

Assembly

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

April 4, 1975

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN DINI
 VICE-CHAIRMAN MURPHY
 ASSEMBLYMAN CRADDOCK
 ASSEMBLYMAN HARMON
 ASSEMBLYMAN MAY
 ASSEMBLYMAN MOODY
 ASSEMBLYMAN FORD
 ASSEMBLYMAN YOUNG

MEMBERS ABSENT: ASSEMBLYMAN SCHOFIELD

ALSO PRESENT: James Lambert, Nevada Highway Patrol
 Ron Stroup, Crime Commission
 John MacDonald, Highway Department
 Carrol T. Nevin, Crime Commission
 Mr. Stan Warren, Nevada Bell
 Bob Gregory, State Civil Devense
 Mr. Bill Shewan, Nevada Highway Department
 William E. Edwards, M.D., Health Division
 E. L. Newton, NTA
 L. D. Nordan, Fish and Game
 W. G. Parsons, Nevada Fish and Game

(The following bill was discussed at this meeting: A.B. 161).

Mr. Dini called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

The first bill on the agenda to be discussed was A.B. 161, which establishes state communications system.

Mr. Carrol Nevin of the Crime Commission testified. A copy of Mr. Nevin's testimony is attached to the minutes of this meeting and made a part hereof, together with a copy of his proposed amendments with regard to this bill.

Mr. Dini asked if it is possible to develop a system in conjunction with the telephone company.

Mr. Nevin stated that this bill does not allow a statewide telephone system and that that was not the intent of this bill.

Mr. John McDonald of the Highway Department testified next.

Mr. McDonald referred to a chart which he explained to the committee. The chart explained what a microwave system was. Mr. McDonald stated that the goal is to provide a VHF communications system. He stated that they have a wide range of communications control requirements. The principal purpose of the system was to link together various mountaintop sites with a loop system.

Mr. Dini asked if their system was based on districts.

Mr. McDonald stated that their requirement is to have the communications to cover the districts. The Highway Patrol has a similar requirement. They have a requirement for a large number of VHF repeater sites.

Mrs. Ford asked how this would become part of the emergency medical capability.

Mr. McDonald stated that they have a requirement for a regional management of resources. This system provides the Emergency Medical Service with capabilities of remote radio stations. There are three regions - Reno - Elko and Las Vegas.

Mrs. Ford asked which one of these people on the board would represent their interest in the on-going establishment of this.

Mr. Nevin stated that Dr. Edwards was here.

Mr. McDonald stated that the Health Department has asked the board to manage the system for them. The Board, in its entirety, would be managing it.

Mr. Young asked if the stations in the northeast portion of the state were there now.

Mr. McDonald stated yes.

Mr. Dini asked if this is what they intended to do with the new grant of \$500,000.

Mr. McDonald stated yes. They have requested S.B. 140. It has passed the Senate Finance Committee and provides funds to put in the remaining spurs.

Mr. May asked what the timetable was on completion and when the system would be fully operative.

Mr. McDonald stated that the backbone will be completed by June of 1977. The original plan has been to build a system that we can add to. It has been designed so that it can be added to in increments.

Mr. May referred to altitudes and climate control.

Mr. McDonald stated that they have provided their own insulation on the buildings. The highway department has put in its own sites. He stated that the highway patrol also has. He stated that they have

contracted some services but it has largely been on their own.

Mr. Moody asked if the Highway Department was completely independent.

Mr. Lambert, Chief of the Highway Department stated that it is independent. He stated that they were also not completely divorced from the other agencies. 13 counties and 9 cities depend on the Highway Patrol. They are inter-tied. They furnish a great deal of communication to cities and counties. It has been a community effort.

Mr. Ron Stroop of the Crime Commission testified next.

He referred to the federal grant that was awarded to provide for equipment and construction of the system. The award was \$648,000 and the remaining money is \$548,000. The monies that are there will only complete the microwave system as far as equipment for mountaintops. It has not provided money for spurs. He stated that this would give them a very good control system.

Mrs. Ford referred to Section 14. She stated that she believed there was an error in this section and that it should be Section 11. Mr. Nevin stated that she was correct. Mr. Nevin stated that he felt that public hearings are certainly desirable.

Dr. Edwards testified next. He stated that the State Health Department endorses and supports this bill. He further stated that they had 53 ambulance companies and that 51 are volunteers. This is a vital part of their system. They will probably require 9 channels on the microwave system. It would also help provide for a 911 emergency phone number throughout the state.

Mr. Murphy asked if this would help with the formation of the 911 number.

Mr. Edwards stated that \$400,000 would take care of the hardware. He stated that they would pursue the federal funds.

Mr. Murphy stated that he was presently working on a 911 emergency number bill and that he would like to discuss this with Dr. Edwards at his convenience.

Mr. McDonald stated that the microwave would support the 911 system. He stated that it would provide service.

Mrs. Ford asked what kind of agreements they would have to have for the 911 telephone number.

Dr. Edward stated that they would have to have agreements with the 27 telephone companies. Mr. McDonald stated that it involves all the public jurisdictions.

Mr. McDonald stated that there could also be a zenith 12,000 number. He stated that the Highway Patrol has agreed to help the Emergency Medical Service handle the 911 number so that it can be implemented.

Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Lambert if they had had a good response on the 12,000 number. Mr. Lambert stated yes. They dispatch 90% of the ambulances.

Chief Allen of Yerington stated that they support the bill and that they want to see better communications.

Mr. Young asked how many different services can be relayed out and if there was a limit.

Mr. McDonald stated that there is a limited number and that there were 480 channels and that with FHA approval they could go to 600.

Mr. May asked if the bill would be effective July 1, 1975.

Mr. McDonald stated yes it would.

Mr. Murphy referred to Section 9, page 1 of the bill and stated that there are no local people on the board and that it was all at state level. He stated that they have heard complaints about the state coming up with good ideas. Mr. Murphy stated that some from local law enforcement should be involved.

Mr. Hill stated that it was their intent that Mr. Nevin would represent all local law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Nevin stated that that was the reason for subsection 4, Section 11 on page 2. That was put in at the request of the local and county law enforcement. Mr. Murphy stated that his concern is who was on the board.

Mr. Lambert stated that with the bill as first drafted, the language was broad enough that any local entity that wanted to use the system could. It was not the intent to provide a complete communications system to other local entities. The local entities had specifically requested that they not be mentioned in this bill. If they wish to come on they may apply. He stated that the Highway Patrol is a division of the Department of Motor Vehicles. They are the only 24 hour state wide radio communications system in existence. They are not precluding local entities from entering on to the system if they so desire. They would not have a controlling influence.

Mrs. Ford referred to conservation.

Mr. Nevin stated that the Park Division has radio communications.

Mr. May stated that he understands that we have a partial communications system. He stated that this bill seeks to broaden and continue to perpetuate the system. He asked if this was VHF or UHF.

Mr. McDonald stated that this is super high frequency.

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Mr. McDonald stated that the state has already developed these mountaintop sites. The space is so that other agencies could put up their communications. This would be just for the use of the land.

Mr. Nevin stated that this is a source of income. Mr. McDonald stated that the income is in excess of \$9,000.

Mrs. Ford stated that they were creating a totally new chapter with this.

Mr. Hill stated that this was the suggestion of the LCB.

Mr. Stan Warren of Nevada Bell testified. He stated that he was testifying in opposition of the bill. He stated that everything that they have talked about has been related to mobil radio. He stated that if this was what this bill covered he would not be here right now. He stated that he favors improving mobil radio communications in the state of Nevada. He stated that this bill does not limit it to mobil units.

He stated that the system would have two basic purposes.

1. Mobil radio.
2. Telecommunications. He then referred to portions of the budget.

Mr. Warren stated that if this legislation is passed, that they could not be expected to provide them with stand by facilities.

Mr. Young referred to mobil radio and asked Mr. Warren to define it. Mr. Warren referred to the mountaintop sites.

Mrs. Ford asked if it would not be possible to put in the legislation some limitations that would clearly spell out the degree of the intent at this time.

Mr. Warren stated yes. Mr. Warren stated that there will be \$2,500,000 invested in this system and that this investment demands some kind of management. He does agree.

Mr. Dini asked if he thought the board would be able to manage.

Mr. Warren stated that it covers the broad scope of major users. As far as state government goes, they are the major users of the mobil services.

Mr. May stated that he agrees that government should not go into direct competition with private enterprise. He stated that Mr. Warren's primary quarrel is with the word communications.

Mr. Warren stated that with some basic modifications of the bill he would be satisfied with it.

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Mr. McDonald stated that they are prohibited by the FCC from providing communications systems. He stated that the telephone company is using part of their facilities in Austin, and that they were leasing services from the telephone company which they will continue to lease from the phone company because it is less expensive. The use of the system is for VHF communications. They have developed it for that purpose. They will not be competing with the phone company.

Mr. Dini asked what the definition of communication was.

Mr. May asked if this was from the LCB.

Mr. McDonald stated that it is a product of the original governor's executive order.

Mr. Lambert of the stated that cooperation has been excellent on both sides.

Mr. Dini stated that a subcommittee would be formed consisting of Mr. May, Mrs. Ford and himself to meet with Mr. Warren, Mr. Nevin, Mr. McDonald and members of the Nevada Highway Patrol to discuss language and that the committee would meet at 5:00 P.M. this evening.

Mr. May then requested permission to request a bill for a change in the charter of the City of North Las Vegas. All of the following members were in favor of Mr. May's request. Mr. Moody, Mr. Young, Mrs. Ford, Mr. May and Mr. Dini.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Gomez
Barbara Gomez,
Committee Secretary

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
FRIDAY,
Date APRIL 4, 1975 Time 8:00 A.M. Room 214

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Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

A.B. 161

Establishes state communications system.

Notify: Crime Commission (Mr. Nevin)
Mr. Warren and Mr. Newton
(Telephone Company)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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GUEST REGISTER

DATE: April 4, 1975

NAME	BILL #	REPRESENTING	TESTIFYING
James J. Lambert	AB161	NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL	
Ron Stroup	AB161	Crime Commission	
John Mackintosh	AB161	Highway Dept.	✓
Carol T. Nevin	AB-161	Crime Commission	
STAN WARREN	AB161	NEVADA BELL	✓
Bob Gregory	AB161	State Civil Defense	
Bill Shewan	AB161	Nev. Highway Dept.	
Wm Edwards	AB161	Health Div.	✓
E. H. Newton	✓	NTA	✓
L. D. Nordan	AB161	Fish & Game	
W. H. Parsons	AB161	Nev Fish & Game	

MR CHAIRMAN, MRS FORD AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS.

I AM CARROL NEVIN, DIRECTOR OF THE CRIME COMMISSION AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE. I HAVE BEEN ASKED
TO MAKE AN INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT REGARDING AB-161, A BILL
INTRODUCED LAST JANUARY AND SUMMARIZED AS A BILL TO ESTABLISH
A STATE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

TO SATISFY CONCERNS OF SEVERAL COUNTY AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCIES, A NUMBER OF MINOR CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE
BILL TO DELETE ANY REFERENCES WHICH MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS AN
EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE STATE TO EXERT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL
OVER LOCAL OR COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNICATIONS.

TO FURTHER ADDRESS CONCERNS OF LOCAL AGENCIES, WE HAVE ADDED
SUBPARAGRAPHS THREE AND FOUR OF SECTION 11 OF THE ACT.

YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED WITH A COPY OF THE AMENDED BILL AS
WELL AS A LETTER EXPLAINING THE REASONS FOR THE CHANGES.

IT IS MY FURTHER UNDERSTANDING THAT THE LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN
POLICE DEPARTMENT, THROUGH MR. BART JACKA, HAS RECOMMENDED THAT
THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE BE ADDED TO SECTION 11, SUBPARAGRAPH 4.
"OPERATING COSTS WILL BE ASSUMED BY THE CRIME COMMISSION WITH
EQUITABLE BILLINGS CHARGED TO USER AGENCIES".

I CAN SEE NO OBJECTION TO THIS ADDITION TO THE AMENDED BILL IF YOU DESIRE SUCH CHANGE.

THE IDEA OF DEVELOPING A STATE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IS NOT A NEW CONCEPT AND IN MY EXPERIENCE, GOES BACK AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS WHEN CONCERNS WERE EXPRESSED BY THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE STUDIED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THEIR CONSOLIDATION.

THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT WAS TO EFFECT SAVINGS AND ARRIVE AT A BETTER AND MORE EFFICIENT STATE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

IN 1969, AS RESULT OF AN ALMOST DISASTROUS FIRE IN THE MOUNTAINS WEST OF CARSON CITY, THEN GOVERNOR LAXALT CALLED FOR THE FORMATION OF AND AD HOC TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE.

THIS COMMITTEE TOOK INITIAL STEPS IN STUDYING THE SYSTEM AND IN ITS EFFICIENCY, IMPROVEMENT AND POSSIBLE CONSOLIDATION.

IN 1971, AS RESULT OF A LEGISLATIVE MANDATE, A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT WAS PREPARED BY MR QUINTIN PROCHASKA WHICH RECOMMENDED THE CONSOLIDATION OF ALL STATE COMMUNICATIONS INTO A STATE MICROWAVE SYSTEM BASED ON MOUNTAIN TOP REPEATERS LOCATED ON SITES ALREADY DEVELOPED BY THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND THE HIGHWAY PATROL.

MR PROCHASKA'S SURVEY AND REPORT REAFFIRMED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF POSSIBLY SIX OR SEVEN PRIOR REPORTS AND WAS SUPPORTED BY A SUBSEQUENT STUDY REQUESTED BY THE CRIME COMMISSION.

IN APRIL 1972, GOVERNOR O'CALLAGHAN BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, CREATED THE COMMUNICATIONS BOARD CONSISTING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS VITALLY CONCERNED WITH A RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM:

- CIVIL DEFENSE and DISASTER AGENCY
- DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
- STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER
- DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME
- DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
- DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
- DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

THIS BOARD WAS CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING AN EFFICIENT RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR JOINT USE BY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THE STATE AND TO CONSOLIDATE AND COORDINATE ALL COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT. THE BOARD HAS CONSCIENTIOUSLY ATTEMPTED TO CARRY OUT THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

IN 1972, THE CRIME COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FILED AN APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION FOR \$548,680.00,

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IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE SO CALLED BACKBONE MICROWAVE SYSTEM WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASPECT OF THE SYSTEM.

AFTER CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSY AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, THE AWARD WAS MADE IN 1974.

THE STATE HAS ALREADY INVESTED APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN THE SYSTEM. THE COMPLETED SYSTEM WILL BENEFIT THE ENTIRE STATE, AFFORDING ASSISTANCE TO THE LESS POPULATED COUNTIES AS WELL AS CLARK AND WASHOE COUNTIES.

NUMEROUS AGENCIES ARE ANXIOUS TO UTILIZE THE SYSTEM WHICH IS EMERGENCY ORIENTED WITH RELIABILITY AND PRIVACY BUILT IN. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DESIRES CHANNELS, VARIOUS COUNTY SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS DESIRE ROOM FOR SCHOOL BUS RADIOS FOR EMERGENCY CALLS, THE CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER AGENCY HAS A VITAL ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF THE SYSTEM. ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL, HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED CHANNELS ON A HIGH PRIORITY BASIS. THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, THE MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT AND THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL, HAVE VITAL NEEDS AS DO THE FISH AND GAME, CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES, GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE. THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM HAS REQUESTED CHANNEL ALLOCATION.

THE SYSTEM IS DESIGNED WITH EXPANSION OF SERVICES IN MIND. IT SHOULD BE APPARENT THAT THIS IS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE A STATEWIDE SYSTEM AVAILABLE TO ANY AGENCY DEMONSTRATING A NEED.

THE SYSTEM IS COMPLEX AND TECHNICAL AND DESIGNED FOR RELIABILITY, EFFICIENCY, SECURITY AND PRIVACY.

A STATUTORY BOARD, A DIRECTOR AND A MINIMUM SUPPORTIVE STAFF, IS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE THE SYSTEM. MAINTENANCE IS ESSENTIAL. RESEARCH TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM AND CONSTANT MONITORING OF ITS USE IS AN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT. SOMEONE MUST ADMINISTER THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE SYSTEM AS IT WILL BE SUPPORTED BY FUNDS FROM THE NUMEROUS USER AGENCIES APPORTIONED ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF CHANNELS REQUIRED AND THEIR USE.

THE BOARD, DIRECTOR AND STAFF WILL HAVE OTHER DUTIES CONCERNED WITH LICENSING OF USERS, PREPARATION OF CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE USERS OF MOUNTAIN TOP LOCATIONS, PREVENTION OF INTERFERENCES AND OTHER TECHNICAL MATTERS.

THE CREATION OF A STATUTORY BOARD AND STAFF WITH POWERS OUTLINED IN THE ACT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE PROGRESS OF THE STATE IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNICATIONS.

MR MACDONALD, MR STROUP AND MR PROCHASKA ARE AVAILABLE TO
ANSWER ANY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

WE THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF MAKING THIS PRESENTATION.

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WILLIAM P. BEKO
CHAIRMANCARROL T. NEVIN
DIRECTOR

Commission on Crime, Delinquency, and Corrections

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March 31, 1975

Assembly Government Affairs Committee

Honorable Joseph Dini, Chairman
 Honorable Robert G. Craddock, Member
 Honorable Jean Ford, Member
 Honorable Harley L. Harmon, Member
 Honorable Paul W. May, Member RE: AB-161
 Honorable Don A. Moody, Member
 Honorable Patrick M. Murphy, Member
 Honorable James W. Schofield, Member
 Honorable Roy Young, Member ✓

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members:

As a Member of the Communications Board, established by Governor Mike O'Callaghan, on April 10, 1972, it is my understanding that Members of the Board will be afforded an opportunity to appear before the Assembly Government Affairs Committee on Friday, April 4, 1975, to discuss AB-161.

The Bill was introduced on January 30, 1975, and relates to a Statewide Communications System, principally including the completion of the State Microwave System. Several technical studies have preceded the introduction of the Bill.

The Bill met with some initial resistance from local and county law enforcement agencies who felt the Act might result in a State takeover of their individual systems. To clarify and eliminate such conceptions, all reference to local or county units of government have been deleted.

Deletions of Page One, Lines 16 and 17, reflect response to these concerns as well as other references to local units which have been deleted.

Concerns were also voiced by local and county law enforcement agencies that control of the allocation of microwave frequencies for law enforcement be permanently placed under the Crime Commission.

In response to this concern, the amended Bill, under Section 11, Subparagraphs 3 and 4, permanently assigns responsibility of allocation of law enforcement microwave channels permanently in the Crime Commission.

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Assembly Government Affairs Committee
AB-161

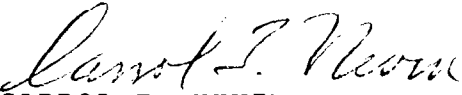
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We feel that the amended Bill answers all of the concerns of local and county officials as expressed to us to date.

A copy of the amended Bill is forwarded herewith to afford you an opportunity to review it prior to our scheduled meeting with you on April 4, 1975.

We appreciate the privilege of appearing before your Committee.

Sincerely,


CARROL T. NEVIN
Director

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Attachment

cc: Mr. Stan Warren
Mr. Ernest Newton

SUMMARY- An Act relating to the Creation of a State Communications Board

SECTION 1. Title 18 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act.

SEC 2. As used in this chapter, the terms defined in sections 3 to 6, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in such sections.

SEC. 3. "Agency means an officer, board, commission, council, department, division, bureau or any other unit of government except the political subdivisions of this state.

SEC. 4. "Board" means the state communications board.

SEC. 5. "Communication" means any transmission, emission or reception of signs, signals, writings, images or sounds which convey intelligence of any nature by wire, radio, optical or other electromagnetic systems.

SEC. 6. "State communications system" means communication equipment and associated facilities owned, leased or used by state agencies.

SEC. 7. "Director" means the state communications director.

SEC. 8. The legislature finds and declares that a statewide system of state communications is vital to the security and welfare of the state during times of emergency and in the conduct of its regular business, and that economies may be realized by joint use of the system by all state agencies. It is the purpose of the legislature that a statewide system of communications be developed whereby maximum efficiency in the joint use of existing communications systems is achieved and that all communication functions and activities of state agencies be coordinated.

SEC. 9. There is hereby established a state communications board composed of the:

1. Director of the Civil Defense and Disaster Agency;
2. Director of the Department of General Services;
3. Director of the Department of Law Enforcement Assistance
4. Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles;
5. Director of the Nevada Department of Fish and Game;
6. Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; and
- .. State Highway Engineer.

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SEC. 10. 1. The board shall elect a chairman and such other officers as it deems necessary from among its members. Each officer shall serve 1 year and until a successor is elected by the board. Board officers may be reelected.

2. The board shall meet at least quarterly and at such times and places as are specified by a call of the chairman or any two members of the board.

Four members of the board constitute a quorum.

3. Each member of the board shall:

(a). Designate a permanent voting alternate to represent him at board meetings in his absence.

(b) Appoint a technical representative to serve on a technical advisory committee which is hereby created to serve the board.

4. Members of the board and the technical advisory committee shall serve without compensation.

SEC. 11. 1. The board shall establish and implement policy respecting the development, administration and operation of the state communications system.

2. Regulations governing the joint use of the state communications system shall establish a minimum standard for such use and are supplemental to rules or regulations of the Federal Communication Commission on the same subject.

3. Microwave channels assigned to user agencies by the board prior to July 1, 1975, shall not be re-assigned without the concurrence of the user agency.

4. Microwave channels shall be assigned permanently to the Crime Commission for assignment by the Commission to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies as the Crime Commission may desire.

SEC. 12. 1. The board shall fix the qualifications of and appoint the State Communications Director who shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

2. The director is in the unclassified service of the state, and is entitled to the per diem expense allowances and travel expenses provided by law.

3. The director shall not engage in any other gainful employment or occupation.

SEC. 13. All state agencies shall provide the state communications board with any information which the board requests for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this chapter, except where the disclosure of such information is expressly prohibited by law, and otherwise cooperate and assist to the maximum extent possible in the development and joint use of the state communications system.

SEC. 14. Except as provided in Section 14 of this act, with the approval of the board, the state communications director shall:

1. Consolidate the communications systems and services of state agencies and provide for their joint use by federal and state agencies.

2. Prepare plans and engineering, conduct studies and review planning for the orderly development of the state communications system.

3. Procure, install and maintain and purchase or lease communications equipment, facilities and services.

4. Consolidate state procurement required on a periodic basis in accordance with specifications approved by the board.

5. Enter into and administer agreements involving the state communications system including but not limited to agreements to provide available space to any private organization.

6. Develop a comprehensive system of equitable billings and charges for communications services provided in any consolidated or joint use system of communications. Such charges shall reflect as nearly as practicable the actual share of costs incurred on behalf of or for services rendered to a user agency.

7. Advise agencies of the state as to systems or methods to be used to meet communications requirements efficiently and effectively.

8. Assure that maintenance is performed on the state communications system efficiently and economically.

9. Prescribe regulations governing and standardize policies and procedures for the joint use of the state communications system.

10. Provide within his office a staff, consisting of personnel in the classified service of the state, adequate to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

SEC. 15. 1. Each state agency participating in the state communications system, unless otherwise provided by agreement with the board, shall:

(a) Develop operating procedures and maintain operational control over its radio communications network, including mobile radio systems.

(b) Establish criteria for radio service area coverage within the limits of its authority.

(c) Employ, control and supervise all personnel operating or maintaining radios, consoles, teletype machines and data terminals and having access to record files and message-handling facilities.

(d) Determine the amount of public safety radio services equipment it requires and which of its vehicles or locations will be radio-equipped.

(e) Determine its communications requirements respecting mobile radio equipment, public safety radio services and state-owned communications systems, and budget for such equipment and services.

(f) Maintain its communications equipment.

2. Each agency mentioned in subsection 1 may approve use of its radio communications network by others.

SEC. 16. 1. The state communications board may be substituted as the contracting party for any state agency in any existing agreements entered into by such agency respecting shared communications facilities and the board succeeds to all the rights and obligations of the substituted agency created by the agreement.

2. The board may collect and receive fees due on such agreements and any other agreements the board may enter pursuant to this chapter. All such fees shall be deposited in the state communications fund which is hereby created for the use of the board in defraying the costs of the state communications system. All claims against the fund shall be paid in the manner that other claims against the state are paid.

3. The board may accept gifts, bequests, devices, grants or trusts of money or other property to the board or to the State of Nevada for purposes of the state communications system. Any receipts shall be deposited in the fund and used for the purpose specified by the donor or for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter.