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OHIO OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2002 MEETING

President, Lisa Dodge, called the Controlling Board meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. Serving on the Controlling Board were Senator James Carnes, Representative Charles Calvert, Senator Bill Harris, Representative John Carey, Senator Tom Roberts and Representative Sylvester Patton.

Executive Secretary, Vanessa Niekamp, distributed the minutes of the December 2, 2002, meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Senator Harris, seconded by Representative Calvert and approved by the Board members.

Attached is the December 16, 2002, meeting agenda. A motion for blanket approval of all items not held for questions was made by Senator Harris, seconded by Senator Carnes and approved by all Board members.

The following items were discussed and acted upon as stated.

Item 1, AGO215-03 was deferred by request of the agency.

Item 3, AGO217-03 was held by Senator Roberts and Representative Patton. Senator Roberts asked the Attorney General to provide the amount of money currently in the Outstanding Debt Collection Area. Doug Lumpkin, Office of the Attorney General, stated he would provide the information as soon as possible. Representative Patton had no additional questions. The item was approved without objection.

Item 4, AGO218-03 was held by Senator Roberts and Representative Patton. Senator Roberts asked why the legal staff at Ohio State University is not performing these services. Andrew Bowers, Office of the Attorney General, stated this requires special knowledge of construction litigation. Senator Roberts asked why one of the contracts is for \$160.00 an hour. Mr. Bowers, stated it is because of the level of expertise involved. Representative Patton had no additional questions. The item was approved without objection.

Item 5, AGO219-03 was held by Senator Carnes. Senator Carnes asked if there are facilities located in Ohio that could perform this analysis. Doug Lumpkin, Office of the Attorney General, stated there are no facilities in Ohio that do this type of forensic DNA testing. Senator Carnes asked how this vendor was chosen. Mr. Lumpkin stated the Office of the Attorney General contacted the FBI to acquire a list of all facilities that are accredited to perform these services and then chose the facility

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that provided the best price. Representative Patton had no additional questions. The item was approved without objection.

Item 8, UAK159-03 was held by Representative Carey. Representative Carey asked if the University is comfortable purchasing a used piece of equipment. Chrys Wesdemiotis, Professor of Chemistry, stated yes, the used piece of equipment lowered the price, but operates the same as a new piece. The item was approved without objection.

Item 16, WSU006-03 was held by Senator Roberts and Representative Patton. Senator Roberts and Representative Patton released the hold. The item was approved without objection.

Items 22, DAS245-03 and 70, TAX014-03 were held by Senator Harris, Senator Roberts and Representative Patton. Senator Harris pointed out both contracts are with the same vendor for the same services, but asked why one contract has received a discount while the other contract has been increased by 3.5%. Kevin McNeil, Taxation, stated Taxation is in the middle of a 5 year contract with the vendor. He stated the contract allows the vendor to increase the price of their service by 5%. However, the vendor has only increased the amount by 3.5%. Nancy Isom, Administrative Services, stated Administrative Services volume of business with the vendor is much higher than that of Taxation and Administrative Services has contracted with the vendor for a longer term. Therefore the vendor has given Administrative Services a decrease, while Taxation has received an increase. Senator Harris asked if there is a contractual increase in the contract with Administrative Services. Ms. Isom stated the price will continue to drop through FY05 and then the price will go up by 6%. Senator Harris asked if the price could be renegotiated. Ms. Isom stated the contract has a cancellation clause that allows Administrative Services to cancel with 30 days notice. Senator Roberts asked why the contract has not been competitively bid. Ms. Isom stated the relationship with Sungard started in 1993 with Controlling Board approval. At that time 3 vendors were identified that could perform the services. However, two of the vendors did not offer hot site services and that is why Sungard was chosen. Senator Roberts asked if there are any other vendors that can perform the services now. Ms. Isom stated that Sungard has bought out one of the original three vendors leaving only two vendors to choose from: Sungard and IBM. Ms. Isom stated that IBM can also perform the services needed, but Administrative Services believes it would not be cost effective to rebid the contract at this time. Representative Patton had no additional questions. The items were approved with Senator Roberts objecting.

Item 23, AGR043-03 was held by Senator Carnes and Representative Calvert. Representative Calvert asked for the definition of specialty crops. Liana Lee, Chief, Division of Markets, stated the US Department of Agriculture gave a vague definition when the funds were provided that stated everything but program crops. Representative Calvert asked if marketing initiatives are part of the program. Ms. Lee stated the grant states it can be used for the promotion, education, and research of specialty crops. Senator Carnes asked if the Pearl Ally Growers are the same group that is downtown. Ms. Lee stated yes. The item was approved without objection.

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Item 42, INS302-03 was held by Senator Harris, Senator Roberts and Representative Patton. Senator Harris asked for an explanation of the additional cost. Todd Boyer, Communications Director, stated the request includes additional FM stations that will reach a wider audience. Senator Roberts asked how the success of the last campaign is measured. Mr. Boyer stated it is hard to quantify the effectiveness of the campaign. Mr. Boyer stated consumers only contact the Department when they have a problem, which makes it impossible to know how many consumers have been made aware of the Department through the radio campaign. Mr. Boyer stated the Department expects to see an increased number of calls, as the consumers are made more aware of the Department and its services. Representative Patton asked how ClearChannel was chosen. Mr. Boyer stated ClearChannel owns and operates the largest AM and FM station in every City in the State of Ohio. Representative Patton asked if ClearChannel owns any minority operated stations. Mr. Boyer stated ClearChannel owns all broadcasting formats. The item was approved with Senator Roberts objecting.

Item 55, DNR111-03 was deferred by request of the agency.

Item 73, DOT179-03 was deferred by request of the agency.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was then adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Niekamp
Controlling Board Executive Secretary

12/16/02 Minutes approved by the Board: