

## MINUTES

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 58th SESSION

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mello at 8:00 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, Dr. Neil Humphrey, Chancellor - University of Nevada System, Dr. Donald Baeppler, President - UNLV, Dr. Charles Donnelly, President - Community College Division, Dr. Max Milam, President - UNR and Dr. John Ward, President - Desert Research Institute. Also, members of the Public Works Board, Bill Flangas, and Bill Hancock.

Dr. Neil Humphrey gave a slide presentation on the Capital Improvement Program Request for Consideration by the 1975 Legislature. This program is comprised of three main objectives: First - to augment the budgets of projects authorized in 1973; Second - to finance projects at each of the four university divisions primarily concerned with either upgrading or eliminating sub-standard existing facilities and improving campus conditions for purposes of safety and economy; and Third - to finance two new projects, one at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and one for the Community College Division.

Part I of the System Capital Improvement Program request defines projects of the highest priority and consist of supplemental funds for projects authorized by the 1973 Legislature and campus improvement projects at UNLV and UNR.

New projects include rehabilitation of the UNR campus through general improvements to the site and buildings and projects at UNLV include the acquisition of 48 acres of land, extending the drainage system, landscaping the athletic field and development of a parking lot.

Part II represents new projects considered essential to the continued success of operations at the University's Physical Facilities although ranked lower in priority than those in Part I. Projects included in this part consist of UNLV campus improvements and that the addition to the Dickinson Library be funded in order to proceed with planning and design as soon as possible. At UNR, projects requested call for improvements to existing facilities and site, and also the demolition of buildings structurally unsafe. The Community College division projects include improvements at various campus locations and the cost of professional fees for a major second stage of development of the campus of Western Nevada Community College in Reno be funded. The Desert Research Institute requests include site improvements. The University System request includes expansion of its present computing center facility located in the Water Resources building.

Part III contains further new projects with demonstrated needs. Although these projects are ranked lower in priority than those in parts I and II, funding would maintain the four-year program begun in 1973 and provide the opportunity to proceed with projects for which higher education capital construction funds will become available in 1977-78. These projects include improvements to all four campuses.

Part IV is for information purposes and identifies future projects with demonstrated needs and

Part V envisions projects for which the university system has resulted in the development of buildings such as the scientific complex at UNR, Education building at UNLV and the Community College in North Las Vegas.

Dr. Charles Donnelly, President of the Community College Division stated that three areas have campuses, but 25 other buildings such as schools, churches, etc., are being used to hold classes. Part of the request is to include tennis courts and basketball courts. Mr. Weise stated he felt they were trying to bring the community college more toward the university system. Chairman Mello did not feel the community college is the place for an athletic program. Mr. Donnelly stated they did not want to move towards the university plan. At present the Clark County Community College has no athletic facilities and the Northern Nevada Community College has basketball facilities funded

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completely by the students. At no time have they asked for gymnasiums for the community colleges. Mr. Donnelly also stated that recreational facilities are not being requested for colleges near parks or tennis courts, but felt there was a need for a physical education program. Mr. Weise stated that he would rather see more effort placed on training people for jobs and was opposed to the trend of the community colleges becoming mini-universities.

Dr. Donald Baepler, President - UNLV stated the main problem is growth due to population increase and the increase of high school graduates attending the local university. Most areas occupy general facilities and there is a need for specialized space. He stated the storm drainage, the land acquisition parking areas, etc are essential to UNLV. He stated that this land was set aside by the Nevada Southern Land Foundation. Mr. Baepler explained that the purpose of the Nevada Southern Land Foundation is to acquire land adjacent to the campus to sell to the state for expansion of the University. He also stated that if this land had not been set aside, it would presently be commercially developed.

Landscaping, Dr. Baepler stated, is necessary because the desert makes maintenance very difficult. Mr. Dreyer asked why the cost of landscaping was so high. Dr. Baepler replied that this includes grass, trees, sprinklers, and curbs and gutters and lights where needed. The desert soil must be properly prepared before any planting can be done.

The library addition will be built in 1978-79 and would be essential because of an increase in volumes and students. The \$8 million cost of this addition will bring the project to the actual point of going out to bid.

Dr. Milam, President - UNR, stated that their request does not include any additional space, only remodeling. The remodeling is needed more than the other needs at the present time. He stated that the age of the structures are complicated by a low level of maintenance due to inflation. Many major repairs are needed to prevent further deterioration. He stated that there is a request for replacement of a gas main, but it was necessary already to replace part of it. Also, the expansion of the Anderson Medical Sciences building will be funded by private funds.

Bill Hancock of the Public Works Board stated there was an error in his presentation yesterday. The A & E costs of the two cottages at the Caliente Girls School should be \$32,300.

Bill Flangas then stated that a Motion was made to their Board by Professor Sandorf that a transfer of state property along the river by the Mental Health Institute in Sparks be made to one of the other government units; such unit to be determined between the staff and appropriate legislators. An amendment was made to the motion to establish the condition that this property be incorporated into some type of greenbelt area. This Motion was passed by the Board.

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Mr. Flangas stated that the Board exercises every caution to not usurp anyone's authority but from time to time they have to make subjective judgments. In making these subjective judgments, the Board always goes through the system and also gets the advise of the Attorney General before they proceed. The Board doesn't know any other way to be able to complete these projects and take maximum advantage of the funding and direction that was established by the Legislature. He does not think that a bill could be written to cover every dollar or every situation clear down to completion by virtue of the fact that the Legislature meets every other year.

Mr. Bible stated that they are recommending that Legislation be written approving all the projects at the project total, but establish priority rather than cut each project 10%. Mr. Flangas stated they would like to make a decision without getting out of legal territory. Mr. Hancock stated they contact they Attorney General's office and budget office which approves any change provided it is within the intent.

Mr. Hancock also stated that a 16% inflationary factor is included in each project they are requesting.

A Capital Improvement sub-committee was established and Chairman Mello

appointed Mr. Robinson as Chairman and Mrs. Brookman and Mr. Weise as members.

Mr. Dolan then explained the new "handout" notebook.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.