

Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE
54TH SESSION APRIL 6, 1967

Meeting called to order at 8:20 AM by Chairman Glaser in the Ways and Means Room.

Discussion on capital improvements. Mr. Jacobsen reported subcommittee decisions.

Copies of listed capitol improvements in order of priority and listing total costs were distributed to the committee.

1. Advance Planning - There is \$18,000 left in the fund from the last Session. This amount will revert back and the \$30,000 listed will take care of it all.
2. Legislative Building - The Supreme Court would move here - also Attorney General. Library would receive their full space. This plan would save \$750,000. This would require general funding and bonded indebtedness. The amounts would depend on the taxes coming in - would run most in the general fund, but some bonding - could start out with the bonding. If they decide to build this Session it would be a full year before you start spending money. (total cost \$3,500.00)
3. St. Hospital - Elec. Rehab. & Fire Protection - This is a necessary item (\$95,700)
4. U of N - Expand Heat Plant & Lines (\$308,300) This would add 2 more high temperature boilers and thus give 1 standby unit.
5. Capitol and Octagon-Fire Protection & Repairs (\$183,200) This was along with the recommendations of the Fire Marshal. It is now in bad shape. Discussion on the amount of money for this. The work plan was read from the Capital Improvements Booklet.
6. Womens Prison - Southwest Confinement Wing (\$82,800) This would give 9 additional cells making a total of 36.
7. U of N - Social Science Bldg. Furn. & Equip. (\$161,450) Approval by committee
8. Nev. So. Univ. - Fine Arts Building (\$1,330,000) The state money share of this total cost would be \$207,000. This would not include any furnishings. Page 69 referred to in Capital Improvements Booklet.
9. Nev. So. Univ. - Chemistry Building (\$1,570,000) The state share of this total cost would be \$392,500. Page 71 referred to in Capital Improvements Booklet.
10. Min. Security Prison-Industrial Bldg. #2 (\$184,300) This would supply 10,000 square feet of warehousing and storage space along with expanding space for vocational education and the laundry. By moving this up to priority 10 it will eliminate the need for extra guards and save 2 more buildings.
11. Las Vegas - Cottages - Retarded Children (4) (\$232,200) Bob Bruce pointed out that since the budget was made it was determined that we would be able to get federal funds for these cottages. If we add \$70,000 more to this, the federal government will match with \$151,700. This would provide 8 cottages - 4 in Sparks and 4 in Las Vegas.

Mr. Mello moved that we add this \$70,000 to the budget for this item.

Mr. Bowler seconded the motion.

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Mr. Jacobsen said that inasmuch as this is a new project, he would like to see just 4 cottages built now and see how they work out rather than go into the 8 all at once. Mr. Ashworth and Mr. Howard expressed their agreement to this opinion.

Mr. Mello said this is not an experimental project as he sees it. This has been working well in other states. This is too good a deal to pass up (getting the federal matching of \$151,700 for putting another \$70,000 state money in). If we had these facilities in Sparks, there would be more children put there. Many could be there now, but for lack of proper facilities remain at their own homes.

Mr. Bowler suggested checking into the conditions of this federal grant to see how long the money will be available, etc.

Mr. Jacobsen said the operational costs for the 8 cottages per year would amount to \$234,000. There are approximately 50 children in the state hospital now who could benefit by these cottages. (in addition to the children mentioned by Mr. Mello)

Mr. Harris commented on the necessity for day care centers for the type of children such as mongoloids.

Mr. Ashworth commented that we should not jeopardize the other priorities inasmuch as this is an experimental thing and if we added the \$70,000 for the total of 8 cottages we could put it at the bottom of the priorities. Mr. Mello expressed his opinion on the high priority nature of this item.

Motion tabled for further discussion and reports.

12. Nev. So. Univ. - Land Acquisition - 80 acres (\$734,000) At the present time this is an option for 113 acres. We thought we should just pick up 80 acres now and this \$734,000 is just for the 80 acres. A holding company is holding this with the thought of selling to the state for what is actually involved in it plus 6 or 7% interest.

Mr. Ashworth questioned whether we should buy a total of 80 acres. He suggested buying this over a period of perhaps 6 years rather than buy so much all at once.

13. L.V. - So. Nev. Comprehensive Men. Hlth. Cen. (\$1,141,000) This complex involves the children's home, health center and retard cottages. The general fund monies would amount to \$941,000. Discussion. Reference to page 41 in booklet. Suggestion to hold.

14. U of N - Rehabilitate 6 buildings (\$55,500) This is for safety regulations

15. Min. Sec. Prison - Multi purpose building & fence (\$395,900) This building would serve dual purposes - classroom and recreational center. Reference to page 62 booklet.

16. Capitol Complex - Site Development (\$36,000) The original request was for \$75,000. The Governor recommended \$50,000. This is to continue with the lots on the South - landscaping etc. However, this request was cut to the \$36,000 because if the Legislative Building is built the landscaping would not be necessary now. This \$36,000 is for improvements as the land acquisition is being made with the money that was left in the fund for this. The improvements will be accomplished with labor prison help.

(Reference page 24 booklet)

Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.