

**MINUTES OF THE  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 445 State Capitol Building  
February 3, 2014

**Members Present:** Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Co-Chair  
Rep. Gage Froerer, Co-Chair  
Rep. Jacob L. Anderegg, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Lyle Hillyard  
Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Johnny Anderson  
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson  
Rep. Janice M. Fisher  
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway  
Rep. John Knotwell  
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers  
Rep. R. Curt Webb  
Rep. John R. Westwood

**Staff Present:** Mr. Mark Bleazard, Fiscal Manager  
Mr. Gary K. Ricks, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Cami Deavila, 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).

**1. Call to Order**

Co-Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

**2. Unfinished items from the previous meetings**

**3. Voting on Base Budget Bill**

**MOTION:** Sen. VanTassell moved to approve the base budget bill.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Anderegg discussed making several substitute motions to change the base budget bill.

Co-chair Harper and Froerer stated opposition to the substitute motion. Committee members and stake holders need time to analyze changes.

Sen. Hillyard explained the process for approving the base budget. The committee could identify building blocks and shift money in the remaining meetings.

Rep. Anderegg withdrew the substitute motion.

Rep. Christofferson asked about options for voting on the base budget bill and making changes in future meetings. Co-chair Harper replied to adopt the base budget, then go through item by item to make changes.

Sen. Hillyard stated support for the new process of approving base budget bills.

Sen. Van Tassell asked for support of the base budget and changes could be made in future meetings.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Jenkins and Vickers absent for the vote.

Co-chair Froerer encouraged members who would like to make amendments to the base budget give the committee ample time to review the requests.

#### **4. Capital Development**

Dave Buhler, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education, explained prioritization of capital development projects.

Sen. Hillyard asked about the Huntsman Cancer building and if education money could be used for the project. Mr. Buhler stated it was not a higher education project.

Co-chair Harper understood Huntsman had a partnership with the University of Utah (U of U) and was part of the larger campus. Mr. Buhler reiterated that it was not a higher education project.

Co-chair Harper asked how much private money was going into the Crocker Science Center. Jason Perry, Vice President, University of Utah, stated the university would raise \$20 million. Co-chair Harper stated the total of \$54 million to renovate the building seemed high. Mr. Perry stated it would be more than a renovation, but a full science center.

Rep. Fisher asked for clarification that the majority of the money was going to a certain type of infrastructure; heating, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical, and steam pipes. Co-chair Harper stated the U of U would clarify the project in the next meeting.

##### **a. Corrections – Central Utah Correctional Facility West Expansion**

Mike Haddon, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Corrections, explained the responsibility of the corrections department. The expansion had previously been funded but had been suspended due to the recession. Corrections had a reserve of \$12 million in non-lapsing funds to offset the cost of the facility.

Co-chair Harper clarified the request was for \$26 million.

Co-chair Froerer clarified the project had once been approved but the appropriation had been

taken back. Mr. Haddon stated it had, in 2008.

Rep. Sagers asked if county jails were approaching capacity. Mr. Haddon explained the inmate placement program.

Rep. Hemmingway asked if there were more than 500 beds available but do not meet standards to house the type of prisoner. Mr. Haddon stated minimum security county jails cannot take a maximum security inmate.

Sen. Van Tassell asked if the project would pull inmates out of county jails. Mr. Haddon stated the project would only address growth.

#### **b. WSU – New Science Lab Building**

Chuck Wight, President, Weber State University (WSU), explained the safety needs and justification for replacing the current science building. The request remained at \$57.4 million.

Rep. Westwood asked if the new building footprint would be in the location of the existing building. Pres. Wight stated the building would replace current buildings three and four.

Rep. Christofferson asked for clarification on square footage and would there be capacity for growth. Pres. Wight stated the building was only 4,000 sq. feet larger than the current building but the space would be used smarter allowing for growth.

Rep. Hemmingway asked about maintenance to the building as it was only 45 years old. Pres. Wight stated the building was full of asbestos making it difficult to stay current on maintenance or to renovate.

Co-chair Froerer stated support for the project.

Co-chair Harper asked if the O&M request for \$710,969 was the amount for the new building or included the amount for the old building subtracted from the request. Pres. Wight stated it was the net increase. Kevin Hansen, Facilities Maintenance, WSU, stated the O&M costs for buildings three and four were factored out.

Rep. Fisher asked how much money had been donated to the project. Pres. Wight stated \$13 million.

#### **c. SWATC – Allied Health and Technology Building**

Rob Brems, President, Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT), stated the South West Applied Technology College (SWATC) project was number one on the UCAT priority list.

Dana Miller, President, SWATC explained the \$19.3 million request. The project ranked number two on the Building Board priority list.

Rep. Anderegg asked how new manufacturing companies would be impacted if the project was

not approved.

Todd Bingham, President, Utah Manufacturing Association; Scott Jolley, President, Cedar City Chamber; Brennan Wood, Director, Cedar City Economic Development; Whitney Clayton, CEO, MSC Aerospace; and Maile Wilson, Mayor, Cedar City, spoke in support of the project and how training impacted manufacturing jobs.

Sen. Mayne stated support for high skilled manufacturing workers and the SWATC project.

Rep. Fisher asked if the population was large enough to support training programs. Pres. Miller stated SWATC worked closely with the Iron County School District to ensure students out of high school have a path way to the manufacturing program.

Rep. Sagers asked if the project was large enough to accommodate growth. Pres. Miller stated growth capacity would be reached in 5-7 years.

Sen. Van Tassell asked what salary range the jobs would earn. Mr. Clayton stated employees at Cyber Jet have a higher salary range. Pres. Miller stated manufacturing jobs pay around 28 percent more than the average.

Sen. Vickers and Rep. Anderegg stated support for the project.

#### **d. DPS/AG Health – Unified State Lab Module 2**

Jay Henry, Laboratory Director, State Crime Lab, presented the \$39.7 million request to build module two of the Department of Public Safety. Module two would combine the crime lab, medical examiner's office, and Department of Agriculture laboratory.

Sen. Hillyard asked why the project was not on the Governor's priority list. Mr. Henry wasn't aware of details.

Rep. Anderegg asked about the impact if the project was not funded. Mr. Henry stated the challenge of increasing drug, evidence, and DNA samples.

Rep. Sagers asked if there would be liability issues if the project was not completed. Mr. Henry stated the new building would ensure safety of the evidence.

#### **e. National Guard – Camp Williams South Infrastructure**

Jeff Burton, Adjutant General, Utah National Guard, presented the \$3.9 million request that would move utilities onto the Federal property. If the utilities become available, the federal government will build a new building and would receive 100 percent federal funds and would house the 19th Special Forces group.

Co-chair Harper asked how much the Federal investment was and would the State be responsible for O&M. General Burton stated \$37 million for the facility, \$6 million in road improvements, and the State would own the building and be responsible for O&M. The Lehi Armory would be

taken offline with a savings of \$45,000 per year in O&M.

Derek Todd, City Administrator, City of Lehi, stated support for the project

Sen. Jenkins asked if 50 percent was paid by City of Lehi. Mr. Todd stated the City of Lehi would contribute to ensure the project was completed. General Burton stated the cost for a pumping station was \$4.3 million. The City of Lehi contributed \$3.3 million, leaving \$1 million in funding still needed, which was part of the \$3.9 million request.

Rep. Anderegg stated support for the project, which would foster future development in that area.

Rep. Sagers asked how much of the sewer line was on military property versus other property. Matt Price, Facilities, Utah National Guard, stated there was a 2 mile stretch of sewer line. The problem was Federal dollars cannot be used off of Federal land.

Rep. Christofferson asked what options were available if the committee did not fund the project. General Burton stated he was unsure of options for other funding.

Rep. Anderson asked for information about the unit that would utilize the building. General Burton stated the building would be used as a training and administrative building for the 19<sup>th</sup> Special Forces group covering eight states.

#### **f. Huntsman Cancer Institute**

Susan Sheehan, Executive Director, Huntsman Cancer Foundation, discussed benefits to the economy, research space, and fundraising had collected \$80 million. The request was for \$17.5 million.

Sen. Mayne stated support for the project.

Co-chair Harper asked about bonding and turning the building over to the State to avoid O&M costs. Ms. Sheehan stated the bond would be a tax exempt conduit bond through Salt Lake County. The Institute would be the bond holder, not the State. Other Huntsman Institute buildings were owned by the State, the new building also would be to allow for consistency.

#### **g. DHS – Development Center Admissions and Durable Housing**

Mack McDonald, Director of Region Operations, Department of Human Services, presented the \$6.5 million request to add an admissions building to the Development Center campus, the needs for developmentally disabled adults, and current safety issues with the building.

Co-chair Harper asked for clarification about funds approved in the 2013 Legislative session that were used to fund a shortfall in the State Hospital project. Mr. McDonald affirmed.

Co-chair Froerer asked for an update on plans for property to the north funding future growth. Mr. McDonald stated a land use study and development plan had been completed. Leasing the

property would create a perpetual money stream to be used on further development projects, roughly \$143 million dollars through 25 years.

Co-chair Harper asked if the intent was to continue adding additional buildings or rehab the older facilities. Mr. McDonald stated the master plan was to add new buildings and demolish older buildings.

**h. USU – Eastern and Brigham City Regional Campuses**

Stan Albrecht, President, Utah State University, presented the \$7 million request for a new Brigham City building. The USU Eastern building would replace several aging buildings and the request was for \$19,000,000.

Sens. Mayne, Hinkins, and Knudson stated support for the project.

**5. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Sen. Van Tassell moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Harper adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

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Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Co-Chair

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Rep. Gage Froerer, Co-Chair