

October 2020 Minutes

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State Budget Committee Agenda
Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 10:00 A.M. EDT
Indiana Government Center South
Conference Rooms A&B
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Members:

Representative Tim Brown, Chair
Senator Ryan Mishler
Representative Gregory Porter
Senator Greg Taylor
Zachary Jackson, State Budget Director

Alternate Members:

Representative Bob Cherry
Representative Carey Hamilton
Senator Liz Brown
Joe Habig, Deputy Budget Director
Lisa Acobert, Deputy Budget Director

Chairman Tim Brown called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M. EDT.

Chairman Brown introduced the minutes of the September 2020 meeting. Representative Gregory Porter motioned to approve the minutes. State Budget Director Zachary Jackson seconded the motion. The October 2020 minutes were adopted by consent of the Committee.

Chairman Brown introduced the October 2020 agenda.

During testimony by Alison Taylor, Director of Medicaid for the Family and Social Services Administration, on the Rebasing Year State Plan Amendment, Chairman Tim Brown inquired if the inflationary index used is a national index or unique to the State of Indiana. Taylor would gather that information and get a response to Chairman Brown.

While the Healthy Indiana Plan Review item was presented, Senator Liz Brown asked about the status of cigarette tax revenue. Budget Director Jackson indicated this is a declining source of revenue, and would share the analysis with Senator Brown.

Following the Healthy Indiana Plan presentation, State Director of Finance, Dan Huge and, I-69 Corridor Project Manager, Sarah Rubin, presented I-69 Section 6 Contract 5. Representative Porter asked for the percentage of surety bonds and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) target for this section. Also, Senator Greg Taylor asked if there are clawbacks for not making the DBE goal, and the DBE percentage for Section 5. Huge and Rubin would look into these answers and get responses to the members at a later date.

After each agenda item was presented and discussed, Representative Porter motioned to approve the September 2020 agenda. Budget Director Jackson seconded. The agenda was adopted by consent of the Committee.

Cris Johnston, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, then presented the Federal CARES Act Funding Update. Representative Porter requested additional information regarding disbursements to county health departments within the network with test sites to the amount of \$100,000. Representative Carey Hamilton asked for the number of evictions related to COVID-19. Johnston offered to clarify how the amount is affected if the county has multiple sites and follow-up on the number of COVID-19 related evictions.

Tyler Ness, Director of Government and Legislative Affairs for the Department of Workforce Development, presented on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, in which Senator Taylor asked about the process of recovering fraudulent payments and processing payments for fraud victims.

Senator Brown asked for the number of accounts believed to be fraudulent and the total dollar amount attached to that figure. She also asked to get information on how Department of Workforce Development (DWD) follow-ups on cases where entitlement benefits are being stolen via Identify Theft.

Representative Porter asked about improvements to DWD processing of unemployment claims and requested further information regarding the \$15 million spent on improvements. Ness promised to work with DWD staff to provide answers to the committee members.

Senator Taylor commented at the end of the meeting that Universities come prepared to present on Minority, Women, and Veteran owned business participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 P.M. EDT.

I. **Minutes**

1. September 15, 2020

II. **Agency Projects**

1. **Indiana Department of Transportation (800)** \$ 210,000
Architecture and Engineering Fee for renovation of the Bluffton Subdistrict Building

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) requests funding for the architecture and engineering fee for the renovation of the Bluffton Subdistrict Building. The 24-year-old Bluffton Subdistrict Building is 13,785 sq. ft. and is experiencing several structural and operational defects. The existing pre-cast panels have structural issues resulting in numerous cracks. The corner joints are opening up due to temperature fluctuations, exposing the interior of the building to the outside elements. Additionally, the garage bay and wash bay do not meet current operational needs, nor do the restrooms and conference room comply with ADA standards.

Funding: HEA 1001: 2019 State Highway Fund
(State Highway Fund Line Items 30507 – 2020)

2. **Indiana Department of Transportation (800)** \$ 252,000
Architecture and Engineering Fees for the construction of the LaGrange Unit and Salt Building

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) requests funding for the architecture and engineering fees for the construction of the LaGrange Unit Building and LaGrange Salt Building. This new construction at the LaGrange site will replace the existing Brimsfield and Shipshewana Units. The Brimsfield and Shipshewana Units are 53 years and 54 years old respectively and have several deficiencies that negatively affect operations and environmental risk management. The construction for the new unit and salt building at the LaGrange site is proposed for FY22. Upon completion of the new buildings, the existing sites at Brimsfield and Shipshewana will be sold.

Funding: HEA 1001: 2019 State Highway Fund
(State Highway Fund Line Items 30507 – 2020)

3. **Indiana Department of Transportation (800)** \$ 3,765,000
Replacing the Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Systems at the Materials & Testing Building Phase 3

The Department of Transportation requests funding to replace the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems at the Material and Testing Lab Building located in Indianapolis. The current Materials & Testing Building has numerous defects that INDOT must address for safety and operations. The age of the supporting infrastructure dates back to the original construction in 1967. Phase 3 will take place over a 12 month period and focus on completing the concrete lab, hot mix asphalt lab, training lab, and soils lab. Phase 3 will also address the dust collection system and update building support areas to be ADA compliant.

Funding: HEA 1001: 2019 State Highway Fund
(State Highway Fund Line Items 30507 – 2020)

4. **Department of Natural Resources (300)** \$ 300,000
Nasby Lake Dam Design

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requests funding for design of the Nasby Lake Dam. The design will determine the options and costs for rehabilitation or removal of the dam. The regulated dam, located at the Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area, was originally constructed in 1923 to produce hydropower. The current dilapidated state of the dam presents a variety of concerns, as currently the north and south embankments have seepage, the steel frame of the stop log structure is rusted, and heavy deposits of silt have been located upstream and within the lake. The dam is currently at risk for failure, and in the event that it occurs, the sudden release of water and sediments would cause significant environmental damage.

Funding: HEA 1001: 2017 General Fund
(Conservation & Environment R&R 19710 – 2018)

5. **Indiana Correctional Industries (515)** \$ 1,200,000
ICI Commissary Warehouse Roof Replacement

Indiana Correctional Industries (ICI) requests funding to replace the roof at the ICI commissary warehouse within the Plainfield Correctional Facility. The roof is over 30 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. The current roof experiences leaking in several areas and has deteriorated. Patching the roof will eventually become unviable, leading to increased water damage and infiltration if not replaced. The project will remove 85,875 square feet of roof. The replacement will be a standard two-ply modified bitumen system with a life expectancy of 30 years.

Funding: ICI Revenue Fund
(Department of Correction 17710 – 2020)

6. **Indiana Finance Authority (261)** \$ 20,000,000
Water Infrastructure Assistance Program

The Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) requests funding for the Water Infrastructure Assistance Program. The Program, when funded, will provide low interest loans and grants for utility infrastructure projects. The IFA currently manages the EPA-funded State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program that provides low interest loans for utility infrastructure projects, which have saved Indiana rate payers over \$1 billion dollars over the last ten years. Over 875 SRF loans have been funded to a total of \$5.8 billion dollars over 30+ years. In 2018 the Water Infrastructure Task Force recommended that an appropriation should be made to fund the Program created by IC 5-1.2-14. Depending on revenue in FY21 the State Budget Agency may choose to hold a reserve on this appropriation. This appropriation will enable the IFA to fund additional loans to Indiana utilities consistent with past available EPA funding.

Funding: HEA 1001: 2019 General Fund
(Leases Construction 19720 – 2021)

III. **University Project**

1. **Purdue University-Fort Wayne and Northwest (760)** \$3,500,000
Deferred Maintenance Repair and Rehabilitation
Project No. B-0-21-2-01

The Trustees of Purdue University request authorization to proceed with the deferred maintenance projects on Purdue Fort Wayne (PFW) and Purdue Northwest (PNW) campuses. These projects were appropriated in the 2019-2021 budget bill and will address much-needed repairs and renovations, focusing on projects that impact students and their success. The PFW campus projects include cabling renovations to Kettler Hall (\$1,000,000) and Walb Student Union (\$300,000), along with various other campus building (\$250,000). Additionally, updates will be made to Liberal Arts classrooms (\$200,000), totaling to \$1,750,000 on the PFW campus. The cabling projects will improve the data infrastructure by replacing outdated cables with new ones, increasing network resiliency and data speeds, and supporting Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) technology. The classroom renovations will update finishes and technology.

The PNW campus will replace the Student Union and Library Building Roof (\$1,642,000) and renovate the Millard E. Gyte 2 West Building Ground Floor (\$108,000), totaling to \$1,750,000. The roof is 46,000 square feet and will be the larger of the two projects, including installing a new, extremely durable synthetic roofing material and making repairs to the roof's parapet, as needed. These renovations will reduce long-term maintenance and protect the recent years' interior updates. Additionally, the renovations to the Gyte ground floor will transform an existing, out-of-use laboratory into an active learning classroom, which will provide additional space for socially-distanced learning.

Funding: Cash Appropriation: HEA 1001: 2019 General Fund
(Education Line Items 19734 – 2021)

CHE Review: September 10, 2020

Cost Summary

2017 General Fund	300,000
2019 General Fund	20,000,000
ICI Revenue Fund	1,200,000
2019 State Highway Fund	4,227,000
Cash Appropriation 2019 General Fund	3,500,000
Total	29,227,000

IV. Review Items

1. Medicaid State Plan Amendments and Waivers – Family and Social Services Administration
 - i. Optometric Services via Telemedicine State Plan Amendment
 - ii. Rebasement Year State Plan Amendment
2. Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) Phase-Out Payment Review – Family and Social Services Administration
3. I-69 Section 6 Review of a determination of a design build contractor for a public-private agreement IC 8-15.5-4-11 and I.C. 8-15.5-10-3(b) – Indiana Finance Authority and Indiana Department of Transportation

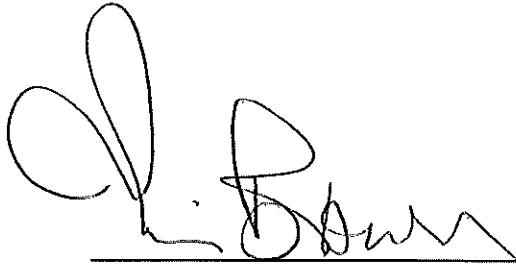
V. Discussion Item

1. Federal CARES Act Funding Update – Office of Management and Budget
 - i. Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund Update

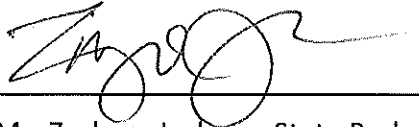
VI. Reports Received

1. FY2020 Next Level Connections Expenditures, IC 8-14-14.3-4 – (10.1.2020)
2. State Board of Education Report Concerning Charter Schools, P.L. 259-2019; Sec. 13 – (9.21.2020)

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Representative Tim Brown, Chairman

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Mr. Zachary Jackson, State Budget Director