

**Minutes
House Government Oversight Committee
December 14, 2006**

The House Government Oversight Committee met December 14, 2006, in the Room 102, Supreme Court Consultation Room at the Capitol. Chairperson Representative Alons called the meeting to order at 11:56 a.m. Other House members present were:

HOUSE MEMBERS

Representative, Joe Hutter, VC
Representative Vicki Lensing, RM
Representative George Eichhorn
Representative Wes Whitead
Representative Cindy Winckler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the October 30-31, 2006 meeting were approved by the Committee.

ISSUES BETWEEN IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (IWD) AND IOWA CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ICCC)

Mr. Dave Neil, Interim Director, IWD, provided background information relating to the construction of a building in Fort Dodge by ICCC for the furnishing of IWD programs. Mr. Neil indicated that a contract was signed between IWD and ICCC containing a six-month "escape clause," and that subsequent to entering into the contract IWD availed itself of the clause based upon funding reductions and the realization that the square footage of the building exceeded IWD's requirements. Mr. Neil stated that he understands that ICCC is looking for tenants to lease space in the building, and that discussions between IWD and ICCC continue. Representative Eichhorn expressed concern that the building might have been constructed with modifications conforming to IWD specifications resulting in a potential disadvantage in trying to lease it for other uses, and expressed the hope that the two parties will continue their efforts to come to some agreement regarding utilization of at least part of the building by IWD.

Mr. Neil also addressed the issue of the temporary closure of an IWD office in Webster City, explaining that ICCC decided to lease space previously occupied by IWD to another party, offered alternative space to IWD which IWD determined was not sufficient for its purposes, and that IWD has secured a lease at a new location with plans to reopen its office beginning in January 2007. Mr. Neil added that IWD incurred expenses involved in the moving of equipment and data lines, and that rent expenses at the new location will exceed the level IWD was previously paying.

ADJOURNED

Adjournment at 12:20 p.m. by Representative Hutter, Acting Chair,