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MINUTES OF THE MEETING JOINT COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL REVIEW

Thursday, November 13, 2008

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm, Thursday, November 13, 2008 in House Hearing Room 3. The following were present:

Members:	Senator Burns, Vice-Chairman	Representative Pearce, Chairman
	Senator Johnson	Representative Groe
	Senator Verschoor	Representative Kavanagh
	Senator Waring	Representative Lopes
Absent:	Senator Aboud	Representative Boone
	Senator Aguirre	Representative Lujan
	Senator Arzberger	Representative Schapira

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no objections from the members of the Committee, Chairman Russell Pearce stated the minutes of October 2, 2008 would stand approved.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION - Review of \$735,000 in FY 2009 Building Renewal Projects and Reallocation of \$1.3 Million in FY 2008 Building Renewal Funds.

Mr. Dan Hunting, JLBC Staff, stated that the first FY 2009 Building Renewal project on this item would repair the roof of the kitchen at the Catalina Mountain School, operated by the Department of Juvenile Corrections (DJC). DJC is now seeking approval of \$475,000 to remedy damage from the collapse and then repair the roof as originally planned.

The second FY 2009 Building Renewal project to be considered is \$260,000 to repair the roof at the Apache dormitory at the Arizona School for the Deaf and the Blind.

The Committee has at least the following 2 options for the FY 2009 Building Renewal projects: 1) a favorable review of the \$735,000 in critical projects, or 2) an unfavorable review, as these monies could be used to reduce the FY 2009 budget shortfall.

ADOA is also seeking a favorable review for reallocation of \$1.3 million in FY 2008 Building Renewal funds to repair the elevator system at the Department of Revenue Building on West Monroe.

The Committee has at least the following 2 options for the FY 2008 Building Renewal reallocation project: 1) a favorable review of the department's request to reallocate \$1,296,610 of the FY 2008 Building Renewal

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appropriation to the elevator project at 1600 W. Monroe, or 2) an unfavorable review, as these monies could be used to reduce the FY 2009 budget shortfall.

Senator Burns moved that the Committee give a favorable review of the \$735,000 in critical FY 2009 Building Renewal Projects for the 2 roofing projects with the provision that ADOA report any project reallocations over \$100,000, as well as the request to allocate \$1,296,610 of the FY 2008 Building Renewal appropriation to the elevator project at 1600 W. Monroe. The motion carried.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - Review of \$984,700 in FY 2009 Building Renewal Projects.

Mr. Juan Beltran, JLBC Staff, stated that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has identified 115 projects for a total of \$984,700, which they consider to be critical in nature. ADOT would allocate \$920,400 from the State Highway Fund and \$64,300 from the State Aviation Fund for these critical items.

The Committee has at least the following 2 options: 1) a favorable review of the \$985,000 in critical projects, as these projects are consistent with the Building Renewal guidelines and appropriations, or 2) an unfavorable review. Under either option, the JLBC Staff recommends that ADOT report any project reallocations above \$100,000.

Senator Burns moved that the Committee give a favorable review of the \$984,700 in critical projects with the provision that ADOT report any project reallocations over \$100,000. The motion carried.

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, AND NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY – Review of \$64.6 Million in University Lottery Bond Projects - Building Renewal.

Ms. Leah Kritzer, JLBC Staff, stated that Items 3A - 3C are the University Lottery Bonding Building Renewal projects. The Committee was briefed at the October 2, 2008 JCCR meeting on these items representing a total request of \$167.6 million from the 3 universities. Subsequent to the October meeting, the Chairman has decided to revise the amount the Committee will review to a total of \$64.6 million. These projects were identified by the Chairman as the most critical.

For Item 3A, Arizona State University (ASU) requested a total of \$34.4 million. Of this amount, \$20.8 million, having to do with electrical and elevator upgrades and roof repairs, will now be reviewed by the Committee.

For Item 3B, the University of Arizona (UA) requested a total of \$68.5 million. Of this amount \$17.5 million is for fire alarm and sprinkler system installations, electrical and elevator upgrades, and roof repairs, which will now be reviewed by the Committee.

For Item 3C, Northern Arizona University (NAU) requested a total of \$64.8 million. Of this amount, \$26.3 million is for the North campus utility upgrade project and North Union building renovation, which will now be reviewed by the Committee. These 2 projects have fire, life, and safety as well as electrical issues which would be addressed.

The Committee has at least the following 2 options: 1) a favorable review with the standard university financing provisions or 2) an unfavorable review. Under either option, the JLBC Staff recommends the universities submit a final debt service schedule and a list of projects.

Because the Universities were not available for questions, Senator Burns asked JLBC Staff to prepare a letter to the universities concerning his questions.

Senator Burns moved that the Committee give a favorable review to ASU's, UA's and NAU's Lottery bond Building Renewal projects with the standard university financing provisions below. In addition, the universities are required to submit a final debt service schedule and a list of projects.

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Standard University Financing Provisions:

- *A favorable review by the Committee does not constitute endorsement of General Fund appropriations to offset any revenues that may be required for debt service, or any operations and maintenance costs when the project is complete.*
- *Each university shall submit to JLBC Staff any reallocation above \$500,000 between the individual projects. The Committee may review these items depending on the substantive nature of the reallocation.*

The motion carried.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Sandy Schumacher, Secretary

Leatta McLaughlin, Principal Fiscal Analyst

Representative Russell Pearce, Chairman

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