

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 1975

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The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman
Senator James I. Gibson, Vice-Chairman
Senator B. Mahlon Brown
Senator Warren L. Monroe
Senator William J. Raggio
Senator Clifton Young
Senator

ABSENT: Senator Lee E. Walker

OTHERS: Bill Hancock, State Public Works Board
Dick Baker, State Public Works Board
Bruce Arkell, State Planning Coordinator
Howard Barrett, Budget Director

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Mr. Bill Hancock began by explaining the, "Recommended Capital Improvements Program". Mr. Hancock said that the following are included in the program development:

- a) Statutory Requirements
- b) Requested Projects
- c) Assignment of Priorities
- d) The Capitol Building
- e) Financing
- f) Project Cost Estimates

Mr. Hancock said that the construction cost estimates have been inflated 16% per year to the estimated bid period. Mr. Hancock said that the Board needs more flexibility in accepting bids. Mr. Hancock said that the Board should have the opportunity to come to the Interim Finance Committee if there is a problem in completion of a project. Mr. Hancock said that the bids are more accurate now due to increased competition between contractors, and the rising cost of materials. Referring, to Mr. Donald H. Baepler's remarks on the need for planning funds for the UNLV library (See "Minutes of Meeting", February 17, 1975, 8:30 a.m.), Mr. Hancock said that the Board is recommending an Advance Planning appropriation for 1977, and this will allow for projects to proceed more rapidly. (Amount requested = \$250,000)

Mr. Hancock and Mr. Dick Baker explained the following Capital Improvement requests:

75-1: Repair Roofs, Nevada Youth Training Center, Elko
Project Total = \$ 174,500

75-2: Replace Roof, Blasdel Building
Project Total = \$ 18,000

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75-4: Connection to Carson City Sewer System, Medium Security Prison
Project Total = \$ 900,000 Total & \$75,000 State funds

Senator Brown asked if residents in the vicinity will be allowed to connect to this sewer system. Mr. Hancock said yes, on a rebate basis.

75-8: Enlarge Infirmary, Medium Security Prison
Project Total = \$ 223,000

75-13: Design Capitol Building Rehabilitation, Carson City
Project Total = \$ 358,100

Mr. Hancock said that there are three alternatives to the Board's recommendation for rehabilitation, (See Page Five, "Recommended Capital Improvements Program"). Mr. Hancock and Mr. Baker said that the building may collapse if an earthquake should occur. Senator Brown said that he had heard such a prediction in the 1950's. Senator Gibson said that the project is really one of restoration. Mr. Hancock said that the cost would be around \$5 million if the interior of the building was made modern and functional, and the building would have to be vacated for at least two years.

75-14: Security Lights, Capitol Complex, Carson City
Project Total = \$ 63,500

75-15: Snow Melting System Blasdel Building, Carson City
Project Total = \$ 6,000

75-16: Clark County Correctional Center, Las Vegas
Project Total = \$ 7,463,000

Mr. Hancock said that this is the Board's biggest project. Mr. Hancock said that the area involved is a 560 acre parcel by the power and sewage plant. Mr. Hancock said that this location is desirable because the Warden wants a metropolitan area for the program. Senator Brown asked if the Center would be filled, and include projected expansion. Mr. Hancock said that most likely the Center will be filled, as the old facility would only work if the inmate population was down to 150, and it is now housing 400 to 500 inmates. Senator Lamb felt that the Center should be built in the Carson area. Mr. Hancock said that it would probably cost \$200,000 less to build here, but Carson would not meet the location setting desired by the Warden.

75-17: Desert Developmental Center, Las Vegas
Project Total = \$ 2,772,000

Senator Brown asked how much square feet was for in-patients.

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Mr. Baker said that 10,000 square feet will be used for administrative purposes, and the remaining for in-patient facilities.

75-18: Two Cottages, Girls Training Center, Caliente
Project Total = \$ 680,000

Senator Gibson said that he thought the Girls Training Center was currently at it's ultimate size. Mr. Hancock said that the general concept has been a maximum of 150. Senator Lamb said that some groups have advocated separation of maximum and medium levels for the Center. Mr. Hancock said that there should be a Center in Eastern Nevada at a future date.

75-19: Northern Nevada Emotionally Disturbed Children's
Facility, Reno
Project Total = \$1,612,000

Senator Gibson asked why this facility would not be located next to the Spark's facility. Mr. Hancock said that the University has programs connected directly with this area, and there is a stigma connected with the State hospital that might have a negative affect with participants. Senator Gibson asked if there would be a separate administrative division for the facility. Mr. Hancock remarked that retarded and emotionally disturbed cases have always been handled separately in administration.

75-20: Site Development, Nevada Mental Health Institute, Sparks
Project Total = \$1,483,000

Mr. Hancock said that this project is primarily for grounds development. Senator Gibson was concerned about the water utility cost, and suggested that desert landscaping might be used. Mr. Hancock said that the desert landscaping at UNLV was not too successful, and the grass planted at the Institute would be a coarser type.

Senator Lamb said that the Board would have to be re-called for further explanations on their projects, as the meeting was to be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:


Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman


Sheba L. Woolley, Secretary