

BOARD OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS  
MINUTES OF MEETING

December 14, 2016

Pursuant to public notice previously provided by the Office of Administration, Governor Nixon called the meeting to order. Call of roll indicated that the following members of the Board were present.

Governor Jay Nixon – Chairman  
Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder – Secretary  
Attorney General Chris Koster – Member

A waiver and consent to hold this meeting was circulated for signature.

Governor Nixon asked for approval of the July 25, 2016, meeting minutes. Lt. Governor Kinder moved for the adoption of the minutes. Attorney General Koster seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Governor Nixon stated that the first item on the agenda was a bonding update. Governor Nixon asked Stacy Neal to brief the Board. Stacy explained that meeting packets included summary information related to the recent renovation projects authorized by the Board. As a summary, projects totaling \$314 million were authorized at various facilities throughout the state. Three series of bonds have been issued to provide cash for these projects. All projects are well funded with total cash on hand of nearly \$135 million.

Stacy reported that projects were progressing nicely. Packets included information related to total appropriation authority for each project versus expenditures through December 2, 2016.

Stacy explained that the Office of Administration will continue to monitor the cash available to support the projects and advise the Board of recommended timing of the final bond issuance. Currently, it is expected next year – possibly late spring or summer.

On behalf of Commissioner Nelson and herself, Stacy acknowledged the service of the Board over the past few years. The Board has swiftly acted to take advantage of market conditions and as a result saved the taxpayers of Missouri almost \$74 million through refinancing activities. There were no additional questions or discussion.

Governor Nixon stated that the next item on the agenda was related to the designation of Board buildings. Governor Nixon asked Commissioner Nelson to brief the Board. Commissioner Nelson explained that there were two resolutions in the packet for the Board's consideration. The first resolution was in regards to a facility current under construction at Fulton State Hospital grounds. A letter from the Mental Health Commission stated their plan to name the building the "Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon Forensic Center" in recognition of Governor Nixon's many contributions to improving mental health services in Missouri. Commissioner Nelson read the resolution and asked for Board approval of the designation.

Lt. Governor Kinder moved for the adoption of the motion. Attorney General Koster seconded the motion. Motion carried by the vote:

Governor Nixon	ABSTAIN
Lieutenant Governor Kinder	YEA
Attorney General Koster	YEA

Governor Nixon asked Commissioner Nelson to read the second resolution. Commissioner Nelson read the resolution asking for the Chouteau & Compton State Office Building to be renamed the "Michael N. Keathley State Office Building".

Governor Nixon moved for the adoption of the motion. Attorney General Koster seconded the motion. The board members spoke briefly regarding the motion:

Lt. Governor: As I said in eulogizing Mike in March 2008, we had a funeral in Dexter and then we had a Capitol rotunda ceremony honoring this extraordinary man, that whatever I was remembered for when I leave here, I would hope that I would be remembered as the guy who brought Mike Keathley to Jefferson City. First in the Senate Administration, I remember one day the administration committee that runs and pays the bills in the Senate were seated around the President Pro Tem table and my friend Jim Mathewson, my predecessor as President Pro Tem once or twice removed and Keathley delivered a briefing on some long forgotten issue that was complex in such an encyclopedic and thorough manner, anticipating every question and answering them in advance. When he was finished, Jim Mathewson turned to me in wonder and said where did you find this guy?

Well, I found him on a Boy Scout jamboree in 1969. A Southeast Missouri troop packed into a big bus and went all over the Western United States and we were out there in July of '69 on the day that Neil Armstrong landed on the moon, in a tent city in Farragut State Park in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Mike Keathley went on to become the finest scouter I've ever known and I've known a lot of good scouters and I know you have too, Governor. He was a breed apart; he was in a class by himself. He operated the family business which was ax handles. They were the largest ax handle manufacturer in the United States, with plants in Canada and various points around here, all out of Bernie in the Bootheel. Mike had the extraordinary talent. He was a Vanderbilt grad, but we won't hold that against him, and he had the extraordinary talent to grow that company until they sold it. He, of course, remained on the board of the acquiring company and had a contract with them. But he was bored down there in Dexter and I asked him to come to Jefferson City in 2002 where he became the Senate Administrator. His performance was so impressive that Governor Blunt asked him to be OA Commissioner. He contracted cancer in 2003, colon cancer, and we thought he had beaten it and it came back in his leg and took his life in the winter of 2008. I miss him. A lot of people who worked with him up here miss him, in both parties. He saved the state a lot of money. He worked with Democratic friends of ours like Steve Stogal who reveres Mike.

He and his wife had adopted two boys both of whom turned out to be autistic. Julie, his widow, does the best she can but she has a tough row to hoe. So I thought this was a way to honor Mike and keep his memory alive.

Attorney General Koster: I agree with everything you said. I also had a chance to work with Mike in my first couple years in the State Senate. He moved as you recall to the Blunt administration and did a lot of work in consolidating state office space and saving the state a great deal of money. There is precedent in this State for naming things for the Senate Administrators. The Kirchoff gallery was named for maybe the most important Senate Administrator of Missouri, Ron

Kirchoff. That room in this Capitol is appropriately named and revered for great public servant. I agree with everything you said about Mike Keathley, he was a tremendous asset to state government.

I also am glad we have the opportunity to recognize the career of our colleague Governor Nixon who worked 4 terms in the office that I occupy presently and two terms as Governor of the State. He is only the 4<sup>th</sup> individual in the State's history to have served two terms as Governor. I believe that there's real question whether this building and this step forward in mental health services would have come to fruition but for Governor Nixon's work and leadership and I think that it is appropriate that we recognize his contribution to state government over the last 24 years including the important step forward that mental health services have seen under his tenor.

Governor Nixon: Thank you, General Koster. I'd also like to speak to former Commissioner Keathley. This is somebody that I had a chance to work with although not as closely with as you in the senate. As Office of Administration head, I served on the Board of Fund Commissioners with him. He was obviously key to the running of government and we spent a great deal of time working with him. I second what Peter said about his encyclopedic knowledge of his work and his indefatigable commitment to the most efficient and effective use of taxpayer resources. Even in difficult situations, the incredibly upbeat way that he handled his responsibilities, it was always a pleasure to meet with him and I think it's a very appropriate designation for a great public servant.

With that, one closing comment before we vote on the resolution and move forward. It is interesting as we sit here; the three of us have completed a lot of service. That service may or may not be over. As we sit here at this table in what will be our last Board of Public Buildings meeting, it strikes me that some of the fondest memories we have are not when we serve in the offices we have, but when we served one floor up in the Missouri Senate. I just hope that as the future leads this state, that that body continues to be a place that speaks strongly, consistently and vibrantly for the State. I think it has that capacity and I think both of you served honorably, ably and very capably in those positions; Peter, you in the most significant leadership position there. I served there 6 years and still value those relationships that were earned, shall we say, on the third floor, very deeply. I think it's a good signal for folks who want to think about a life in public service that serving in the legislature is a very positive way to begin that public service. We all share that. We started in the state senate as our first stop. So we are a rare three that have spent time in that Senate, continue to have great friends and experiences from it, and also entered statewide elected offices after the serving in the legislature. I hope that others will take a similar path.

There being no further discussion Governor Nixon called for roll.

Governor Nixon	YEA
Lieutenant Governor Kinder	YEA
Attorney General Koster	YEA

There being no further business, upon motion made by Lt. Governor Kinder, seconded by Attorney General Koster, and carried by unanimous vote, Governor Nixon declared the meeting adjourned.