

MINUTES

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 15, 1994

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator William Palmer at 10:06 a.m. in Room 22 of the State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa. In addition to Chairperson Palmer, the following members were present:

Senator Florence Buhr
Senator Maggie Tinsman
Representative Mary Lundby

UPDATE ON CAPITOL RESTORATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

Mr. Mark Willemsen, Department of General Services, referred the Committee members to a letter from Mr. Ron Siggelkow of RDG Bussard Dikis, Inc., which summarized the progress that has been made on the capitol restoration and accessibility project approved by the Legislative Council at its June 1994 meeting. He stated that four bids were submitted for the first phase of the project on September 13, 1994, and that the lowest bid was \$44,403 by W.C. Woodruff Construction of Des Moines. He stated that original plans had included enclosing the kitchen area with walls, doors, and rolling fire shutters, but that an alternative plan to use a recirculating ventilation hood that acts to extinguish a fire rather than contain it had been approved by the State Fire Marshal. Mr. Willemsen stated that the estimated cost for the fire doors had been \$40,000 to \$45,000 but that the costs for the recirculating ventilation hood should only be approximately \$15,000. The Committee expressed approval at the cost savings.

Mr. Willemsen explained that the building signage, the electrical system improvements, and the panel partitions in the lactation area would be separately bid. He added that the Department of General Services wants to use standard signage throughout the building and will be asking the Committee for approval of the signage at the Committee's next meeting. He stated that the total projected costs at this time for the entire project are \$205,700.

A letter was distributed to the Committee from Mr. Siggelkow of RDG Bussard Dikis, Inc., itemizing the cost analysis of the proposed sprinkler system. This analysis was requested by the Committee at its July 20 meeting.

Copies of Mr. Siggelkow's letters are on file in the Legislative Service Bureau.

IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTRONIC DATABASE ACCESS

Ms. Diane Bolender, Director, Legislative Service Bureau, referred to a memo from Mr. Mark Johnson, Legislative Service Bureau, that listed the types of legislative electronic databases, the cost of those which are currently sold by the state, and entities which have expressed interest in obtaining these databases. Regarding purchase of printed and electronic copies of the Iowa Code, Ms. Bolender explained that the Iowa Code is sold in a printed and CD-ROM version, Mead Data Central purchases a computer tape, West Publishing Company purchases a computer printout copy, The Michie Company is interested in purchasing the database to market its own CD-ROM version, and the Computer Support Bureau provides access to the Iowa Code to state agencies and subscribers. She continued that the Iowa Administrative Code is available in a printed version and portions of it will soon be available on disk. She explained that the agency rules from the Department of Education, the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce, the Utilities Board, and the Department of Revenue and Finance will be included on CD-ROM. She added that Mead Data Central, West Publishing, and The Michie Company have all expressed interest in obtaining the Iowa Administrative Code in an electronic format.

Ms. Bolender stated that interest has been expressed for purchase of the daily update of legislative action and bill history information. Mr. Sandy Scharf, Director, Computer Support Bureau, explained that the Computer Support Bureau has the ability to produce a tape of the daily updates and that it would require no additional programming. Senator Buhr expressed her opinion that since the data would be resold, the legislature should sell the data at a fair price. Chairperson Palmer, with no objection from the Committee, requested that Ms. Bolender review the matter further and report back to the Committee at the next meeting and that a test tape be provided to interested parties.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE SYSTEMS EXPENDITURES

Ms. Diane Bolender explained that at the June 15, 1994, meeting, the Legislative Council approved the expenditure of not more than \$7,500 from funds available under section 2.12 of the Code for the installation of assistive listening device systems. She explained that when the ADA Staff Committee met with representatives from Des Moines Audio Services to discuss the purchases necessary to operate the system, the total price was \$8,941. She requested that the Committee recommend that the Legislative Council approve an additional expenditure of funds to complete the installation of the assistive listening device systems.

The Committee asked questions relating to the differences in the original estimate and the present estimate. Ms. Liz Isaacson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, responded that further discussions with representatives from Des Moines Audio Services indicated that there was a need for additional equipment in order to adequately cover both chambers. Ms. Bolender explained that a person wishing to check out the assistive listening device equipment will be requested to leave a credit card or driver's license as collateral. In response to questions regarding the failure to establish a final cost, Ms. Isaacson stated that the Staff Committee wants

to see how much the equipment is actually used before purchasing equipment for all committee rooms.

Chairperson Palmer made a motion to recommend that the Legislative Council approve the expenditure of a total amount not to exceed \$15,000 from funds available to the General Assembly under section 2.12 of the Code for necessary assistive listening device equipment as determined by the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House. The motion was seconded by Representative Lundby and unanimously approved by the Committee.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chairperson Palmer discussed the issue of the installation of video conferencing equipment connected to the Iowa Communications Network within an existing legislative committee room. Senator Tinsman commented that she was undecided on whether to proceed at this time. Senator Buhr asked whether the equipment was portable and could be moved from room to room. Ms. Bolender responded that the equipment can only be moved within a room and that the projected cost for one room was \$76,000, with a cost of \$56,000 for each additional room. Chairperson Palmer suggested that the issue should be addressed during the next legislative session by the appropriate budget subcommittee.

Mr. Johnson raised the issue of the continued negotiations with Mead Data Central for purchase of the electronic Code database. Chairperson Palmer moved that the Committee recommend that the Legislative Council approve continued negotiations with Mead Data Central by the Legislative Service Bureau regarding the sale of the electronic Code database and other electronic databases, and subject to approval by the members of the Administration Committee, approve the terms of a negotiated agreement.

The Committee adopted this motion unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairperson Palmer adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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