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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mello at 7:30 A.M. in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Mr. Bremner, Mrs. Brookman, Mr. Dreyer, Mr. Glover, Mr. Howard, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Weise and Mr. Wittenberg.

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Bible, John Dolan, Mr. Ramirez and Mr. Green (Manpower Services Council) and members of the Public Works Board.

Flow through funds were explained by Mr. Bible. The Vocational Education category will go into the CETA budget in the Department of Education. Part of the New Programs category will be used in the ESD and Personnel Divisions.

Mr. Weise asked why the Clark County allocation under CETA was so much larger than Washoe County. Mr. Ramirez replied primarily because of the greater need in Clark County - more unemployed people and more underprivileged (low income, under-employed, etc.)

There are three prime sponsors receiving CETA funds in Nevada and providing manpower services to the people of a geographical area: The State, City of Las Vegas/Clark County Board of Commissioners and Washoe County Board of Commissioners. The funds are made available annually by formal based on unemployment, low income, and the previous year's funding level. Under section 107 of the act, any State which desires to be designated as a prime sponsor and to enter into arrangements with the Secretary of Labor under this title shall establish a Manpower Services Council which shall exercise the powers and duties set forth in this section: Council shall be appointed by the Governor, representation to include - prime sponsors, state board of education, Employment Security Department, business and industry, community based organizations and client community. The Nevada CETA allocations were explained.

Mr. Bill Flangas then read a letter he wrote to the Members of the Senate and Assembly. He stated the mission of the Public Works Board is to make recommendations to the Governor and Legislators regarding the priorities of State building construction. This Board also approves schoolhouse construction and conducts periodic inspections of state buildings. Mr. Flangas stated that the Board is prepared to render assistance and provide details necessary to get on with the program. He explained the lapsed time of 23-30 months from Legislative approval to the completion of a building. He stated that 8-12 months is spent on design, 3 months checking and advertising and 12-15 months of construction. Mr. Bill Hancock explained that the priority list consists of 52 projects. He stated there is a need for advanced planning to expedite design and construction. Dick Baker then explained the 52 priority projects as follows:

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Projects 75-1, 75-33, 75-38 and 75-40 would provide improvements to the Nevada Youth Training Center, in Elko.

Projects 75-18, and 75-36 would provide for two cottages and a classroom addition at the Girls Training Center in Caliente. Dorothy Zettler, Public Works Board objected to these projects extensively. She stated that the library is ample and there is no overflow in population at the school. She also stated that \$631,000 was appropriated to the school for a multi-purpose room which has been completed, but left an unused amount of \$40,000 which was used to build a garage, tennis courts and parking space.

Project 75-2 would provide the replacing of the roof in the Blasdel building and Project 75-15 would provide a hot water snow melting system.

Project 75-3 would replace the water main in the University of Nevada, Reno; Project 75-5 would resurface the track and Mackay Stadium; Project 75-6 is the expansion of the Campus Fire Protection System; Project 75-7 provides paving of both street and walks at the University's main entrance; Project 75-9 would replace existing brick walls on either side of Quad as well as the walks on Center Street; Project 75-10 would provide improvements of the Campus Security Lighting; Project 75-11 would provide for the installation of a new gas main; Project 75-28 would provide for the existing central heating plant to receive an automated control system; Project 75-29 would replace the boilers in the gymnasium with a heat exchanger; Project 75-30

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is the revision of the exhaust system in the Chemistry Building and Project 75-48 is the completion of the seven laboratories which presently remain uncompleted due to insufficient funds.

Project 75-4 would connect the Medium Security Prison to the Carson City Sewer System; Project 75-8 would enlarge the infirmary and Project 75-50 is to provide the purchase of the Security Lights which are presently being rented.

Project 75-32 would provide a prefabricated metal building to house two new industrial work programs. At present many inmates have too much time on their hands and this would get more of them working.

Project 75-12 would provide a Storm Drainage System at the University of Nevada Las Vegas; Project 75-31 would provide for the acquisition of 48.4 acres of land from the Nevada Southern University Land Foundation; Project 75-37 would landscape and irrigate the undeveloped section of track area, area separating track and baseball diamond and enlarge the practice field and Project 75-51 would expand Parking Lot "A" and Develop Entry Way to the Fine Arts Plaza.

Project 75-13 is to Design Capitol Building Rehabilitation. Mr. Hancock stated that the walls of the Capitol are very weak and with an earthquake the building would fall completely. Project 75-14 would provide for Security Lights along Fall Street and Project 75-44 would provide curb cuts to the Capitol Complex for wheelchair occupants.

Project 75-16 would provide for a Clark County Correctional Center located in Las Vegas. It was felt by the Board that the type of program this facility will be designed for should be in a metropolitan setting.

Project 75-17 is a Desert Developmental Center for residential, out-patient, day-care and administrative purposes to serve all retarded individuals in southern Nevada.

Project 75-19 would provide for a Northern Nevada Emotionally Disturbed Children's Facility in Reno which could consist of three buildings identical to those under construction in Las Vegas.

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Project 75-20 will provide landscaping at the Nevada Mental Health Institute in Sparks; Project 75-21 will improve six buildings by carpeting certain areas; Project 75-22 will provide for a Day Activities Facility; Project 75-34 would provide for an In-Patient Residential Facility and Project 75-35 would provide for the renovation of Building #11 into a transitional living, self-supervised residential unit for about 16 persons. Mr. Hancock stated that the Board would like to provide a homelike atmosphere to the patients. He also questioned the need for the State to own the land on the river as it provides the possibility for suits being filed against the State.

Project 75-23 would provide supplemental funds for the Western Nevada Community College in Reno due to the unanticipated high rate of inflation to complete this project as envisioned by the 1973 Legislature.

Project 75-24 would provide supplemental funds for the Clark County Community College to complete this project due to the unanticipated high rate of inflation.

Project 75-25 would provide supplemental funds to complete the Desert Research Institute due to the unanticipated high rate of inflation.

Project 75-26 would provide a system of water re-circulation and purification to increase the production of fish and eliminate present disease in the Verdi Fish Hatchery.

Project 75-27 would provide the remodeling of Heroes Memorial and Supreme Court Buildings. By combining these two offices, it prevents the duplication of the law library.

Project 75-39 would provide for carpeting the cottages in the Northern Nevada Children's Home in Carson City and Project 75-46 would provide a Commissary Storage Building.

Project 75-41 would provide for the building of the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office. This will permit turning over to the State the existing U.S.P.F.O. Building which is located in the Capitol Complex.

Project 75-42 would provide for insulated metal sunshades over the rearing ponds at the Lake Mead Hatchery.

Project 75-43 would provide for an Office and Laboratory for the Department of Agriculture and Project 75-45 would provide for an Animal Disease Office and Laboratory.

Project 75-47 would provide a building to house the State Health Division's Laboratories located on the University grounds.

Project 75-49 includes completion of the State Library.

Project 75-52 would provide for an instructional television network to serve most of the State which would include microwave equipment, towers, buildings, etc.

The total funds for these projects except #75-4 and #75-44 is \$32,371,708.

The General Fund recommendations total \$25,855,907.

The Governor has recommended all of the projects except the Instructional television network and has added one additional project, a kitchen facility at the Las Vegas Comprehensive Mental Health Center. In addition, the Governor has recommended a 10% "roll-back" from the total General Fund cost of the projects. This roll-back is in anticipation that inflation of construction costs will slow down from the 16% increase per year projected by the Public Works Board. The projects are listed in priority order and if savings are realized they would be reallocated to the lower priority projects. Further detail on the mechanics of the roll-back will be discussed when the legislation is introduced.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.