

MINUTES

Assembly

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 57th SESSION

February 2, 1973

Meeting called to order by Chairman Don Mello at 8:00 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

Present: Mello, Dreyer, Prince, Robinson, Howard, Smith, Hafen and Schofield.

Absent: Mr. Capurro

Also Present: John Dolan, Randy Webb, Ron Sparks and Assemblyman Ford

Present from Department of Health, Welfare & Rehabilitation:

Roger Trounday, Director of HWR
 Lillian Bergevin, Business Manager, Health
 Ernest Gregory, Chief, Environmental Health
 Ed Shore, Budget Office
 Dr. John Carr, State Health Officer
 Gene Pieretti, Budget Office
 Tom Wilson, Comprehensive Health Planner

Motion to accept the Minutes of the meeting of January 31, 1973, was made by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Prince. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Roger Trounday, Director of HWR presented the budget for the Director's office. See pages 227 and 228.

Explanation was given that due to changes in Federal guidelines the Welfare Department be separated into two sections: eligibility and payments in one and services in another. Since definite guidelines were not given by the Feds it was decided to move the administrative portion of Welfare into the Director's office. Support services were also moved so that it would be on the departmental level. Therefore, the Deputy Director is actually the Welfare Administrator. Further mention of Support Services appears on page 314. In addition, the State Planning Coordinator is actually the State Planning Coordinator of Welfare for the State of Nevada.

Personnel Officer would establish overall personnel services for all divisions.

Principal Auditor would be established in the Director's office to handle auditing and all money matters for the Department, in order to more adequately supervise the various budgets within the Department.

Chief of Planning & Research would do planning of programs for all of the various departments within HWR.

Chief Assistant would be just unclassifying the position as noted under Existing Positions.

Introduction was made of Dr. John Carr and Lillian Bergevin. See pages 229 - 250.

Office of State Health Officer (229-230).

Request is made for an Accountant due to increased Federal and State requirements for fund accounting. Bio-Statistician is requested to up-date statistical division for improved intake and greater output of information on an expanded basis. EDP system request is for data processing cost for bio-statistician.

Capital Improvements would be for a HWR building in Las Vegas to consolidate all offices in that area. Estimated completion date of building, January, 1975.

Meat Inspection (231-232). Budgeting would continue approximately as it has in the past. Request was made by Committee as to why this program cannot be turned over to the Federal Government. Mr. Sparks said he would check to see if there was any deletion in this area of the President's proposed budget. Mr. Gregory explained the breakdown of Federal and State inspection teams throughout the State.

Bureau of Laboratory and Research (233-235). General explanation as outlined in budget, noting that the new positions requested of Clerk Typist and Stock Clerk would be for the Reno area and the Serol-Bacteriologist would be for the Las Vegas area. It was also noted that the Reserve-State Owned Building Rent for 1974-75 covers the first six months rent before completion of the new facility, as outlined under Capital Improvements.

Discussion re: one-shot on page A22 - Laboratory Study. This would be a review study of all existing State laboratories to determine if it is feasible to set up one basic laboratory for the needs of the State.

Dental Health (236-238). It was noted under New Positions that the Clerk Typist and one Dental Assistant would be for the Reno area. The Public Health Dentist and 2 Dental Assistants would be for the Las Vegas area. Noting, however, that one of the Dental Assistant positions is currently employed under emergency act funds and this would not be a new hire but a transfer of funding to the State.

Some Title XIX funds would be used to off-set some increases in this budget request.

Maternal, Child, School and Special Children (including Crippled Children) (pages 239-241). General explanation as outlined in budget.

Bureau of Community Health Services (242-244). General explanation as outlined in budget. It was noted that Prison Inmate Stipend is actually money needed to transport TB patients.

Mr. Tom Wilson gave a brief explanation of the ambulance training in the various counties.

Chairman Mello announced that on the 20th and 21st of February there would be no meeting of the Ways and Means Committee, instead this time would be allotted to the Sub-Committees.

Milk Inspection Revolving Fund (248). General explanation as outlined, noting that it is requested that the fund be reduced from \$5,000 to \$1,000. Discussion followed on the recent Bill introduced increasing the length of time a milk sample will be retained. This Bill was requested by the Health Department.

Vital Statistics (249-250). Vertually no changes in budget. Explanation as outlined.

Environmental Health budget presented by Mr. Gregory. Pages 251-254.

General explanation as outlined on pages 253-254. It was noted that the Special Reports section is for the surveillance of Lake Tahoe pollution, for publication of reports, analysis, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM with the requested that the Health Department continue explanation of their budget requests at 8:00 AM on Monday morning, the 5th of February, 1973.