

MINUTES

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

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

Present: Chairman Mello, Vice-Chairman Schofield, Messrs. Hafen, Robinson, Smith, Prince, Howard and Dreyer. Mr. Capurro had an excused absence.

Also Present: John Dolan, Randy Webb, Ron Sparks and Bill Bible. Verlyn Fletcher for DMV.

Representing DMV:

secretary note

- ✓ Howard Hill, Director
- James Lambert, Supervisor, NHP
- ✓ John Borda, Highway Safety Coordinator
- ✓ Leonard Winkelman, Internal Auditor
- ✓ Hale Bennett, Chief, Automation Division
- ✓ John Ciardella, Chief, Registration Division
- Bill Fitzpatrick, Chief, Driver's License Division
- W.W. Richards, Chief, Motor Carrier Division
- Walter Hull, Inspector, Motor Carrier Division
- ✓ Ron Cassingham, Services, NHP

Motion to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of February 26, 1973, made by Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

Introduction of Howard Hill for DMV. The main focus of the budget for this biennium is on more personnel and on highway safety. On page 522 request for funds for new license plates, is to be removed entirely from the budget. The 1974-75 Raw Materials line item request should be \$204,675 under Governor Recommends column. This would bring the total operating expense figure to \$274,535. Appn. From Other Funds should be FY 73-74 \$1,114,649; and for FY 74-75 should be \$1,105,704.

New Positions. Hearings Officer: The Department at this time does not have a Hearings Officer. Hearings are held for suspension of driver's licenses; implied consent, financial responsibility, etc. Requesting one Hearings Officer to be headquartered in Reno to handle hearings. Employees presently used for this purpose are spending enough time to warrant one full-time position.

The Senior Clerk Typist would handle the secretarial duties for the Hearings Officer.

The In-State Travel line item has been increased due to the addition of the Hearings Officer to allow a trip to Las Vegas every second week.

Print Duplicating Copy: Required by law to print 350 copies of the Motor Vehicle Code. Last year the cost of this printing was \$6,622.

Other Furniture and Equipment relates to an increase in the training program. This would be equipment needed for this purpose, projectors, films, etc.

Adv. Public Relations Expense: Last year were funded for a Public Information Officer, but did not receive a budget for this position. Therefore, \$2,500 was requested this year for the PIO's budget.

Introduction of Colonel James Lambert, Supervisor of the Nevada Highway Patrol.

New Positions. Communications Center Operator: For Carson City, funded last year by a grant from LEAA. These funds established a criminal justice system which is used by all of the enforcement bodies in the State. This center is in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year 'round.

Key Punch Operator: Funded through a Federal program at the present time, the National Highway Safety Administration. Their position is that the State have one reporting and gathering system for statistical accident coverage. By maintaining only the two positions they will only be capable of covering Highway Patrol reports and not all statistical accident reports recommended to be included by the National Highway Safety Administration, i.e. Sheriff's, local police departments, etc.

Zone I (Las Vegas): Operator, Communication Center: Needed because of the increased traffic load, particularly during the late hours. Senior Clerk Typist: Backlog of accident reports running approximately 60 to 90 days late.

Zone II (Reno): Same request as for Zone I for the same reasons.

Zone III request for Senior Clerk typist positions (2.5). There is presently one position allocated to Zone III and it is impossible to keep up with the paperwork. The Department is also unable to keep several offices open from 8 to 5.

Overtime: Never had the capability to pay overtime. Presently allowing compensatory time for overtime hours worked. This has resulted in the number of highway deaths occurring on weekends following a major three-day holiday weekend. It is felt that by paying overtime the rate of accidents will decrease on the follow-up weekends. This \$45,000 will allow overtime pay for the three major holiday weekends.

Printing & Duplicating: Required by statute to have a standardized accident reporting form. Standards set by the National Highway Safety Administration for the State. The Department is required to furnish these forms to all agencies. The recommended amount of \$16,000 will not be adequate to cover the cost of printing these

forms and they will have to short some other account.

Contractual Services: Transposition of categories.

Cloth. & Uniform Allow.: Approximately \$15.00 per month paid to patrolmen for their uniforms. Propose to increase this to \$25.00 per month. Patrolmen are required to buy their uniforms. There is no compensation made to patrolmen for uniforms ruined in the line of duty.

Special Reports: Used for blood alcohol tests, printing of film used in investigation of an accident, narcotic screen tests, etc.

The money budgeted here under Other Furniture & Equipment in the amount of \$72,000 for a micro wave unit in the Las Vegas area has been transferred to the Highway Department budget. If it is not funded to the Highway Department it should be funded under this budget. Also supplies total communication systems for 13 counties.

Use of General Fund appropriation rather than increase the \$1.00 fee to accommodate additional patrolmen. It was felt that there was enough money in the General Fund to do this.

Chairman Mello pointed out that the budget has increased 17.6%, while generation of funds has only been 4.7%. The program should be self-supporting and not have to go into General Funds.

New Positions (A.B. 271): There has been a change in the designated areas for the requested personnel. Six officers to Las Vegas area and two additional to Zone III area. This program has been in effect for six years, assigning patrolmen to where the problems are. (Selective enforcement.)

The remainder of the budget will have to be heard at a later date.

Break taken at 9:15 for 10 minutes.

Introduction of Joe Anderson on behalf of the Nevada State Library.

Federal funds will not be available for FY 74-75 - the Law Division is not affected by the termination of Federal Funds. The construction budget is totally Federally funded and other programs are drastically affected.

Gerry Watson. Total Federal funds in budget: \$397,531. Of this amount \$110,003 was for construction projects and \$287,528 represented a direct service program for library services. The main thing affected by the cutback will be the services to institutions and services to the handicapped.

Barbara White explained the general feeling of those working with the law library as regards the transfer to control by the Supreme Court and the transfer of the budget out of the State Library budget.

The following people spoke on behalf of the Nevada Center for Cooperative Library Services:

Billie M. Polson, President Nevada Library Assoc.
Sally Bonhan, Proctor Hugh High School Librarian
Haille Gunn, Elko County Library
Thomas W. Hollis, Henderson District Library
Rae Clemison, Supervisor, NCCLS
Verlin M. Davis, Nevada Council on Libraries
Mary Noyes, Washoe County Library, Reno
Mary Frazzini, Washoe County
Nellie S. Laird, Library Advisory Committee
Wally Kurtz, NCCLB
Ross Morres, Exec. Director, Indian Affairs Commission

Generally everyone voiced strong support for the services that are available to all libraries through cooperation with the NCCLS. It is quite apparent that without the help of the Nevada State Library and the NCCLS that small rural libraries would have a difficult time in obtaining books for their users. They are also able to enjoy a greater discount by purchasing books through the NCCLS, 38% as compared to a possible 33%. Also, the time spent in cataloging books by the individual libraries would be reduced. Another plus factor is that the building presently occupied by the Center is paid for and the rent for the building is \$1.00 per year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25.