

HOUSE BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 25, 1969

The meeting of the House Building and Grounds Committee was called to order by Chairman Carl Ossmann at 4:00 p.m., November 25, in Room 533 of the Statehouse. Members present were Representatives J. L. Harper, Elmer Holt, Wm. Mulich, Oscar Nowlin, Raymond King. Representative LaVerne Spears was absent. Bob Hougland, of the State Architect's Office, and G. A. Stobaugh, Project Coordinator, also attended the meeting.

The first order of business was approval of the minutes of the last meeting, October 27. Mr. Holt so moved, and Mr. Nowlin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Ossmann then called for the presentation of the rebids on the repair work for sidewalks at the State Office Building. Bob Hougland presented the committee with the tabulation of the bids and announced that M.W. Watson, Inc. of Topeka was the low bidder with a base bid of \$35,024.00. He explained the alternate bids and gave the package bid for Watson as \$45,351.00. He mentioned the fact that by rebidding some money was saved, approximately \$7,600.00. Representative Mulich moved that the committee accept the low bid. The motion was seconded by Representative King. The motion carried unanimously. (Tabulation of bids attached.)

It was reported that there was no additional information concerning the cut-back in front of the State Office Building and that the City Traffic Engineer is estimating the cost.

Mr. Stobaugh was called upon to report on the progress of the work being done on the Statehouse. He said that the work was progressing very well and no serious problems had arisen. A discussion followed about work schedules during the Legislature and various areas where the work will take place then.

Mr. Hougland then commented on work to be done on the House Chamber immediately after the adjournment of the '70 Session. This will include relighting, new carpeting and draperies. He also mentioned the possibility of putting in new artwork there. He showed pictures of the original ceiling which had no artwork in the quadrants at that time. He said the ceiling was of plaster material painted with a water base paint. It was agreed that the murals and artwork are important for aesthetic value, for tourist attraction, and for educational purposes and that the committee should commission some group such as the Kansas Cultural Arts Commission to submit their ideas on appropriate artwork for the House Chamber.

The color scheme to be used in the House was presented. It is to be gold, with gold tweed carpet and gold drapes. Discussion followed regarding the actual date of adjournment of the '70 session of the Legislature and how it would affect the bids on the work to be done immediately afterwards. It was decided that at the next meeting of the committee the State Architect's Office will try to present plans for the artwork and approximate costs involved.

Discussion followed regarding the various phases of the work being done to the Statehouse and costs. Mr. Ossmann asked Mr. Hougland to have at the next meeting a summary and

breakdown of what he feels will be needed in Phase III to complete the job. Then the committee would be able to look it over and see if there was adequate money available, and if not, plan to ask for more money, or reduce the requirements.

It was brought out that there may be more important things to be done than the renovating of the House Chamber, but the committee would need the overall picture of what was available in money before the most important things to be done could be picked out.

Representative King moved the meeting be adjourned, and Representative Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.



Carl G. Ossmann
Committee Chairman



Cathy Chambers
Recording Secretary

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Date

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