should cover operating expenses. She requested legislation to accomplish these goals. *Representative Feuerborn made a motion, seconded by Representative Pottorff, to introduce a bill to effect the proposal. The motion passed.*

Members briefly discussed the February 25 presentation by the Kansas Department of Commerce regarding the sale of three buildings; members requested more information before making any recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2010, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

Prepared by Gary Deeter
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Approved by Committee on:

April 28, 2010
(Date)