

MINUTES

Assembly

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

April 11, 1973

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 6:45 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Vice Chairman Schofield, Messrs. Dreyer, Robinson, Capurro, Hafen, Howard, Smith and Prince.

ALSO PRESENT: John Dolan Randy Webb and Ron Sparks.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 9, 1973, made by Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed.

On salaries that do not coincide with recommendations made by the Senate Finance Committee, the following actions or recommendations were made by the Committee. All nay votes listed following title.

Director, Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources.....	Senate.....	\$23,792
Director, Dept. of Administration.....	Senate.....	25,500
Administrator, Colorado River Commission.....	Senate.....	21,500
Chairman, Gaming Control Board.....	Assembly....	23,000
Supt. Public Instruction (nay Mr. Schofield).....	Senate.....	24,750
State Planning Board Manager.....	Senate.....	23,938
Public Defender.....	Senate.....	21,000
Commissioner of Insurance.....	Senate.....	20,000
Exec. Secretary, Public Employee's Retirement Board... (nays Mr. Schofield) Mr. Howard recommended that this salary be increased no more than \$22,500. Committee Agreed.	Assembly....	19,883 25,000
Real Estate Administrator.....	Assembly....	16,900

Mr. Ernest Newton appeared on behalf of the Nevada Taxpayer's Association regarding the recommended capitol improvements.

Mr. Newton first spoke on the proposed storage buildings (73-15, 73-F1, 73-F3, 73-F4, 73-F6). Mr. Newton stated that after checking with four suppliers of pre-fabricated buildings that pre-fab buildings can be obtained right off the shelf at \$8.50 to \$10.60 per square foot. These costs do not include; sewage or water lines, soil testing or site preparation. To install a heater in 73-F3 it would cost approximately \$2,000 for any size up to 2500 square feet.

He feels that all pre-fab buildings as listed in the budget are seriously overpriced, and he couldn't understand why when it only took him about 15 minutes to get the prices. There are at least a dozen different sizes available.

The proposed costs as recommended for these projects run about \$22.00 per square foot.

Mr. Newton stated that he knew of a prime example of a pre-fab building right here in Carson City which was built at a cost of \$8.00 per square foot, and it is certainly more elaborate than a plain storage building.

Mr. Newton stated that these buildings could be built at half the price quoted and that the State should not pay over \$12.00 per square foot for pre-fab buildings.

Mr. Hafen brought up the point of the 10% fee which is built into construction costs for on-site inspection.

Mr. Robinson agreed that the amount of 10% is excessive and that on several buildings that he had built in Las Vegas the on-site inspection costs only ran about 4% which could be a little high.

Mr. Schofield stated that a 3% inspection fee is standard.

Mr. Dolan stated that they don't spend 10% on every project, that they have the authority to go up to 10%.

Mr. Newton, in reply to a question by Mr. Prince, stated that these buildings are ready to move into once they have been set up.

Project 73-13, State Office Building. Mr. Newton stated that the State is currently charging the agencies for State owned property somewhere in the neighborhood of 30-33¢ per square foot for occupancy of State owned property. These charges range all the way from 29¢ to 33¢ in Carson City. On the other hand, there is some 50,000 to 60,000 square feet of space being rented in Carson City from private landlords. The cost for this space is 33-1/3¢ per square foot. We suggest that the construction of the new building will very likely follow this same pattern. The projection for next year and the year after are for substantial increases in costs of State owned building rent to 41¢ to 47¢ per s.f. Even after the buildings are completely paid for the State would still charge the agencies the same as for rented landlord space. The difference between rented space and State owned agency rent works out to less than 2¢ per square foot.

Mr. Hafen stated that he knew office space could be rented, including janitorial services and utilities for 50¢ per square foot. Some of the office buildings right here in Carson City rented are being charged 30-32¢ per square foot but what isn't mentioned is that about 1/3 of the current Buildings & Grounds budget is in an unidentified contingency type fund so if you want to amortize that back you are talking about 45¢ per square foot. On a privately owned building you would pay taxes and when it has outlived its usefulness you move on. The State building in Las Vegas is a prime example of this.

Dr. Robinson stated that the charges for FY74-75 will be .457¢ per square foot.

Mr. Newton said that it is now cheaper to rent than own and that if there is an inefficient way to do most anything you can look to

Government to do it.

Project 73-1: Motion to approve by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

Project 73-2: Motion to approve by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Prince. Motion passed.

Project 73-3: Motion to approve by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Howard. Motion passed.

Project 73-4: Motion to approve by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Smith. Mr. Capurro questioned whether the State was responsible for providing these improvements, or whether the Highway Dept. should have the responsibility. Motion passed.

Project 73-5: Question as to whether the dining facility should be a pre-fab building. Since it will be connected to an existing building it was felt it should follow the same architectural lines. Motion to approve by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Howard. Motion passed.

Project 73-6: Motion to approve by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Schofield. Motion passed.

Project 73-7: Motion to approve by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Smith. Motion passed.

Project 73-8: Decision to hold for explanation by Bill Hancock.

Project 73-9: Motion to approve by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Schofield. Motion passed.

Project 73-10: Motion to approve by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed.

Project 73-11: Motion to approve by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Smith. Motion passed.

Project 73-12: Motion to approve by Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

Project 73-13: Motion to delete by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Hafen. Motion failed. Motion to approve by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Prince. Nays: Mr. Capurro. Motion passed.

Project 73-14: Motion to approve by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Prince. Motion passed.

Project 73-15: Mr. Capurro moved to deny the request. Second by Mr. Schofield. Discussion: Mr. Schofield said that he agreed with Mr. Newton and that we should study what he recommends on the pre-fab buildings. Mr. Smith made a motion to amend the motion allowing \$77,000 total for the project cost. (70% of proposed project cost added 10% for inspection costs). Second by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the project at \$77,000 by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Smith. Motion passed.

Project 73-16: Motion to approve by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

State Office Building, Las Vegas: Motion to approve by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

Health, Welfare & Rehab Building: Motion to approve by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed.

Rejuvenate Landscaping: Motion to approve by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Prince. Motion passed.

Re-Paint Capitol & Octagon Exteriors: Motion to approve by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Howard. Motion passed.

Re-paint Las Vegas State Office Building: Motion to approve by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

Roof State Reservoirs: Motion to approve by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed.

Remove Access Barriers on State Buildings: Motion to approve by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

Break taken at 7:55 for 10 minutes.

A.B. 767: Mrs. Mary Rusko and Mrs. Robert Myles representing the Nevada Archaeological Association and Mr. Thomas C. Wilson representing the Nevada State Museum appeared on behalf of this bill.

Currently this is an informal agreement of cooperation between the University of Nevada, the State Museum and the Nevada Archaeological Association. This bill would provide a program which would strengthen the existing programs and formalize the existing cooperative agreements between these institutions. This budget is one which will augment the existing budgets for archaeological study for these institutions so they will be able to specifically meet the crisis of encroachment on archaeological finds.

They are requesting the following positions: full time Archaeologist with a Ph.D. or equivalent at \$11,500 per year & fringe benefits; a Arch. Assistant in Las Vegas for \$8,000 per year & fringe benefits; one-half time secretary in Las Vegas; part-time photographer in Las Vegas; and a Arch. Assistant at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City. All of these positions would include besides salary the accompanying fringe benefits.

Mr. Dolan pointed out that there is a deficiency in the requested fundings if all of these positions are created.

Mrs. Rusko stated that they didn't realize that the requested appropriation was only for one year. It was their intention that once this program was funded it would be in existence forever.

Mr. Wilson presented the basic position of the Nevada State Museum regarding this bill. See attached #1. He also read to the Committee some proposed amendments to be made to this bill. See attached #2.

Mrs. Myles stated that her group had some amendments also which agree with the proposed amendments made by Mr. Wilson.

Assemblywoman Jean Ford appeared on behalf of A.B. 366. This bill would create a produce for the preparation and distribution of a ballot pamphlet. This would help explain to the public what the questions are on the ballot and the effect they would have. Most people just don't vote on questions because they don't understand what the questions mean.

Printing and mailing costs would be approximately \$13,500. \$130 to prepare analysis for each measure.

Project 73-F1: Moved by Mr. Smith total project cost \$21,150. Second by Mr. Capurro. Motion passed.

Project 73-F2: Motion to approve by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed.

Project 73-F3: Moved by Mr. Smith total project cost \$25,350. Second by Mr. Capurro. Motion passed.

Project 73-F4: Moved by Mr. Smith total project cost \$10,540. Second by Mr. Schofield. Motion passed.

Project 73-F5: Motion by Mr. Robinson to delete appropriation request. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed. It was felt that the Fish & Game Agent could utilize a mobile home at a lesser cost.

Mr. Hancock was called upon at this time as to whether it would still be necessary to have the \$50,000 appropriated for a study of the Capital Building since the additional personnel have been added to the State Planning Board budget.

Mr. Hancock stated that the type of study and analysis that was necessary could only be done by a firm or individual that is well versed in preservation of older structures. He gave the name of a firm from Los Angeles, that is presently working in Las Vegas for the AEC, that has done this type of study. Cases cited were the White House in Washington, D.C., the Capital Building in Indiana and the Capital Building in Sacramento, California.

Project 73-8: Motion to approve by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Schofield. Motion passed.

Mr. Capurro made the motion to reconsider Project 73-13. Second by Mr. Hafen. Motion failed.

Chairman Mello stated that he couldn't see any reason to go over and over these items time after time.

Project 73-U1: Motion to approve by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Capurro. Motion passed.

Project 73-U2: Motion to approve by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

Project 73-U3: Mr. Howard moved to delete this project. Motion failed lack of a second. Motion to approve by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Schofield. Motion passed.

Project 73-U4: Motion to approve by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Howard. Motion passed.

Project 73-U5: Motion to approve by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

Project 73-U6: Motion to approve by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Schofield. Motion passed.

Project 73-U7: Motion to approve by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Schofield. Motion passed.

Project 73-U8: Motion to approve by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

Project 73-U9: Motion to approve by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Smith. Considerable discussion was had as to whether the funding for this project, which is the last priority project of the State Planning Board & the University System, be diverted to A.B. 444 which would provide funding for Phase III of the Clark County Community College. Mr. Schofield stated that he is going to withdraw his support of this bill because it would not be feasible at this time to start Phase III when Phase I has not been completed. Motion passed. Nays: Mr. Robinson.

A.B. 597: This bill is for money to finish the construction and furnishing of the Elko Community College. Move do pass by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Howard. Mr. Capurro made a motion to amend Mr. Smith's motion and reduce the appropriation to \$100,000.

Second by Mr. Robinson. Motion failed. Mr. Smith's motion passed.

Continuation of salary recommendations by the Committee:

Deputy Warden.....	Assembly....	\$17,664
Labor Commissioner.....	Assembly....	17,664
State Forester Firewarden.....	Assembly....	17,908
Deputy State Controller.....	Senate	16,500
Administrator, State Park System.....	Assembly....	18,774 50
Supt. of the Department of State Printing.....	Senate	19,200
Chief Assistant, Dept. of HWR.....	Assembly....	19,430
Director, State Museum.....	Assembly....	14,300
Press Secretary (Governor).....	Assembly....	16,500
Executive Secretary, Historical Society.....	Assembly....	11,700
Deputy, Industry, Economic Development.....	Senate	14,681
Deputy, Tourism, Economic Development.....	Senate	14,500
Secretary, Parole and Probation Board.....	Assembly....	14,000
Director, Brand Inspection Division.....	Senate	11,300
Curator, Lost City Museum.....	Senate	10,700
Chief Assistant, State Treasurer's Office.....	Senate	10,000
Chief Assistant, Real Estate Division.....	Assembly....	10,200
Chief Assistant, Employment Security Department.....	Senate	9,242
Administrative Secretary, Tax Commission.....	Senate	9,242
Attendant, Lost City Museum.....	Assembly....	6,923

Mr. Howard moved to accept the Governor's Recommendation on all salaries listed under Subsection 26 and 27 of Section 2. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

Addendum:

Assistant Controller.....	Assembly....	15,500
Executive Director, Bicentennial Commission.....	Senate	13,200

Meeting adjourned until 7:00 PM, April 11, 1973.

BASIC POSITION OF THE NEVADA STATE MUSEUM

ON THE NEVADA ARCHEOLOGICAL
SURVEY.

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1. The the principle of a statewide survey to help protect and research the archeological resources of our state is highly desireable.
2. That such a Survey (as is common in other states) must have a permanent policy making board, representing the parent organizations. In this case such a board would be the Nevada State Museum and University of Nevada System. It should be so structured that when similar organizations with full time professional archeologists on their staffs wish to participate in the Survey, flexibility to allow expansion of the policy making board should be provided.
3. That such a Survey should have an administrative head with power to act administratively appointed by the policy making board and serving subject to their policies.
4. That the present state institutions which have been active in the field of archeology must be protected and allowed to continue to be active in this field as they have in the past including but not limited to have professional archeologists on their staffs, accept grants and endowments and gifts, perform salvage archeology and archeological surveys, explorations excavations, research, collecting, displaying, publishing scientific papers.
5. That any state institutions with staff members participating in any manner within the Nevada Archeological Survey, shall continue to have full authority over their staff members .

(a new section)
SECTION 21

1. Nothing in this Act shall reduce or limit the archeological activities of the Nevada State Museum and the University of Nevada System as conducted in past years, including but not limited to contracting for archeological surveys, salvage, consultation, education, research, field exploration, collecting, displaying, publishing scientific and other papers, accepting gifts, grants, and endowments, nor limit or reduce any authorities or responsibilities of same

2. The Nevada State Museum and the University of Nevada System shall continue to have full ~~power~~ authority as in the past over all of their employees or staff members, active in any manner with the Nevada Archeological Survey.

(amending provisions now in the Act)

SECTION 11

Line 35

Strike out the word "advisory"

Line 37

Add the following -- and to establish policies for the Nevada Archeological Survey,

and to appoint or hire as they deem suitable, an administrative

officer to be called Director with ^{the} general management powers

~~of~~ of any administrative head of a department of state government,

with suitable salary.

Line 39

Add the following-- " with the provision that two members will be chosen from the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada System and two members will be chosen from the Board of Trustees of the Nevada State Museum.."

SECTION 12, line 2

Add the following..." Actual costs of preparing the annual evaluation shall be paid with funds from the Nevada Archeological Survey."

SECTION 20 Line 48

Add the following -- Funds from contracts or activities of the Nevada Archeological Survey may be used to defray operating expenses of the survey and _____