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MINUTES OF MEETING - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE  
54TH SESSION - APRIL 12, 1967

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Glaser at 8:10 AM in the Ways and Means Room.

Present: Glaser, Mello, Ashworth, Harris, Bowler, Young, Tyson, Howard, Jacobsen  
Absent: None

Chairman Glaser said that the present proposal on the Highway Patrol building in Las Vegas is to move away from the rental type situation and it is requested that we authorize them to build their own building in Las Vegas.

Mr. Barrett said this was requested by the Highway Patrol from the Planning Board and was not recommended by the Governor because at that time the director's position was being changed and refilled and his feelings and recommendations were not known at that time. The present request is from the recent recommendations.

The location of this new Highway Patrol building would be by the present state building on Bonanza. According to the Highway Patrol, this is a good location because of its access to the freeway.

Mr. Ashworth said that if it is built on Bonanza, this would complicate the whole situation. It was the intent to get all the state together in one building and we own land on Sahara which would accommodate this. The land on Bonanza is not large enough for this. It was a proposal for the city to acquire this land for their complex.

Decision to have subcommittee to investigate this and report back to the committee.

### Marlette Lake

In answer to question, Mr. Barrett said that there are no operating costs really involved. The money outlay is for capital improvements - that of cleaning Hobart.

Mr. Harris said he respects Mr. McGowan's opinion and would go along with him.

Mr. Bowler said we have not had time to study this completely and feels we should take a longer look at the proposal and situation.

Mr. Ashworth feels that a study should be made on it and his biggest concern is the involvement left with Virginia City. The present proposal would really not rid us of the whole thing.

Mr. Young said that the estimate to buy the water back from them is \$25,000 so it would seem we are giving the system to them.

Mr. Barrett said that the state is paying now for the water they use. We will shortly be paying 16¢. This would just be changing things around for the benefit of maintenance.

Mrs. Tyson said the tunnel situation is unknown and is her biggest concern as far as maintenance is concerned. Sooner or later we have to get rid of this and get out of the water business.

Mr. Howard feels we are paying a real premium for the water right now. He also pointed out the interest being paid on our bonded indebtedness. We are buying water back at around \$16,000 per year. To put \$50,000 into it this year bringing capital improvements up again would not be good. If we keep it much longer we will have to do something

about the tunnel, etc. He thinks we should get rid of it.

Mr. Ashworth said we are now going over the top of the tunnel so this is not causing any trouble. We would need to open it when we need more water.

Mr. Barrett pointed out that there is not a great deal of water in the tunnel. The importance of the tunnel lies in the economics of operating the system. It would be much cheaper to go through the tunnel than the present operation of going over it.

Mr. Jacobsen said he would want to be assured that we have an adequate supply of water and is afraid of this action going too fast.

Mr. Mello questioned the number of appraisals made. He said he can't see Southwest jumping into a million dollar budget unless it is worth something. Also questioned the rates increasing because of this improvement expense.

Mr. Barrett that Southwest felt it was not worth too much so did not want to pay much for it and then sink a million into it.

Mr. Mello suggested instead of a lease/option it be a long term lease. Mr. Barrett said they would have gone on a 35 year lease with an option to lease for another 35 years.

Mr. Harris said that no city utility operates without a franchise for so many years.

Mr. Glaser said that in view of the late date and no opportunity for an adequate study, possibly the Legislative Commission could look into the situation and proposals, get bids, etc. and come back with recommendations for Special Session. Also included would be getting rid of obligation to Virginia City.

Mr. Young pointed out that this \$750,000 was the best offer ever received. Also pointed out was the million dollar improvement figure.

Mr. Barrett said that Mr. Jacobsen's figures of \$50,000 for cleaning Hobart, \$62,000 to open the tunnel and \$80,000 for completion of the line are not full capacity figures as is the million dollar figure. Million figure from study by Legislative Council.

Mr. Young suggested giving the Commission the authority to sell this if the facts through study warrant it before the Legislature comes back into session.

Mrs. Tyson moved that this be turned over to the Legislative Commission for study and referred back at Special Session. The study should include appraisals and disposal of the entire system and obligations including that to Virginia City.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Mr. Young voted no.

Motion carried.

Letter from Budget Office dated April 6, 1967, on items in finalized budgets.

Public Health Engineer I (originally deleted from budget - request to be put back in)

Mr. Ashworth moved that this position be reinstated in the budget.

Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

State Prison 5 Correctional Officers

We took out money for the 4th dorm but left in the category for staffing it, etc. amounting to \$58,232. Request now to split this money not needed for the dorm for two years coverage of 5 additional correctional officers needed to open the 3rd dorm.

The 5 men previously allocated for this were put in different places for beefing up such as the camp, farm, and communications center.

Mr. Barrett said they now have 188 3/4 positions as compared to last budget of 155 positions. However, all of these positions added were not just extra. Some were put into beefing up areas needing more security, some for new dorm and new tower, etc. There is 83 personnel and 664 inmates at the present time.

Discussion on additional men to beef up honor camp. Mr. Barrett said that previously one man was on duty 24 hours and off 24 hours and consequently not alert during full duty time. The extra man would correct this security situation.

Suggestion on using same man as guard and manager at the farm. Mr. Howard pointed out that they are not asking further appropriations - just re-allocation of funds agreed upon previously.

Mr. Bowler moved that we approve this change (splitting the \$58,232 for staffing the dorm which was not approved into 5 additional positions for correctional officers)

Mr. Mello seconded the motion.

Mr. Young, Ashworth and Jacobsen voted no.

Motion carried.

#### Buildings and Grounds Superintendent's Salary

Mr. Jacobsen moved we go with this change in salary from \$11,500 to \$13,860.

Mr. Howard seconded the motion.

Mr. Ashworth pointed out that if we start doing this we will have to do it for everybody Mrs. Tyson agreed that this action would really open up some trouble. Mr. Bowler also expressed his agreement.

Mr. Jacobsen withdrew his motion. Mr. Howard withdrew his second.

Public Service Commission - Branch Manager, Vocational Education - Aid to Schools (AB415) and Parks Improvements taken care of.

#### Gaming Control Board and Commission

Request for 3 board members and secretary to commission only ones set - the other salaries left up to the board and commission.

Mr. Barrett explained that the Gaming Commission is supposed to be set up for flexibility. If you set all these salaries and positions you are removing this flexibility.

Mr. Ashworth moved that we rescind our previous action in going with the Senate and leave these salaries for the commission to set as in the past.

Mr. Bowler seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### SB 104: Creates state council on the arts

Mr. Glaser said that without this bill these people are cut off from any federal assistance, some of which they have already received.

Mrs. Tyson asked if this would be merely enabling legislation for them to take advantage of federal funds without getting involved with state funds.

Mr. Glaser said yes, this is the case. The amendments delete any reference to payment of general funds such as per diem, travel, etc.

Mr. Mello moved that SB 104 be reported out with a DO PASS as amended.  
Mr. Harris seconded the motion.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Young requested that a minority report be filed on this, as Do Not Pass.

AB 370: Increases financial aid to the blind

Mr. Young moved that this bill be reconsidered.  
Mr. Bowler seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Young commented on the conflicting information given on this - first that it would cost extra money - then that it wouldn't.

Mr. Barrett this last decision that it wouldn't cost extra money was based upon the method of adding in non-financial aid to the amount allowed which would raise the figure technically but not cost any money. So, passage or non-passage would not make that much of a difference. However, committee felt passage would meet approval.  
Mr. Bowler moved that AB 370 be reported out with a DO PASS.  
Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

SB 362: Provides administrative costs of gaming laws shall be paid by direct legislative appropriation

Mr. Young moved that SB 362 be indefinitely postponed.  
Mr. Harris seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



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BUDGET DIVISION    PERSONNEL DIVISION    PURCHASING DIVISION    DATA PROCESSING DIVISION    BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DIVISION

April 6, 1967

TO:            Floyd Lamb, Chairman  
                Senate Finance Committee

and

                Norman Glaser, Chairman  
                Assembly Ways and Means Committee

FROM:         Howard E. Barrett, Budget Director

Now that the finance and taxation committees have fairly well settled on the General Fund revenue and expenditure program, it appears that there will be additional funds available over and beyond what the Executive Budget contemplated.

We should, therefore, like to call your attention to several areas in the budget that could stand some beefing up.

<u>Environmental Health</u>	<u>1967-68</u>	<u>1968-69</u>
Public Health Engineer I	\$ 7,080	\$ 7,416
Industrial Insurance	40	42
Retirement	428	448
Personnel Assessment	55	55
Group Insurance	102	102
	<u>\$ 7,705</u>	<u>\$ 8,063</u>
50% Federal	\$ 3,852	\$ 4,031
50% State	3,853	4,032
	<u>\$ 7,705</u>	<u>\$ 8,063</u>

This position was and is recommended but was deleted by the committee. We feel that it is quite important to have this position. The position would be utilized on a solid waste disposal program and would be 50% federally funded. The following is the Health Division's justification for the position:

"Three of the major population areas in the State, Reno, Las Vegas, and the Carson-Minden and Lake complex have in the past few months requested assistance from the Division of Health in planning for and controlling solid wastes disposal.

"Solid wastes include garbage, refuse, car bodies, debris from building construction and demolition and road repair, sewage sludge, industrial wastes including mine and mill tailings, etc. Improper disposal of these

materials create health hazards through air and water pollution and by providing a breeding place for rodents, vermin, flies and mosquitoes, and creates nuisances and esthetic problems.

"The major effort of this engineer during the first 12 to 18 months of the State's program will be to conduct a statewide solid waste survey. This survey will provide qualitative and quantitative information on present solid waste practices and problems and enable determination of the extent to which the population is served by healthful efficient solid waste storage, collection and disposal methods. It will also provide the basis for the prediction, planning and control of future solid waste handling needs.

"Since solid waste disposal does involve air and water pollution, a portion of this man's time can be used for air and water pollution studies to help determine health hazards and nuisances involved in existing problems such as the dust from the tailings dump at McGill, disposal of arsenic wastes at Getchell, pollution of the Truckee being caused by the garbage transfer station in Reno, pollution of the Walker River by the tailings ponds of Anaconda, pollution of Las Vegas Wash by the tailings dumps at Basic Management.

"So while the program has to be outlined specifically for solid waste disposal to meet federal plan requirements, the field is so broad, a great portion of this man's time can be devoted to bolstering manpower shortages in other programs."

<u>State Prison</u>	<u>1967-68</u>	<u>1968-69</u>
5 Correctional Officers	\$25,320	\$26,520
Industrial Insurance	142	149
Retirement	1,534	1,606
Personnel Assessment	275	275
Group Insurance	510	510
Total	<u>\$27,781</u>	<u>\$29,060</u>

OK  
These additional five men are needed to open the third dormitory at minimum. The warden found it necessary to re-schedule the positions that were originally recommended for this dormitory. (Three went to the honor camp and two to the farm.)

We recommend placing the above amount in the seventh category (new facility staffing). It can be transferred if it becomes necessary to open the third dormitory. Since the fourth dormitory is not approved the \$58,232 presently in the seventh category can be deleted. The net effect would be a reallocating of the funds presently approved.

Buildings and Grounds Superintendent's Salary

The superintendent's salary has been tentatively set by the Legislature at \$11,500. This was the amount recommended in the Governor's Budget. However, it is quite plain to us now that this position can justify a higher salary.

The Purchasing Administrator's salary is set at \$13,860 which appears reasonable. We feel that the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds has responsibilities equal to the Purchasing Administrator and certainly greater than the \$11,500 we originally recommended. This position is responsible for 60 people, the office buildings in Carson City and Las Vegas, plus all the leased buildings at other locations. The supervision of the Motor Pool will probably be assigned to this position.

The individual is doing an excellent job and should be properly recognized.

Public Service Commission - Branch Manager

We originally recommended the deletion of the unclassified position of Branch Manager in Las Vegas and the substitution of a Utility Engineer in Las Vegas.

The new Public Service Commission Chairman has indicated that the Branch Manager be reinstated at \$11,000 - in lieu of the new Utility Engineer.

Vocational Education - Aid to Schools - \$250,000 (AB 415)

In developing the Executive Budget this item was left open as long as possible in order that additional funds could be recommended if they developed.

We feel that Nevada has not placed sufficient effort in providing for the non-academic oriented high school student.

We feel that AB 415 is a start in the right direction and merits additional consideration.

Parks Improvements

If the Legislature develops additional revenue, consideration should be given to more funds for park construction and improvement.

We suggest consideration of Senator Young's proposal "A" of \$84,475 in 1967-68 and \$83,500 in 1968-69 in addition to the recommendations in the Governor's budget.

*302 575,000 per year*

Capital Improvements - Las Vegas Office Building \$1,828,500

Although it was not within the funds available when the Executive Budget was prepared, we feel that if the Legislature develops other revenues that consideration should be given to an office building in Las Vegas.

Presently State agencies are scattered at many different locations in Las Vegas. For economy and efficiency as well as convenience for the public these agencies should be consolidated.

Gaming Control Board and Commission

We understand that an unclassified salary bill will be introduced setting by statute all unclassified salaries. This generally will present no problems and will merely formalize the informal agreement which has held unclassified salaries to Legislative intent.

However, in the Gaming agencies the policy in the past has applied to only the three Board members and the Secretary to the Commission. The other salaries have been set by the Board and the Commission.

We recommend that this policy be continued. An agency such as this must have some maneuverability in its pay plan - it can't function effectively if a salary schedule is frozen into statute.