

**MINUTES OF THE  
JOINT CAPITAL FACILITIES & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2005, 2:00 P.M.  
RoomW025, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex**

Members Present: Sen. Bill Hickman, Committee Co-Chair  
Rep. D. Gregg Buxton, Committee Co-Chair  
Sen. Peter Knudson  
Rep. Roger Barrus  
Rep. DeMar “Bud” Bowman  
Rep. Stephen Clark  
Rep. Fred R. Hunsaker  
Rep. Brent H. Goodfellow  
Rep. Michael T. Morley

Members Excused: Sen. Mike Dmitrich  
Pres. John Valentine  
Rep. Ralph Becker

Members Absent: Rep. Wayne A. Harper

Staff Present: Steve Allred, Fiscal Analyst  
Jonathan Ball, Technology Analyst  
Bonnie Brinton, Committee Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Acting Executive Director John Nixon, Department of Workforce  
Services  
Manager Dennis Tingey, Information Technology, Department of  
Health  
Director Kim Oliver, Division of Finance  
Deputy Director Richard Ellis, Governor's Office of Planning and  
Budget  
Interim VP Jared Haines, Instruction and Student Services, Utah  
College of Applied Technology  
Brent Petersen, Vice President of Operations, Davis Applied  
Technology College  
Executive Director Mike Petersen, Utah Education Network  
Deputy Commissioner Neal Gooch, Insurance Department  
Commissioner Kent Mitchie, Insurance Department  
Deputy Director David Fletcher, Division of Information  
Technology Services, Administrative Services  
Colonel Scot T. Olson, Utah National Guard

Deputy Commissioner Verdi R. White, Department of Public Safety

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Co-Chair Hickman called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Subcommittee members and staff were introduced.

**1. Subcommittee Overview - Steven Allred**

Fiscal Analyst Steve Allred presented a Powerpoint Subcommittee overview. Included were a calendar of the legislative session and a ten-year history of approved State-funded capital projects. He discussed the new Analyst document format in the green Budget Analysis folder which consists of three parts:

1. Compendium of Budget Issues (COBI)
2. Issue Briefs
3. Budget Brief

Other information presented included areas of responsibility, what is included in the Analyst's recommendations, and a memo from the Executive Appropriations Committee encouraging the formation of a priority list by Subcommittee members. A brief State funds history was presented, and the necessity of a review of intent language was discussed.

Mr. Allred discussed appropriated entities vs. internal service funds.

**2. Information Technology Projects**

**a) Introduction:** Jonathan Ball, Technology Analyst

**b) Department of Workforce Services "Electronic Resource and Eligibility Product" (eRep) project - Acting Executive Director John Nixon**

Information Technology Director Greg Gardner, eRep Project Executive Mark Schultz, eRep IV&V Oversight Don Mueller and Director Michael Deily were introduced. Mr. Gardner gave a comprehensive overview of this project. There are no requests for FY2006 funding.

c) **Department of Health Medicaid Management Information System -**  
Information Technology Manager Dennis Tingey

Mr. Tingey reported that the core system in place was developed using methodology from 1960 and 1970 and is outdated. The turnaround time for payments is about one week and over \$1B annually is distributed using the current system. The total funding needed is \$40M, with \$4M needed from the State.

d) **Statewide FINET upgrade -** Director Kim Oliver, Division of Finance

Ms. Oliver reported on the status of this upgrade and said that it will be operational in July of 2006.

e) **Statewide Budget System -** Deputy Director Marvin Dodge, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Mr. Dodge introduced Director Richard Ellis. He stated that funding for a new budget-preparation system is needed of \$1.4M in one-time money of which \$400,000 would be for software and \$60,000 ongoing money for maintenance. The Analyst recommends this proposal.

f) **Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT), Student Information System -**  
Interim VP of Instruction and Student Services Jared Haines

Mr. Haines introduced Brent Petersen, VP of Operations, Davis Applied Technology College and presented the proposal for a new student information system. The budget request is \$482,500 for ongoing development, implementation, support and maintenance; and \$108,000 for one-time hardware, software, and licensing.

Significant customizing would be required because of the nontraditional services offered by UCAT. Mr. Petersen stated that a pilot program of the system desired had been implemented at the Davis Campus and is working well.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hunsaker moved to recommend the UCAT proposal of \$482,500 for ongoing development, implementation, support and maintenance; and \$108,000 for one-time hardware, software, and licensing to the Higher Education Subcommittee for funding.

The motion carried unanimously with Rep. Clark absent for the vote.

**g) Utah Education Network (UEN) Capacity and Reliability** - Executive Director Mike Petersen

Mr. Petersen gave an overview of the major FY 2006 Information Technology budget issues for UEN. He stated that UEN wants a one-time appropriation of \$400,000 received in FY 2005 to be converted to ongoing funds to pay multiple-year contracts to complete critical network projects. He also outlined a \$5.8M plan to expand gigabit ethernet into rural Utah.

**h) Higher Education Learning Management System** - Executive Director Mike Petersen, Utah Education Network

Mr. Petersen stated that the request for funding would implement a program which would provide an online component for every class offered to educators and students at all colleges and universities in the state. The State Board of Regents has proposed in its FY 2006 budget request \$1.5 million in ongoing funds to license, equip, maintain and staff a permanent learning management system.

The request for funding consists of one-time costs for UEN for the learning management system of \$530,000, ongoing costs of \$370,000 and one-time enterprise level technology support of \$260,000.

**i) Insurance Department SIRCON-gov Regulatory Database** - Deputy Commissioner Neal Gooch

Mr. Gooch introduced Kent Mitchie, Commissioner, Insurance Department. He stated that the proposed funding request is for \$57,500 to support and maintain the system which is already in place.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hunsaker moved to recommend the proposed funding request from the Insurance Department for \$57,500 to support and maintain the SIRCON-gov Regulatory Database system which is already in place.

The motion passed unanimously.

**j) Statewide Utah Wireless Interagency Network** - Deputy Director David Fletcher, Division of Information Technology Services, Administrative Services

Mr. Fletcher introduced Gen. Brian Tarbet, Adjutant General, Utah National Guard, Col. Bart D. Berry, Director of Military Support, Utah National Guard, and Deputy

Commissioner Verdi R. White, Department of Public Safety.  
Mr. Fletcher discussed the Utah Wireless Integrated Network (UWIN) issue and the need of \$755,000 in ongoing funding for statewide voice interoperability to maintain the Omnilink controller and the necessary connections to communications centers throughout the State. He said this funding would enable all agencies in the State to communicate in an emergency situation.

Sen. Knudsen commended Deputy Commissioner White and Gen. Tarbet on anticipating the need for and setting up the communication network.

Co-Chair Hickman requested a budget to see how the \$755,000 is to be allocated. He said action would be deferred until a future meeting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Bowman moved to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. by Co-Chair Hickman.

The minutes were reported by Bonnie Brinton.

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