

PROPOSED MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL
September 16, 2020

Members participating:

Speaker Ron Ryckman, Chairperson – by Teleconference
President Susan Wagle, Vice Chairperson
Representative Dan Hawkins, Majority Leader – by Teleconference
Representative Blaine Finch, Speaker Pro Tem – by Teleconference
Representative Tom Sawyer, Minority Leader
Senator Jim Denning, Majority Leader – by Teleconference
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader – by Teleconference

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Ryckman, at 2:00 p.m.

1. Chairperson Ryckman presented the minutes of the LCC meetings held on December 19, 2019, April 8, 2020, April 22, 2020, and May 6, 2020. Senator Jim Denning moved that such minutes be approved. Representative Dan Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Chairperson Ryckman presented a recommendation of the Legislative Budget Committee for the LCC to approve the transfer of an additional \$5,000,000 from the Coronavirus Response Account of the State General Fund to the Job Creation Program Fund for FY 2021. Senator Carolyn McGinn and Representative Troy Waymaster were available to answer questions. Representative Hawkins moved to approve such recommendation. Senator Denning seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Tom Day, Director of Legislative Administrative Services. Mr. Day presented the plan for the Kansas Virtual Statehouse Project. Mr. Day stated that this project will create a secure environment that will allow legislators, staff and the public to interact from any location using video, audio and shared computer screens, including the incorporation of aspects of accessibility for deaf and hard of hearing citizens of our state. The Legislative Budget Committee recommended that the project be put through an RFP process and a funding request was submitted to the SPARK committee for Coronavirus Relief Funding. Senator Carolyn McGinn and Representative Troy Waymaster provided information to the LCC regarding the Project. Representative Hawkins moved to approve the project plan and direct staff to proceed with the project as recommended. Representative Tom Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day who provided information on election year travel of legislators. Pursuant to LCC Policy 34(d) any legislator who does not file for reelection by the filing deadline, who has publicly stated their intention to not seek reelection or was defeated in a primary or general election may not receive reimbursement for expenses for an out-of-state trip unless such legislator is an officer or chairperson or vice chairperson of specified legislative organizations.
5. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Ms. Susan Kannarr, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, who provided information on plans for the orientation of new members-elect following the preorganizational meeting of members-elect to be held on December 7 and 8, 2020. Representative Hawkins moved the approval of the plan described. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Ms. Kannarr who provided a report on the publication and distribution of Senate and House Permanent Journals. Ms. Kannarr reviewed information on the costs of the 2019 Senate and House Permanent Journals. Ms. Kannarr then presented the joint recommendation of the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate that the Secretary of State be directed to order 150 copies of the Permanent Journals of the Senate and the Permanent Journals of the House of Representatives, and the cost for the two-volume set be \$80, plus tax and handling. Representative Hawkins moved that such recommendation be approved. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day who provided information regarding Kansas commissioners attending a meeting of the Uniform Law Commissioners to be held during the fall of 2020. Representative Hawkins moved to authorize the reimbursement of expenditures for in person attendance of the Kansas commissioners at such meeting. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. J.G. Scott, Director of the Legislative Research Department, who described a request by the Senate Standing Committee on Confirmation Oversight for one additional interim meeting day and a request from the Special Committee on Kansas Mental Health Modernization and Reform to create subcommittees or working groups and authorize legislative staff agencies to provide staff support for the subcommittees or working groups. Representative Hawkins moved to approve both interim requests. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day who presented the 2020 Session Document Service report. Mr. Day reported that 72 packets were distributed or purchased by state agencies and the public in 2020, with revenue collected in the amount of \$8,000. The prices for the Document Packet Service were \$544 (with tax) and \$524 (tax exempt) for mailed packets, and \$219.90 (with tax) and \$200 (tax exempt) for pickup or state building mail. Mr. Day recommended no change in document packet price or free distribution levels for the 2021 Legislative Session. Representative Hawkins moved that such recommendation be approved. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
10. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day who described a change order request of an additional \$34,750 of AECOM regarding the Electric Rate Study – Phase II conducted by AECOM to cover additional work not contemplated by the original scope of work pertaining to adjustments in the public report regarding certain redactions relating to confidential information. Representative Hawkins moved to approve the change order request. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion failed 3-4. Representative Blaine Finch moved to approve the change order request and authorize the LCC to send a letter to the Kansas Corporation Commission directing that the additional costs incurred pursuant to this change order request be paid by the shareholders of the public utilities and not passed on to rate payers. Senator Denning seconded the motion. The motion carried.
11. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Day who provided information on the current state of legislator laptops. Mr. Day reported that such laptops have reached an end of useful life as indicated by a high rate of component failures. Mr. Day recommends the LCC approve a contract with Dell to lease 185 Dell Latitude 7410 laptops at an annual cost of \$66,084 (a decrease from current lease) for a period of four years at a total cost of \$264,336, and that the Chairperson of the LCC be granted authority to review and sign the contract on behalf of the LCC. Representative Hawkins moved to approve and sign the recommended lease. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Day presented a memo outlining the status of legislative branch printers and recommended that the LCC approve a lease with Century Business Technologies to upgrade the legislative printers, and that the Chairperson of the LCC be granted authority to review and sign the contract on behalf of the LCC. Such lease shall have a five-year term and shall include 140 printers with an annual cost of \$56,436. The total lease cost is \$282,180. Representative Hawkins moved to approve and sign the recommended lease. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Upon completion of all business before the LCC, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

Gordon L. Self
Revisor of Statutes
As Secretary

Approved by

Speaker Ron Ryckman
Chairperson