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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, Mrs. Brookman, Mr. Dreyer, Mr. Glover, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Wittenberg. Mr. Howard was excused from 8:45 until 10:00 A.M. for an Agriculture Committee meeting. Mr. Weise was excused until 9:45 A.M. because of the flu. Mr. Bremner was excused from the meeting due to the flu.

ALSO PRESENT: John Dolan, Bill Bible, Bill Fitzpatrick, Winston Richards, Howard Hill, John Ciardella, Mrs. Peggy Glover, Pat Brady, John O'Brien, Mike Mizell, Ron Mays, and Betty Cullen.

Mr. Howard made a motion to accept the division of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as suggested by Chairman Mello and include the Fish and Game Funds into the General Fund. Mr. Glover seconded. Motion Passed.

Bill Fitzpatrick explained the Drivers License Division of DMV. He stated that two new positions are being requested and these are senior clerk typists.

The Printing is the greatest expense in this budget as they must print the drivers license handbooks.

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that they are losing \$5 per license. Chairman Mello stated that AB 131 and SB 217 would provide color photos on all licenses. Mr. Howard Hill stated that this would have no additional cost in the budget as there is a provision for raising the fee of drivers licenses.

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that they have one automobile in each of the rural counties and two in the Las Vegas office.

The Furniture and Equipment would replace four electric typewriters and two 3-drawer file cabinets. In the second year they would replace two typewriters.

The Clothing and Uniform Allowance is due to inflationary costs. He also stated that in California it was found that when an examiner didn't wear a uniform, he lost respect from the public.

The shift differential is due to anticipation of getting into a swing shift in the Carson City office.

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The Driver Improvement Program was then explained. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that they do not need this program.

Winston Richards explained the Motor Carrier Section of DMV. He stated that under new positions they are requesting two field agents. They have 25 motor carrier field agents and have limited coverage. He stated that it was almost impossible to cover adequate shifts. The Motor Carrier agents have collected \$11,365,000 in revenues and felt that the two new agents would help increase the amount of revenues collected. Chairman Mello asked that if the two bills that have been introduced allowing overloads are passed, if they would be able to handle the increased workload. Mr. Richards stated that they thought they would not be able to handle it with the number of men they now have.

The Overtime would allow for payment of overtime under the new Federal Act. Overtime is generated basically when a man terminates his shift.

Mr. Hill stated that all law enforcement are presently exempt from this but they also have eight auditors and six travel extensively and may get tied up with a certain office and generate overtime.

The Out of State travel shows a marked decrease in the Governor's recommendation because Out of State travel audit is now a specified account on page 610.

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Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that some stations might give a 4¢ discount per gallon and other stations might give nothing.

The Medical and Dental expenses are for the required heart examinations.

Raw Materials have increased and Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that next fiscal year will be the fourth year that they will be using validation stickers for Motor Carrier vehicles. They require five tons of aluminum with reflectorized sheeting which has also increased and also a 1976 decal.

Inspector Hall stated that the projected use of a vehicle is 4 years or 80,000 miles. After 60,000 miles the repairs get very expensive and they would like to replace the units with excessive mileage. The cars that are replaced go to State purchasing to be auctioned off. Mr. Bible stated that the money from these cars goes back to the Highway Fund as a credit.

Registration - DMV was explained by Mr. John Ciardella. He stated that they are requesting two new positions in the research section in the Carson City office.

The Other Contractual Services are for armored car services, maintenance of equipment, and Diebold file maintenance.

Mr. Robinson stated that he felt that more money should be spent for public relations to improve the image of public employees. Mr. Hill stated that a number of his employees are going to training programs to improve public contact. The system in Las Vegas provide for the people to be cleared through the information booth and then they are allowed to sit or take care of whatever other business they may have with the Department of Motor Vehicles until their number is called. They also provide a service to the public of putting on their new license plates which is a service they do not have to provide. Mr. Robinson stated that he has also received correspondence from people who have been treated courteously. He also stated that most of the letters came from older people.

Mr. Hill stated that the driver's test is written in Spanish, French, German and English, but the book is printed only in English. They also have people who speak Spanish employed in the Department.

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Mr. Hill also stated that they have upgraded their supervision to be made more aware of situations that might come up. This was being done previously, but it became evident that they needed help in this area.

Mr. Ciardella explained the Motor Vehicle Pollution Control which has been in effect since February 1974 and is a pilot program.

John Borda explained the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. Highway Safety states that they must conform with the Motor Vehicle Inspection Act. Mr. Borda stated that this program has never proved itself and the State has objected to it. The inspection has been broken down to pulling one brake drum and the tires. Mr. Hill suggested that this budget be left pending until after the April 2 meeting. This would also be a self-supporting program. Chairman Mello stated that SB 121 is the Legislation needed for this program.

The Special Fee is that which is charged inspection stations for certificates. Mr. Borda stated that this is still costing the taxpayers and the Federal Government is mandating it. He also stated that only two states have been sanctioned and if Nevada were sanctioned it would cost \$3 million.

The Highway Safety Program is requesting two new positions. A half-time student for paperwork and one community services specialist.

The Out of State travel is necessary to provide for management to attend a safety course in Oklahoma and the Community Services Specialist to attend a conference in Idaho. These are both Federal requirements.

The Dues and Registration allows for \$1200 for the National Highway Safety Group who has placed a liaison in DC. \$500 would be for conferences and some periodicals.

The Public Relations provides safety films in the State.

The Department of General Services was explained by Mrs. Peggy Glover. This Department was created by the last session of the Legislature in order to centralize all Housekeeping divisions. They have done very little travel and do not anticipate very much travel in the next two years.

The Legal and Court expenses pays for one-third of a Deputy Attorney General.

The Division of State Printing was explained by Pat Brady. He stated that paper has increased and it is difficult to stay within their budget. The payroll is negotiated every year with union members. They anticipate a 10% for each of the next two years. He felt this increase should be within reason because they are normally 40¢-45¢ higher than local printing trades because of the quality and strain.

The Out of State travel provides for supervisory capacity to send 1-3 individuals to a seminar in California or perhaps to a trade show. The In-State travel is for deliveries.

The Contractural Services are for outside services that cannot be maintained in the plant, such as engravings, hard bound covers, decal work, etc.

The Other Contractural Services are for maintenance of the heating and air-conditioning units.

The Raw materials include, ink, paper, etc. Mr. Brady stated that Recycleable paper would not be a savings because they do not deal in a large enough volume.

Mrs. Glover stated that the \$40,000 and the \$90,000 was based on actual figures for Overtime.

Chairman Mello asked if any of the State agencies are contracting out for their printing rather than going through State Printing. Mr. Brady stated that UNLV might be contracting out for some of their printing and the Historical Society might be contracting for one printing, but other than that he knew of no other agency who has pulled their printing out of State printing.

Mr. John O'Brien explained the Records Management Services. Their prime mission is to effect cost reduction by strategically locating the operation centers. They furnish services in copying and mimeographing to 110 office statewide. They have offset the need of 110 copiers by using only 6. They offset administration costs by leasing the machine and centralizing administrative work in this office. For microfilm they have three cameras, and three operators and they also contract with Eastman Kodak. Their prime goal is cost reduction.

The operating expenses have increased because of the increase in the cost of raw materials. They are in need of the two students who would be highly beneficial in the copy center. This part-time help has been very helpful in the past.

Buildings and Grounds was explained by Mike Mizell. Chairman Mello stated there is a One-Shot on page A20 \$80,513 SB 285 which has been amended down to \$70,348. Mr. Mizell stated that \$65,348 would be used for carpeting the Blasdel building which provides a lower maintenance factor and \$2665 would be used to replace the front and rear doors and \$2500 would be for repainting the interior of the Mansion. Mr. Bible felt that none would be left.

The Buildings and Grounds department does janitorial work and building maintenance for state buildings and revenue is derived from rent on state buildings and maintenance. They are requesting three new positions for three new buildings which would total \$106,000 square feet. They need two custodial positions in Las Vegas and one in Carson City.

The Operating Supplies have increased because of the new buildings and the maintenance increased costs.

The Contractural Services are for elevator maintenance and the Other Contractural Services are for generators. The Utilities increase is due to the inflation and the new buildings.

The Equipment is for vacuum cleaners and buffers in the first year and in the second year they hope to replace obsolete equipment.

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Mr. Mizell then explained the Buildings and Grounds Statewide Leases. He stated that this budget provides authorization for the lease of office space in commercial buildings throughout the state. They act as the central agency for coordinating these statewide leases. They now handle 280,000 square feet throughout the state, but not all footage is processed through this office.

Mr. Mizell explained the Lost City Museum. Chairman Mello stated that there is a One Shot for \$15,000 on page A20, SB 182 which was passed. Mr. Mizell stated that the museum is primarily an Indian artifact museum. The Utilities have increased due to inflation.

The Equipment is for the repair of heating and air-conditioning units.

Improvements to Structure are for lighting, replacing display cases and the purchase of a microscope for the curator.

The Other Furniture and Equipment will be used for a used copier of some sort.

Mr. Ron Mays explained the General Services Working Capital Fund. He stated this includes the mail and telephone service for the state. The General Services mail comes from postage percentage rate and the telephone is derived from 11% charge on equipment that the agencies have.

The Contractual Services increase is for a postage machine.

The Rent is higher the first year because they will only be in the new building six months and the second year they will be in there a whole year.

The Special Equipment is a trust account which might be used for a basic termination charge from the telephone company.

Marlette Lake was explained as the operating account for Marlette Lake. This is supported from revenue by water sales.

Betty Cullen explained the Accounting Division. They are requesting one accountant because of the increased workload. The New FMIRS system involved more paper work. They receive revenues from agencies for this service.

Chairman Mello stated that AB 24 was put out of committee without recommendation and re-referred to the Committee on Education for extensive amendments.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.