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**MINUTES OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**
Room 445 State Capitol Building
February 9, 2015

Members Present: Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Co-Chair
Rep. Gage Froerer, Co-Chair
Rep. Craig Hall, House Vice Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Rep. John Knotwell
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Jacob L. Anderegg
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Justin J. Miller
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers
Rep. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. R. Curt Webb

Staff Present: Mr. Steven Allred, Deputy Director
Mr. Brian Wikle, Fiscal Analyst
Dr. Thomas Young, Senior Economist
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.

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

2. Consideration of Utah State Fair Park Intent Language

Held for the next meeting.

3. State Funded Capital Development

a. Snow College

Gary Carlston, President, Snow College, presented the \$19,937,000 request for a new science center. The request was number one on the Building Board priority list and number two on the State Board of Regents' priority list. The project had received \$3,000,000 in private donations.

b. UCAT: DXATC

Kelle Stephens, President, Dixie Applied Technology College (DXATC), presented the request for a 177,000 square foot permanent campus. The project had received \$13 million in private money and would require \$31.9 million in State funding.

Mitchell Cloward, Assistant Administrator, Dixie Regional Medical Center; Mark Fahrenkamp, General Contractor; and Darcy Stewart, Board Member, DAXTC, stated support for DXATC and the need for trade graduates in the area.

c. Huntsman Cancer Institute

David Huntsman, President, Huntsman Cancer Foundation, introduced the presenters.

Susan Sheehan, Executive Director, Huntsman Cancer Foundation, presented the request for \$9.5 million for construction costs and \$1.85 million in O&M funding for the Primary Children's and Families' Cancer Research Campus.

Matthew Butler, Economist, presented the economic and fiscal impact of the Huntsman Cancer Institute project to the State generating \$2.32 million per year in State revenue.

Rep. Anderegg asked how immediate the revenue would start to flow. Mr. Butler stated it had already started with construction revenue and would then turn to programmatic revenue once the project was complete.

d. Public Safety

Jay Henry, Laboratory Director, Utah Department of Public Safety, presented the \$39 million request to complete the Unified State Laboratories with module two. The project would consolidate three agency labs into one facility.

Co-chair Froerer asked if the cost increase from \$32 million was due to a change in the scope of the building. Mr. Henry stated there was room for growth but the scope of the project stayed the same.

Sen. Van Tassell stated support for the project.

Jennifer Brown, Division Director, Utah Department of Health, talked to the efficiencies of sharing space and resources between laboratories.

Co-chair Harper stated support for the project.

e. University of Utah

Dave Pershing, President, University of Utah, presented the request for the Crocker Science Building. Private donor money was used for the project design.

Co-chair Harper asked for clarification that donor funds were used for design. Pres. Pershing responded they used private money.

Henry White, Dean, University of Utah, spoke to the importance of STEM education to the State.

Pres. Pershing stated the project would cost \$57 million with \$34 million in State funding and \$19.7 million in private funds. The project was in jeopardy of losing \$15 million if the project was not funded this year.

Rep. Sagers asked what the cost per square foot of the building was and how it compared to similar building projects around the State. Mike Perez, Associate Vice President, University of Utah stated the cost was about \$445 per square foot which was average for lab buildings.

f. USDB

Joel Coleman, Superintendent, Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind, presented the request for \$14.5 million to complete a new campus. The Legislature was the sole funding source for USDB.

g. DHS-DJJS

Susan Burke, Director, Juvenile Justice Center, presented the \$19,630,000 request for the Weber County Multi-Use Center.

Rep. Schultz asked for more information on the presented cost savings. Ms. Burke stated they estimate \$390,000 in cost savings by eliminating leases and administrative overhead, and in kind efforts provided by Weber County in property improvements. Rep. Schultz asked which counties were served by the facility. Ms. Burke stated only Weber and Morgan Counties.

h. GOED

Val Hale, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development, presented a \$2 million request for the St. George Welcome Center and the importance of tourism to the State. UDOT was a partner in the project.

Vicki Varela, Director of Travel and Tourism, Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), stated the cost of the project was \$2.3 million; \$400,000 from UDOT, \$925,000 from GOED, and \$975,000 was needed in State funding.

Rep. Anderegg asked about the impact of having a physical site versus investing in marketing. Ms. Varela stated both were important. The St. George location would be the most important welcome center in the State.

Sen. Hillyard stated concern with having welcome centers in isolated locations and why they were not incorporated into a business center. Ms. Varela stated the business center causes

distractions. Sen. Hillyard expressed concern over the condition of some rest stops. Ms. Varela replied progress had been made in improving conditions at all rest stops.

Rep. Sandall asked what personnel needs would be required for 800 visitors a day. Ms. Varela stated they have a partnership with the local destination marketing organization. They could extend the staffing capacity with volunteers.

i. Dixie State University

Richard B. Williams, President, Dixie State University, presented the request for a physical education/student wellness center. The request was for \$19.9 million in State funds. Student fees have raised \$2 million. The project costs totaled \$29.9 million. O&M would require \$487,000 from a State appropriation and \$243,000 would come from student fees.

j. Utah State University

Stan Albrecht, President, Utah State University (USU), presented the request for the Clinical Services Building including \$10 million in State funding with a total project cost of \$30 million. The request for the Biological Sciences Building included 164,000 square feet and a total cost of \$65 million, \$55 million was needed in State funding.

Sen. Hillyard asked how many undergraduate students were taking classes and working in research programs. Pres. Albrecht stated he didn't have an exact number but students were encouraged to be involved.

Co-chair Froerer asked Pres. Albrecht to comment on the concept of USU taking over the 1,800 acre Ogden monastery for research education. Pres. Albrecht stated USU could preserve the property and utilize it for research and educational programs. Co-chair Froerer added intent language would be needed from the committee to allow USU to look at options.

k. DNR-Parks

Co-chair Froerer stated the monastery could also be turned into a State park. Dan Clark, Department of Natural Resources, presented the \$5 million request for expanding the camp ground at Dead Horse Point State Park.

Rep. Sandall asked if the experience would be diminished in allowing additional people in the area. Mr. Clark stated the number allowed would still be manageable.

Co-chair Harper asked if Goblin Valley was running at capacity. Mr. Clark stated Goblin Valley was extremely popular.

l. UDOT

Shane Marshall, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Transportation, presented the \$4.3 million request to relocate a maintenance building near Kanab.

Co-chair Harper asked for clarification that the old building site would be abandoned and multiple buildings relocated. Mr. Marshall stated that was the plan. Co-chair Harper asked if savings from reduced snow plowing this year could be used for the project and was the request to use Transportation Funds or General Funds. Mr. Marshall stated General Fund money.

4. Other Business/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn.

Co-chair Harper adjourned the meeting 10:27 at a.m.

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Co-Chair

Rep. Gage Froerer, Co-Chair