

Medical School Costs Put Above \$40 Million

Trustees Approve Knight Proposal For Allocation From Fall Bond Issue

The cost of building the Toledo State College of Medicine will be more than \$40 million, the institution's board of trustees was informed at a meeting yesterday.

The report on construction costs was made by W. W. Knight, Jr., chairman of the trustees' finance committee. It was approved unanimously by the board.

Mr. Knight also recommended, and the board approved, a request to allocate to the medical school \$7.5 million from the proposed hospital bond issue which will be submitted to Lucas County voters this fall.

Mr. Knight estimated the total cost at \$40,380,000. The chief items of expense are: a 500-bed hospital, \$20 million; basic science facility, \$6,039,000; general administration and support facilities, \$3,201,000; and clinical science facility, \$2,640,000.

3 Fund Sources

The finance committee report listed three sources of construction funds: state, federal, and local. The state contribution will be \$7.5 million included in the state bond issue approved by the voters last month. The report stated that this money will not be available for use for the teaching hospital.

The federal contribution could be as much as two-thirds of the total, or about \$26 million. But the report noted that it would be safer to use a slightly lower figure for planning purposes.

Deducting the state and federal contributions, and taking into account the possibility that expenses may go beyond the estimate because of rising construction costs, the report recommended that the local contribution match that of the state. If the county hospital bond issue is approved, the \$7.5 million local contribution

will be used for the medical school's teaching hospital.

Sees Local Revenues

Mr. Knight pointed out that the medical school will bring into Toledo close to \$35 million of outside money. He said this should make the hospital bond issue one of the best investments offered to local taxpayers in many years.

Paul Block, Jr., chairman of the board, pointed out that a question has been raised whether the medical school can participate in the county hospital bond issue, and added that legislation may be required to legalize this action. It therefore is important to bring the question up as soon as possible while the General Assembly still is in session, Mr. Block remarked.

Vice Chairman Post Given Up By Levis

The board accepted with regret the resignation of J. Preston Levis as vice chairman. Mr. Levis said the unusually heavy demands of his business commitments plus the necessity to travel extensively made it impossible for him to meet the demands of the vice chairmanship at present. He said that his interest in the medical school remains keen, and added that he intends to carry out his committee assignments.

John A. Skipton, trustee from Findlay, was elected vice chairman in place of Mr. Levis. J. Slater Gibson was elected secretary, filling the post vacated by Mr. Skipton.

Special Counsel Asked For School Legal Matters

The board approved a request to the attorney general of Ohio to appoint a special council to handle medical school legal problems. Mr. Skipton explained that under the law the attorney general is counsel for the board. At present the special counsel assigned to the medical school also is assigned to Cleveland State University, which keeps him busy. A special council would be someone in constant touch with medical school problems who could provide immediate legal help, Mr. Skipton noted.

Mr. Block said the need for a special counsel was recognized when the question of legalizing participation in the county bond issue arose.

Consultant OK'd For Site Studies

The board approved the appointment of Dan Carmichael, a Columbus architect, as consultant to evaluate the physical aspect of prospective sites for the medical school. Mr. Skipton said he had asked for help from the Ohio Board of Regents and was referred to the state architect, who recommended Mr. Carmichael. Mr. Carmichael has done extensive work for the Ohio State University medical school.

Mr. Skipton said that Mr. Carmichael would be retained in an advisory capacity only, and added that the board would make the decision on where to put the medical school.

Newmyer Named As Fiscal Officer

L. F. Newmyer, office manager for the medical school, was appointed college fiscal officer by the board. Mr. Skipton said a fiscal officer is required now that the regents have allocated \$10,000 in planning money to the medical school.