

**REPORT OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE TO THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**July 12, 1999
August 25, 1999**

The Fiscal Committee has met two times since the June 30, 1999, Legislative Council meeting. The meeting on July 12 was held at the Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, Iowa, and the meeting on August 25 was held at the Clarinda Treatment Center, Clarinda, Iowa.

The Committee makes no recommendations to the Council.

At each meeting the Committee received revenue updates from Dennis Prouty, Director of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, and also received notices of appropriations transfers or lease purchases. **The following FY 1999 appropriations transfers were discussed:**

- \$175,000 to the Department of Corrections, Central Office, from the Department of Corrections, Fort Dodge Correctional Facility. (July meeting)
- \$283,000 to the Department of Personnel, Operations, from the Department of Personnel, Program Delivery Service (\$120,000) and Program Administration & Development (\$163,000). (July meeting)
- \$400,000 to the Department of Human Services MH/MR State Cases from the Department of Human Services, Medical Assistance. (July meeting)
- \$25,564 to Secretary of State, Administration and Elections, from Secretary of State, Business Services. (August meeting)
- \$60,000 to Iowa Communications Network, ICN Operations, from Department of Inspections and Appeals, Indigent Defense. (August meeting)
- Up to, but not to exceed \$205,000: (August meeting)
- To Department of Natural Resources
 - Administrative Services \$150,000
 - Environmental Protection \$55,000
- From Department of Natural Resources
 - Parks Division \$80,000
 - Forestry Division \$45,000
 - Energy & Geological Resources Division \$80,000

The following lease-purchase acquisitions were discussed:

- Justice Data Warehouse - The total cost of this lease purchase is \$964,000. This includes \$872,000 in principal and \$92,000 in interest at an estimated rate of 5.14% for a period of three years. The debt service payments will total approximately \$100,000 in FY 2000 and \$432,000 per year in FY 2001 and FY 2002. The Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division is required to request funding in their FY 2001 and FY 2002 budget requests sufficient to continue the equipment lease, operations, and support of the Justice Data Warehouse System.

- Iowa State University – Lease purchase notification for the purchase of a fire simulation trailer for the Fire Service Institute at the University. The total cost of this lease purchase is \$245,000. This includes \$189,000 in principal and \$56,000 in interest at an estimated rate of 5.48% for a period of ten years. Annual payments will total approximately \$24,500 and will be paid from fees collected from participating fire departments, industry, and students.
- Department of Human Services – Lease purchase notification for various energy efficiency improvements at the Glenwood State Hospital. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$2,788,000. This includes \$1,970,000 in principal and \$818,000 in interest at a rate of 6.25% for a period of 10.5 years. Annual payments will total approximately \$293,500. The lease payments will be funded from the Institution’s General Fund appropriation. The Department estimates annual utilities savings of \$297,000 as a result of the improvements. This project is financed in accordance with Section 7D.34, Code of Iowa (Energy Conservation Lease Purchase) and, therefore, does not require approval by the Legislative Fiscal Committee.

The following topics/issues were addressed at the meetings. More information on any of these topics is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

July 12 Meeting:

- Built-in Increases, by Dennis Prouty, LFB.
- Machinery & Equipment Property Tax Replacement, by Mike Lipsman, LFB. Tracy Kasson, Iowa League of Cities, on the impact of M & E property tax changes.
- Tobacco Settlement Update, Gordy Allen, Attorney General’s Office.
- Flood Update by Ellen Gordon and Dave Meyers, Emergency Management Division of the Department of Public Defense.
- Flood/Spring Rain/Crop Condition Update by Dale Farnham, Extension Agronomist at Iowa State University.
- A presentation on the Hawkeye Center for Business and Industry, by Ray Harris, Associate Dean of Training and Development, reviewing the history, funding, future, etc. of the Center.
- Toured the Hawkeye Center for Business and Industry.
- A presentation on the joint business projects at the Hawkeye Community Center, by Ray Harris.
- Other Community College Issues, by Gene Gardner, representing the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees and the Iowa Association of Community College Presidents.
- Job Retraining and Recruitment/Iowa programs/what other states are doing for recruitment/retraining programs. Presentations by Mary Lawyer, Department of Economic Development (DED); and Jane Barto and Pat Sampson, Department of Workforce Development.
- Accelerated Career Education Program, by Jeff Robinson, LFB. Mary Lawyer, DED, and Steve Ovel, representing the Community Colleges, were present to answer questions.
- Capitol Complex Master Plan, presentation by Tom Johnson, Department of General Services (DGS); and Bill Anderson, Brooks, Borg, Skiles, Architecture Engineering Group.

- Iowa Interactive Contract, by Glen Dickinson, LFB.

August 25 Meeting:

- Site visit to the Clarinda Treatment Center and Prison, Clarinda, Iowa, included a tour of the Prison and Mental Health Institute.
- Laborshed Surveys, by Randy Pilkington, Institute for Decision Making, University of Northern Iowa.
- Prison population changes, by Dwayne Ferguson, LFB.
- Status of Prison Construction Projects – Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF), by Dwayne Ferguson, LFB.
- Sex Offender Treatment Program, description of the DOC/CBC conventional and hormonal treatment programs throughout the State, by Dr. Luis Rosell, Program Director of the Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP).
- Civil Commitment and Sexually Violent Predator Law, by Doug Marek, Deputy Attorney General, and Dr. Jim Gardner, Civil Commitment Unit of Sex Offenders at Oakdale.
- Correction Drug Treatment Program, by Steve Jenkins, Treatment Director, and Dave Ferry, Acting TOW Director.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, at Iowa State University in Ames. The tentative agenda includes:

- Regents Capital Budget Requests
- Deferred maintenance – recent progress and needs
- Tour by Fire Marshal of fire safety needs
- Engineering Building – progress, etc.
- Swine Research Center – plans for it
- ISU Plant Science Center
- Iowa Agriculture Economy
- Federal Education Funds
- Community Colleges - Overview of Funding

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Derryl McLaren
Co-chairperson

Representative Dave Millage
Co-chairperson

September 1999
Approval for Meetings Held Outside Des Moines

According to the guidelines for interim study committees adopted by the Legislative Council in June 1999, prior approval is required for meetings held outside Des Moines. The following interim study committees have requested such approval:

- Increasing Use of Motor Oxygenate Enhancers Study Committee
- Loess Hills Study Committee

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REPORT OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 15, 1999

The Oversight Committee met July 20, 1999, in the Supreme Court Chamber of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee heard presentations on and discussed the following:

An update from the Department of Revenue and Finance on the status of the negotiations with NCR, Inc. related to the performance based contract for tax collections. The contract is expected to generate estimated tax revenues of \$3.0 - \$5.0 million in addition to current revenues the first year and \$8.0 to \$10.0 million in the following years. These are taxes that the Department currently does not collect from all sources of tax receipts. Rhonda Kirkpatrick, Manager, Examinations Section, Department of Revenue and Finance.

An update on lowAccess reviewing the background and current status. Glen Dickinson, Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

- lowAccess was the name chosen in April 1997 for an intergovernmental effort that originally encompassed 13 technology projects. The projects had been funded (\$3.8 million) by the U.S. General Services Administration. Those projects were the product of an eight month planning process undertaken in 1996 by the Intergovernmental Information Telecommunications and Technology (IITT) Task Force
- The lowAccess Advisory Council was established May 21, 1998, by the Governor's Executive Order 66. The lowAccess Network is overseen by the State of Iowa's Information Technology Services Division (ITS) of the Department of General Services and by the lowAccess Network Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is comprised of public and private citizens from various professions, regions, and backgrounds.
- The lowAccess Network goal is to create a single electronic government gateway that would give customers the ability to access multiple levels of government on a 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week basis. Provision of government services through the Internet has been the main focus of this effort.
- The Information Technology Services Division of the Department of General Services signed a contract on April 23, 1998, with Iowa Interactive, Inc., to provide Internet web development services. The term of the current contract is through September 30, 2001.
- Mr. Dickinson also provided the Committee with information regarding General Fund reversions. He stated that reversion totals would not be available until September. However, based on current estimates, all projects specified to receive funds from the Reversions Technology Initiative Account in H.F. 762 (1999 Oversight and Communications Appropriations Act), will be funded.

A Year 2000 Status Report for the Iowa General Assembly. Sandy Scharf, Director, Legislative Computer Support Bureau.

The status report indicated that all Legislative systems will be compliant and contained the following:

1. Mainframe Hardware - Unisys 2200/500 and all peripherals are currently Year 2000 compliant.
2. Mainframe Operating Software - All current levels are Year 2000 compliant.
3. Unisys Mapper Software - Current level is Year 2000 compliant.
4. Cobol Applications - All Cobol applications are Year 2000 compliant.
5. Mapper Applications - All Mapper applications are Year 2000 compliant.
6. Bill Tracking System for the Legislative Service Bureau which was written in Mapper, was redesigned and moved to a Year 2000 compliant client/server application written in Power Builder.
7. Case Management System for the Office of Citizens Aide/Ombudsman which was written in Mapper, was redesigned and moved to a Year 2000 compliant client/server application written in Delphi.
8. LAN PC Server Hardware - Current File, Print and SQL Servers are to be replaced this interim. In addition we have acquired a new disk storage system.
9. LAN Hubs - Currently Year 2000 compliant.
10. LAN Operating Software @ Currently on Windows NT 4.0 Service Pack 4 applied. Service Pack 4 makes NT 4.0 Year 2000 compliant.
11. Web Server and Firewall Hardware - All equipment is Year 2000 compliant.
12. Desktop PC's - Currently Year 2000 compliant.
13. Notebook PC's - The Senate PC's are Year 2000 compliant and the House PC's are scheduled to be replaced this interim.
14. PC Operating Software - Currently using Windows 95 and Windows 98. Year 2000 updates from Microsoft will be included in the new software model.
15. PC Application Office Suite - Currently using MS Office 97. Year 2000 updates from Microsoft will be included in the new software model.
16. PC e-mail and scheduling software - Currently using MS Outlook 98. Year 2000 updates from Microsoft will be included in the new software model.
17. Voting Machines in the Senate and House are waiting software modifications to make them Year 2000 compliant.

A Year 2000 Status Report for the Iowa Judicial Branch. The report indicated that all Judicial Branch systems will be compliant by the end of July and testing on data exchange with the Executive Branch will then take place. Larry Murphy, Judicial Branch.

A Year 2000 Status Report for the Iowa Executive Branch. Paul Carlson, Project Coordinator, Year 2000 Project Office.

The report indicated that all essential computer systems would be compliant by the end of August 1999. The report includes discussion of the following:

- The Executive Branch is 98.0% complete with its work in this area. Additionally, some inter-operability testing of data exchange between departments and Branches of Government remains to be completed.
- Mr. Carlson acknowledged that Computer Technology Associates (CTA), Inc., had incorrectly evaluated the efforts of the Office of the Secretary of State and the Office is at 100% compliance.
- Mr. Carlson presented a request for the Emergency Management Division of the Department of Public Defense, for funding of special electrical connects to armories, aviation centers, and key maintenance facilities to allow generators to be directly connected to the buildings in the case of a collapse of the electrical grid. Those facilities would serve as emergency response and command centers for Government in case of such a blackout

An update on the efforts of the Transition Team to develop a proposal for a new Department of Technology and the planned efforts related to lowAccess. Rich Varn, Chief Information Officer.

An update on the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) efforts related to the Transition Team for the creation of a new Department of Technology, ATM conversion of the ICN, and the monthly financial report. Harold Thompson, Chief Operating Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Steve King
Co-chairperson

Representative Bill Dix
Co-chairperson

REPORT OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

August 3, 1999

The Capital Projects Committee of the Legislative Council met on August 3, 1999, in the House Chamber. The Committee makes the following report and recommendation:

1. Representatives from RDG Bussard Dikis and Mark Willemsen, Legislative Facilities Manager, led the Committee members on tours through the Capitol building, with special attention to issues concerning the Americans With Disabilities Act and life and fire safety.
2. The Committee heard presentations regarding the following:
 - a. Capitol space issues relating to the Americans With Disabilities Act and life and fire safety. Presentations by Scott Allen, RDG Bussard Dikis; Roy Marshall, State Fire Marshal; and Grant Dugdale, Assistant Attorney General.
 - b. The General Assembly Space Analysis and Preliminary Master Plan prepared by the architecture firm Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck. Presentations by Kirk Blunck and Rick Seely, Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck.
3. The Committee discussed issues regarding the need for additional legislative space and issues associated with the proposed design and construction of such space.
4. The Committee makes the following recommendation:

That the Legislative Council continue to work with the architectural firm of Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck to develop a cost-effective plan for additional legislative space outside the Capitol building.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Chuck Gipp
Chairperson

REPORT OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 15, 1999

The Capital Projects Committee of the Legislative Council met on September 15, 1999, in the Supreme Court Chamber, State Capitol. The Committee makes the following report:

The Committee heard presentations regarding the following:

1. The proposed site of the Hall of Pride. The Committee deferred action on this issue. The Committee will make a recommendation concerning a proposed site at a future meeting.
2. Current status of the parking ramp proposed to be located north of the New Historical Building and west of the Wallace Building.
3. Update on the new Department of Public Safety facility project.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Chuck Gipp
Chairperson