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ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

March 2, 1983

The meeting of the Administration Committee of the Legislative Council was called to order by the Chairman, Representative John H. Connors at 8:05 a.m., Wednesday, March 2, 1983, in the Speaker's Conference Room of the State House, Des Moines, Iowa. Committee members present, in addition to Chairman Connors, were:

Senator Donald V. Doyle
Representative Dale M. Cochran
Representative Lester D. Menke

Other persons present for the meeting were:

Mr. Jack B. Walters, Director, Department of General Services
Mr. John Drummond, Superintendent, Buildings and Ground Division,
Department of General Services
Mr. Glen D. Anderson, Chief, Communications Division, Department
of General Services
Major Earl Usher, Director, Division of Capitol Security, Depart-
ment of Public Safety
Mr. Wilbur Johnson, State Fire Marshal, Division of Fire Marshal,
Department of Public Safety
Mr. Burnette E. Koebernick, Senior Legal Counsel, Legislative
Service Bureau

Chairman Connors stated that the purpose of the meeting is to receive a report from the Department of General Services regarding the bids received for the installation of a fire detection and alarm system in the State House. Chairman Connors recognized Mr. Jack B. Walters, Director of the Department of General Services.

Mr. Walters stated that the bids were opened on Thursday, February 24, 1983 at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Walters noted that the bids were submitted for Phases A, B and C and that the proposal accepted was in the amount of \$136,950. The department intends, if its recommendation is accepted, to proceed with the project during the 1983 interim to prevent the possibility of interfering with the 1984 Session of the Seventieth General Assembly, while assuring proper fire protection in the State House for state employees and the general public.

Mr. Glen Anderson, Chief of the Communications Division of the Department of General Services indicated that the Des Moines Fire Department has also requested that automatic door openers be provided on the west side of the State House and that the Fire Department be allowed entry from the west side when responding to fire calls. It was noted that access from the west side is advisable because there is less traffic and fewer vehicles which can hinder fire equipment.

Chairman Connors asked Major Usher whether he has any problems with allowing the Des Moines Fire Department access to the State Capitol from the west side. Major Usher responded in the negative and indicated that he favors the proposal. Major Usher also noted that he is satisfied with the plans for the fire detection and alarm system.

Chairman Connors asked the State Fire Marshal, Mr. Wilbur Johnson, for his comments on the proposed fire detection and alarm system for the State House. Mr. Johnson responded that members of the State Fire Marshal's staff have been involved in an advisory capacity with the project from the beginning and are very pleased with the proposal.

Representative Menke inquired as to whether the installation of the system will affect the aesthetics of the State House. Mr. Anderson responded in the negative. Representative Menke asked how long it will take to install the new fire detection and fire alarm system. Mr. Walters stated that it is anticipated that installation will be completed in approximately seven months.

Representative Cochran inquired as to the number of bids submitted. Mr. Walters responded that six bids were received. Representative Cochran asked whether all of the bids were for the entire building. Mr. Walters responded in the affirmative.

Representative Cochran inquired as to whether the department is satisfied with the contractor who submitted the low bid. Mr. Drummond responded that the department has had previous experience with the low bidder and has been very satisfied with the contractor's work.

Representative Cochran moved that the Administration Committee recommend that the Legislative Council approve the project for the installation of the fire detection and fire alarm system in the State House at a cost of \$136,950. The motion was seconded by Representative Menke and adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Connors thanked the persons from the Department of General Services and the Department of Public Safety for attending the meeting on such short notice. There being no further business, the meeting of the Administration Committee was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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