

**MINUTES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
Room 25 House Building  
February 7, 2014**

**Members Present:** Sen. Daniel Thatcher, Co-Chair  
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair  
Rep. Keven J. Stratton, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Jim Dabakis  
Sen. Mark B. Madsen  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Sen. Stuart C. Reid  
Rep. Rich Cunningham  
Rep. Richard Greenwood  
Rep. Craig Hall  
Rep. Brian S. King  
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson  
Rep. Curtis Oda  
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig

**Members Excused:** Sen. Curtis S. Bramble  
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes

**Staff Present:** Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst  
Mr. Zackery King, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Jennifer Eyring, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Co-Chair Thatcher called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Rep. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes for meetings held on January 28, 2014 and January 29, 2014. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen, Rep. Nelson, Rep. Seelig, and Rep. Stratton absent for the vote.

**2. EOCJ Agency Building Blocks Requests**

Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, gave a short introduction of agency building block requests.

**State Treasurer**

Mr. Dennis Johnston, Unclaimed Property Administrator, used a slide presentation to illustrate their payout ratio compared to other states. Requested funding would come from the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund and would be used to improve outreach to inform the public.

### **Guardian ad Litem**

Ms. Liz Knight, Director, discussed information on the handout "Office of Guardian ad Litem Fact Sheet." The Building Block request for \$1,336,400 is to address attorney salary parity. In response to committee questions, Ms. Knight said they do receive a small amount of funding from License Plate sales, but most funding is from the General Fund.

### **Courts**

Mr. Dan Becker, Court Administrator, introduced the Building Block requests as found on "Utah State Courts Building Block Requests - 2014 General Session" and explained the Lease, Operations and Maintenance Increases request for \$268,800.

Mr. Ray Wahl, Deputy Court Administrator, explained the two requests on the handout that relate to the Juror/Witness/Interpreter line item. The first is a supplemental request for \$861,700 to fund deficit spending in FY 2013. The second request is a \$930,000 ongoing funding increase to reduce future supplemental requests.

Mr. Becker spoke about the final request to eliminate the Court Reporter Restricted Account and addressed using technology for remote interpreters, thus saving the cost of travel. The committee requested that Courts look into possible coordination with other agencies who use interpreters and remote technology.

### **Public Safety**

Colonel Keith Squires, Commissioner, discussed the Building Block requests as found on the handout "Utah Department of Public Safety, FY 2015 Building Block Requests."

Investigator Sergeant - State Bureau of Investigation	\$110,000 Ongoing
Utah Highway Patrol - 6 troopers for I-15 Corridor	\$576,000 Ongoing
Utah Highway Patrol - Capitol Hill security	\$615,000 Ongoing

Colonel Danny Fuhr, Superintendent, Utah Highway Patrol, gave a more in depth explanation of where additional troopers would be used. In response to committee questions, he stated they would work to increase trooper compensation from their current budget.

Col. Squires explained the \$330,000 request for Technology Services electronic storage charges.

Mr. Joe Brown, Finance Director, stated they could not provide the security needed for data storage for any less cost than the Department of Technology Services. Security issues were discussed. The following requests were discussed:

Ongoing Restricted Fund:	
Fire Marshal operating costs for training trailers	\$340,000
Utah Fire and Rescue Academy budget increases	\$190,000
Honoring Heroes license plates	\$10,000

One-time Adjustments (General Fund):	
Trooper overtime	\$1,000,000
FY 2014 Supplemental (General Fund):	
Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)	
Restricted Fund Shortfall	\$400,000

Major Jeff Carr, Deputy Director, spoke about the backlog of untested rape kits and the anticipated increase in kits sent in to the State Crime Lab for testing. He stated there is a screening process to determine which kits should be processed. \$750,000 has been carried over from FY 2013 funds to cover this cost.

### **Governor's Office**

Ms. Tenielle Young, Financial Manager, Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB), outlined the following requests:

Operations and technology cost increases	\$100,000 Ongoing
Literacy Program	\$50,000 Ongoing
Free Market Protection and Privatization Board	\$150,000 One-time
Public Lands Litigation	
from the Constitutional Defense Restricted Account	\$1,000,000 One-time
Voter Outreach	\$250,000 One-time

Mr. Mark Thomas, Chief Deputy, Director of Elections, Lt. Governor's Office, spoke about the funding request for voter outreach. He discussed types of information provided and various ways it is provided, such as through the voteutah.gov website. Outreach also includes efforts to get out the vote.

Ms. Young responded to committee questions concerning public lands litigation and the Privatization Board.

The remaining agencies will present their Building Block requests in the following meeting.

### **6. Adjourn**

MOTION: Rep. Cunningham moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis and Sen. Okerlund absent for the vote.

Co-Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

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Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Co-Chair

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Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair