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Dear Mr. Proffitt,

As executive director of the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions, I hereby submit for your consideration the Fiscal Years 2027, 2028, and 2029 budget document for the agency. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information and explanation included in this budget request are correct and complete.

My staff and I are prepared to provide any additional information that you or our budget analyst may require.

Sincerely,

Brad Parker
Executive Director

Enclosure: DA-400

Kansas State Board of Technical Professions
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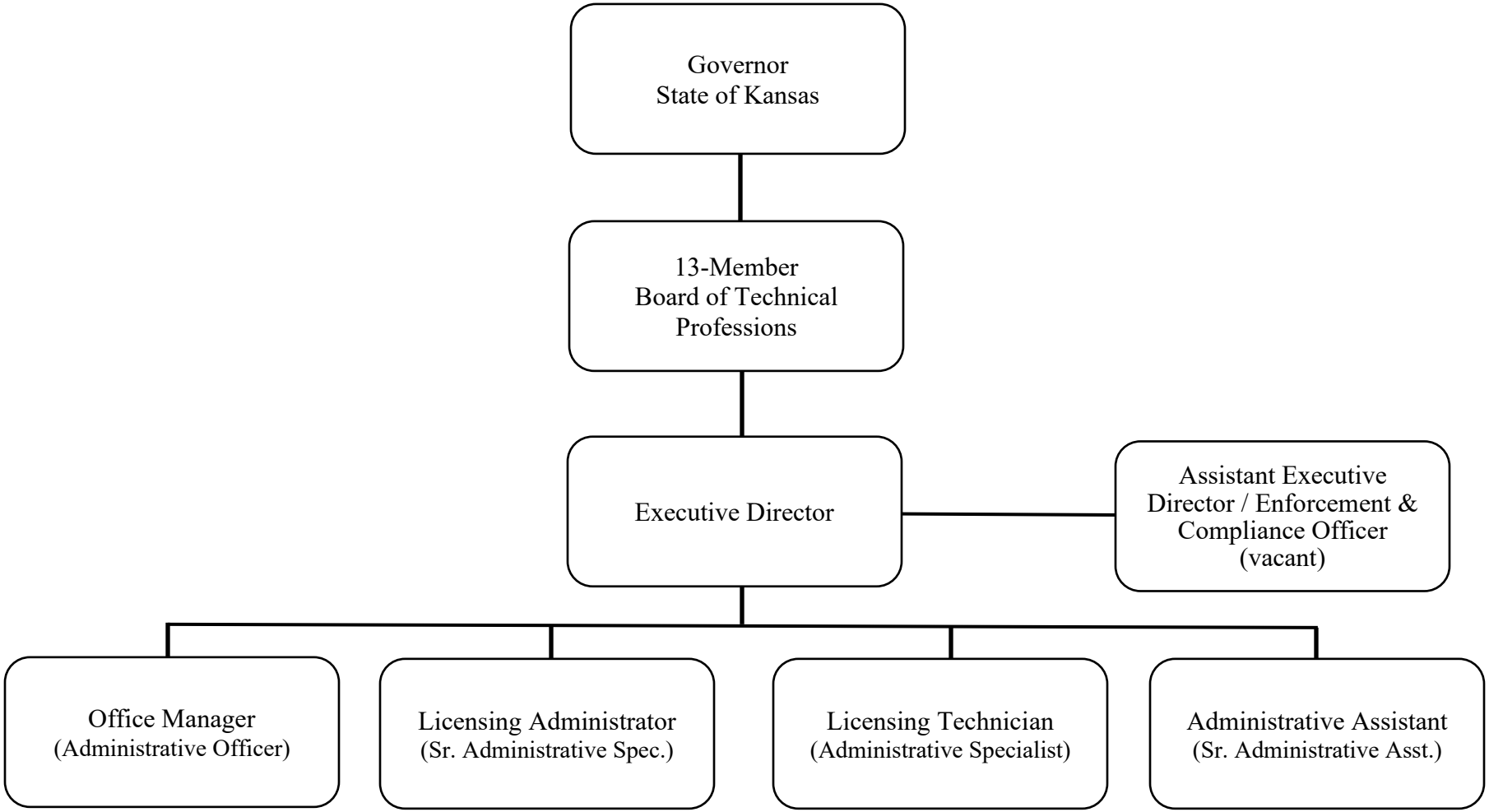
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Agency Mission

The mission of the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions is to provide maximum protection of the health, safety, property, and welfare of the people of Kansas by assuring that the practices of architecture, engineering, geology, landscape architecture, and land surveying in the state are carried out only by those persons who are proven to be qualified as prescribed by the Board's statutes, regulations, and rules.

Agency Philosophy

The Board of Technical Professions will carry out its statutory functions in an effective, fair, and timely manner. The Board believes in approaching its activities with a deep sense of purpose, responsibility, and efficiency and will continue to serve the public and the professions of architecture, engineering, geology, landscape architecture, and land surveying in a trustworthy manner. The public, industries related to the technical professions, and technical professionals all can be assured of a balanced and responsible approach to regulation.

Programs Established to Assist with the Agency Mission:

Licensing, Monitoring, and Regulation of the Technical Professions

- Certify Intern Engineers, Intern Surveyors, and Intern Geologists
- License, Monitor, and Discipline Architects
- License, Monitor, and Discipline Landscape Architects
- License, Monitor, and Discipline Professional Engineers
- License, Monitor, and Discipline Professional Geologists
- License, Monitor, and Discipline Professional Surveyors
- Certify Business Entities According to Statutes and Regulations

Statutory History

In 1976, K.S.A 74-7001 was established by the Legislature to create the Board of Technical Professions by combining the Engineering Examiners Registration Board (including land surveyors), the Architects Registration Board, and the Landscape Architects Registration Board. K.S.A.74-7004 provides that the purpose of the Board of Technical Professions is to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity, skills, and practice in the technical professions and to safeguard the health, safety, property, and welfare of the public.

The Board is authorized to collect licensing fees, renewal fees, and other fees as necessary to administer provisions of K.S.A.74-7001 *et.seq*.

In the 1997 Legislature, H.B.2490 created the licensing of geologists starting July 1, 2000, by the Board of Technical Professions. Effective July 1, 2000, a licensed geologist replaced a public member of the Board.

In the 2009 legislative session, S.B.349 revised several statutes, which included changing the term "land surveyor" to "professional surveyor" and the term "geologist" to "professional geologist". In the 2015 legislative session, the Legislature passed a clean-up bill to address further clarifications.

In June 2005, with H.B.2675, $549,744 of the Technical Professions Fee Fund was transferred to the State General Fund. In July 2015, $200,000 of the Technical Professions Fee Fund was transferred to the State General Fund.

The Board lowered renewal fees in 2010 and in 2012. Biennial renewal fees were raised to $70 for individuals and $95 for business entities in 2016.

Agency Goal:
The Kansas State Board of Technical Professions shall assure that the technical professions of architecture, engineering, geology, landscape architecture, and land surveying are practiced only by qualified and competent individuals and business entities and shall ensure swift, fair, and effective enforcement of the Technical Professions Practice Act.

Objective 1:
Ensure that only qualified individuals become licensed as architects, professional engineers, professional geologists, landscape architects, and professional surveyors to practice in Kansas. The Board believes that a proactive position in establishing a high degree of qualification to practice the technical professions protects the public by alleviating subsequent disciplinary problems that may result if individuals who have lesser qualifications were licensed.

Strategies for Objective 1:
1. Review and evaluate applications for licensure by examination and by reciprocity.
2. Require and administer professional exams.

3. License individuals found to be qualified according to minimum requirements prescribed by law.
4. Process renewals for individuals.
5. Maintain and retrieve data.

Performance measures for Objective 1	**FY25** Actual	**FY26** Actual	**FY27** Estimate	**FY28** Estimate	**FY29** Estimate
# of new Intern Surveyor, Engineer, & Geologist applications	309	330	332	335	360
% of Intern Surveyor, Engineer, & Geologist applicants certified	78%	81%	79%	80%	76%
# of new "license by exam" applications – Professional Engineers, Professional Geologists, Architects, Landscape Architects, & Professional Surveyors	202	208	201	195	184
% of "by exam" applicants licensed – Professional Engineers, Professional Geologists, Architects, Landscape Architects, & Professional Surveyors	92%	84%	89%	89%	92%
# of reciprocity applications	919	1,029	1,051	1,100	1,147
% of reciprocity applicants licensed	81%	64%	63%	62%	61%
# of days for applicants to receive a file status (avg.)	10	10	10	5	5
# OF CURRENT LICENSES:					
Architects	2,653	2,636	2,630	2,624	2,617
Professional Engineers	12,774	12,772	12,908	13,021	13,134
Professional Surveyors	526	515	502	490	477
Landscape Architects	331	334	332	330	328
Professional Geologists	449	447	430	416	402
TOTAL	**16,733**	**16,704**	**16,802**	**16,880**	**16,958**

# OF RENEWALS (for ½ alphabet)					
Architects	1,130	1,281	1,126	1,245	1,110
Professional Engineers	5,528	6,814	5,645	6,914	5,745
Professional Surveyors	231	291	209	275	192
Landscape Architects	154	165	155	152	150
Professional Geologists	185	243	169	220	151
TOTAL	**7,228**	**8,794**	**7,304**	**8,806**	**7,348**

Objective 2

Ensure that all business entities obtain a certificate of authorization to practice a technical profession in Kansas legally. The Board makes licensees aware of the statutory requirement to have their business entities certified and to keep certificates in good standing through the renewal process. K.S.A.74-7036 was revised in July 2009 to include all business entities and to split the alphabet for renewal windows.

Strategies for Objective 2:

1. Inform reciprocity applicants that, to practice a technical profession through a business entity, the business entity needs a KSBTP Certificate of Authorization.
2. Provide assistance, review, and evaluation of applications for all business entities.
3. License business entities found to be qualified as prescribed by law.
4. Publish website and newsletter articles dealing with legal compliance for business entities.
5. Process renewals for business entities.
6. Maintain and retrieve data.
7. Ensure that applications are acted upon in a timely manner.

Performance measures for Objective 2	**FY25** Actual	**FY26** Actual	**FY27** Estimate	**FY28** Estimate	**FY29** Estimate
# OF CURRENT CERTIFICATES					
Architecture Business Entities	694	709	711	713	716
Engineering Business Entities	1,989	2,034	2,069	2,106	2,142
Surveying Business Entities	181	183	182	182	182
Landscape Architecture Business Entities	76	75	72	72	72
Geology Business Entities	67	69	60	56	52
TOTAL	**3,007**	**3,070**	**3,095**	**3,129**	**3,163**
# of business entity applications	212	189	213	225	218
# of days for a business entity to receive a file status report	5	5	5	2	2
% of business entity applications certified	99%	86%	96%	99%	83%
# of business entities renewing (for ½ alphabet)	1,553	1,192	1,582	1,213	1,607

Objective 3

Only qualified persons should be licensed in Kansas. Licenses are renewed every two years. After H.B.2138 passed in 1995, the Board adopted rules and regulations to require continuing education and to monitor the continued professional development of all licensees.

Strategies for Objective 3:

1. Inform licensees of continuing education requirements.
2. Respond to inquiries concerning continuing education requirements.
3. Require a statement of continuing education compliance on all license renewals.
4. Conduct compliance reviews of continuing education requirements on all reinstatement applications.
5. Conduct compliance reviews of continuing education requirements on all return-to-practice applications.
6. Audit a random sample of licensees after the renewal process.

Performance measures for Objective 3	**FY25** Actual	**FY26** Actual	**FY27** Estimate	**FY28** Estimate	**FY29** Estimate
Days of staff time provided to individuals who need assistance with the continuing education process	90	90	95	100	100
% of licensees audited	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%
# of days per year staff and Board spend on audit processes	100	100	105	110	110
# of reinstatement applications reviewed for continuing education	213	213	250	263	287
# of renewal applications reviewed for continuing education	217	264	146	264	220

Objective 4

To ensure effective enforcement of the Technical Professions Practice Act and ensure due process for any such reported violations.

Strategies for Objective 4:

1. Investigate reported violations of the Technical Professions Practice Act.
2. Reach final resolution of violations investigated.
3. Increase the public's and technical professionals' awareness through the Board's website and newsletter, reporting information regarding any infractions of its statutes and regulations.

Performance measures for Objective 4	**FY25** Actual	**FY26** Actual	**FY27** Estimate	**FY28** Estimate	**FY29** Estimate
% of cases completed during fiscal year resulting in disciplinary action	1%	27%	11%	9%	8%
# of unresolved files carried forward from previous years	1	10	6	4	1
# of new cases opened in fiscal year	66	99	88	89	91

# of files closed in fiscal year (includes a, b, and c)	62	103	104	117	110
(a) # of files closed with no action taken	47	69	69	69	69
(b) # of files closed with informational correspondence and no formal discipline	10	8	18	20	22
(c) # of files closed with formal disciplinary action	5	26	17	28	19
# of files remaining open where disciplinary action taken and terms not yet met	4	0	0	1	0
# of new cases with disciplinary action in the same fiscal year	3	91	51	58	65
# of licenses revoked, suspended, or surrendered because of disciplinary action	2	0	1	0	1
# of formal hearings conducted	1	2	2	2	2
# of Complaint Committee meetings conducted	5	5	6	6	6

Explanation of receipts estimates

	FY 2026			FY 2027			FY 2028			FY 2029		
Reciprocity Applicants	#	Fee	Actual Totals	#	Fee	Estimated Totals	#	Fee	Estimated Totals	#	Fee	Estimated Totals
Arch	212	$250	$53,000	194	$250	$48,500	201	$250	$50,250	208	$250	$52,000
LA	26	$250	$6,500	22	$250	$5,500	26	$250	$6,500	25	$250	$6,250
PS	26	$250	$6,500	22	$250	$5,500	23	$250	$5,750	24	$250	$6,000
PE	747	$250	$186,750	798	$250	$199,500	836	$250	$209,000	874	$250	$218,500
PG	17	$250	$4,250	14	$250	$3,500	15	$250	$3,750	15	$250	$3,750
Subtotal	1,028	$250	**$257,000**	1,050	$250	**$262,500**	1,101	$250	**$275,250**	1,146	$250	**$286,500**

	FY 2026			FY 2027			FY 2028			FY 2029		
Exam Applicants	#	Fee	Actual Totals	#	Fee	Estimated Totals	#	Fee	Estimated Totals	#	Fee	Estimated Totals
Arch	28	$60	$1,680	22	$60	$1,320	23	$60	$1,380	20	$60	$1,200
LA	2	$60	$120	3	$60	$180	2	$60	$120	2	$60	$120
PS	3	$60	$180	8	$60	$480	9	$60	$540	9	$60	$540
PE	165	$60	$9,900	154	$60	$9,240	146	$60	$8,760	137	$60	$8,220
PG	10	$60	$600	15	$60	$900	15	$60	$900	16	$60	$960
Subtotal	208	$60	**$12,480**	202	$60	**$12,120**	195	$60	**$11,700**	184	$60	**$11,040**

Reinstatements	#	Fee	Actual Totals	#	Fee	Estimated Totals	#	Fee	Estimated Totals	#	Fee	Estimated Totals
Arch	40	$100	$4,000	54	$100	$5,400	58	$100	$5,800	62	$100	$6,200
LA	4	$100	$400	6	$100	$600	6	$100	$600	7	$100	$700
PS	7	$100	$700	8	$100	$800	8	$100	$800	9	$100	$900
PE	147	$100	$14,700	163	$100	$16,300	176	$100	$17,600	189	$100	$18,900
PG	4	$100	$400	10	$100	$1,000	6	$100	$600	11	$100	$1,100
Business Entities	58	$100	$5,800	72	$100	$7,200	78	$100	$7,800	84	$100	$8,400
Subtotal	260	$100	**$26,000**	313	$100	**$31,300**	332	$100	**$33,200**	362	$100	**$36,200**

Renewals	#	Fee	Actual Totals	#	Fee	Estimated Totals	#	Fee	Estimated Totals	#	Fee	Estimated Totals
Arch	1,281	$70	$89,670	1,126	$70	$78,820	1,245	$70	$87,150	1,110	$70	$77,700
LA	165	$70	$11,550	155	$70	$10,850	152	$70	$10,640	150	$70	$10,500
PS	291	$70	$20,370	209	$70	$14,630	275	$70	$19,250	192	$70	$13,440
PE	6,814	$70	$476,980	5,645	$70	$395,150	6,914	$70	$483,980	5,745	$70	$402,150
PG	243	$70	$17,010	169	$70	$11,830	220	$70	$15,400	151	$70	$10,570
Business Entities	1,192	$95	$113,240	1,582	$95	$150,290	1,213	$95	$115,235	1,607	$95	$152,665
Late Fees	580	$20	$11,600	522	$20	$10,440	558	$20	$11,160	471	$20	$9,420
Subtotal	10,566	--	**$740,420**	9,408	--	**$672,010**	10,577	--	**$742,815**	9,426	--	**$676,445**

New Business Entities	189	$170	**$32,130**	213	$170	**$36,210**	225	$170	**$38,250**	218	$170	**$37,060**

Other	#	Fee	Actual Totals	#	Fee	Actual Totals	No.	Fee	Estimated Totals	No.	Fee	Estimated Totals
Replaced Licenses & Certificates	33	$20	**$660**	21	$20	**$420**	18	$20	**$360**	20	$20	**$400**
Returns to Active Practice	10	$20	**$200**	9	$20	**$180**	9	$20	**$180**	9	$20	**$180**

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Receipts	$1,068,890	$1,014,740	$1,101,755	$1,047,825
Less 10% to SGF ($100,000 Annual Cap)	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
Net to Technical Professions Fee Fund	**$968,890**	**$914,740**	**$1,001,755**	**$947,825**

	Civil Fines			
100% to SGF	**$0**	**$600**	**$600**	**$600**

OVERVIEW OF AGENCY BUDGET AT EACH BUDGET LEVEL

Current Year (FY27)

The Board will continue to administer the technical professions of architecture, engineering, geology, landscape architecture, and land surveying by granting licenses to practice to individuals who have proven competency through the statutory requirements of education, experience, and examination and certificates of authorization to business entities. The Board will continue to administer the Kansas State Specific exam required for Professional Surveyor applicants.

The Board continues to be proactive in the processes of licensure and review of continuing education. The Board will continue its investigative work for the purpose of enforcing the Technical Professions Practice Act.

FY28 and FY29

The Board will continue to administer the technical professions of architecture, engineering, geology, landscape architecture, and land surveying by granting licenses to practice to individuals who have proven competency through the statutory requirements of education, experience, and examination and certificates of authorization to business entities. The Board will continue to administer the Kansas State Specific exam required for Professional Surveyor applicants.

The Board will continue to be proactive in the processes of licensure and review of continuing education. The Board also will regulate the technical professions by investigating all complaints regarding the practice of a technical profession brought forth by the general public or other licensees and will take appropriate disciplinary action or initiate criminal prosecution for any violations.

The current appropriated level for FY27 is $885,516, and the Board is not requesting any change. The Board is requesting $1,028,610 for FY28 and $1,030,155 for FY29. The main reasons for the increase from FY27 to FY28 are an additional FTE, more committee and Board meetings to serve applicants better and faster, and increases in contractual services (notably OITS, the SMART Service Center, publishing regulations, rent, the Landon building surcharge, OAG, and OPS).

Based on recent advice from the Department of Administration's offices of Financial Management (OFM) and Accounts and Reports (OAR), the Board has begun using new object numbers in IBARS (aka account codes in SMART). The overall goal with those changes is to provide more granular fiscal data for transparent budgeting and accurate accounting.

Application – All exam costs are paid by the applicants directly to the exam vendors. There is a $60 fee to process the "by exam" application for all professions. The reciprocity application fee for all professions is $250, and business entities pay a $170 application fee for a Certificate of Authorization.

Renewal – All renewal fees are due every two years. The renewal fees are $70 for individual licensees and $95 for business entities. The renewal fees continue at that level.

Reinstatement – The reinstatement fee for an individual license or a business entity is $100 (K.S.A.74-7025).

Replacement – To replace a lost, destroyed, or mutilated license or certificate, replacement fees are specifically established at $20 each (K.S.A.74-7045).

Reissue – To reissue a suspended or revoked individual license or business COA, reissue fees are specifically established at $100 and $150, respectively (K.S.A.74-7026(5)(c)).

Civil Fines – K.S.A.74-7039 authorizes the Board to assess civil fines against any person or business entity for violations of the statutes, regulations, rules, or orders enforceable by the Board in any amount up to $5,000 for the first violation, $10,000 for the second violation, and $15,000 for the third and each subsequent violation. In FY26, the Board collected no civil fines.

Salaries and Wages

The positions allocated to the agency provide for licensure, regulation, and the discipline of technical professionals who violate the Board's statutes, regulations, and rules. The executive director leads the agency with the assistance of an office manager, licensing

administrator, licensing technician, and administrative assistant. The Board meets five or six times per year to make decisions and to set direction for the staff.

Current year (FY27) – Five (5) full-time positions have been funded at $459,029.

FY28 and FY29 – The amounts of $594,278 and $576,433 represent the amounts needed to maintain the current staffing positions and to fill a vacant position, the Assistant Executive Director / Enforcement and Compliance Officer. The Board is statutorily authorized to appoint an AED (K.S.A.74-7008), and the position number already is available to the agency in SHARP and IBARS. The AED's primary duties will be in furtherance of objectives 3 (requiring and monitoring continuing education) and 4 (ensuring enforcement and due process); hence, the AED title is being paired with that of Enforcement and Compliance Officer.

Contractual Services

One of the agency's most important functions is the enforcement program, which provides protection for the public's health, safety, property, and welfare. Pursuant to K.S.A.74-7008, the Board enters into contracts for legal counsel and technical investigators. The investigators are licensed in a technical profession and serve as technical experts and witnesses in providing evidence for the Board.

Based on previous expenditures and allowing for cost increases, the request includes the costs of printing certificates for professional licenses and certificates of authorization. The request also includes mailing renewal notices, exam-score notifications, licenses, and other official correspondence. Travel expenditures are for in-state Board meetings, hearings, and meetings of the state professional societies. Funding also is included for attending out-of-state regional and national meetings of the four examination and registration councils to which the Board belongs and training about licensure, regulation, and enforcement.

Other contractual services have been adjusted according to the budget indices, including office rent, repairing and servicing office equipment, national council memberships, court-reporting services, information-technology services, cybersecurity, and hosting of the agency's licensure platform.

Additional expenditures include $2,000 for Official Hospitality, which has been approved for FY27. The requests for FY28 and FY29 are increased to $2,400 to account for a sixth Board meeting in each of those years because the fund provides lunch for the 13 Board members when they meet. With few of the appointed Board members residing in Topeka, they would not complete their tasks in one day if required to go off-site for lunch.

FY27 Current Resources – $415,225 allows the agency to maintain current programs.

FY28 Resources – $423,547 allows the agency to maintain current programs, add a sixth round of committee and Board meetings, and pay increasing costs.

FY29 Resources – $444,172 allows the agency to maintain current programs and a sixth round of committee and Board meetings, plus pay increasing costs.

Commodities

The agency has expenditures in this category for supplies related to the operation of agency functions.

FY27 Current Resources – $9,762 represents an amount for maintaining current service levels.

FY28 Resources – $5,785 represents an amount for maintaining current service levels.

FY29 Resources – $6,050 represents an amount for maintaining current service levels.

Capital Outlays

The agency maintenance schedule for office equipment is important for operational purposes. Capital outlay funds have been set in the amount of $1,500 for current FY27; $5,000 for FY28; and $3,500 for FY29 to continue replacing office equipment and furniture on a scheduled cycle.