

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 MARCH 21, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Senator James I. Gibson was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator James I. Gibson, Vice-Chairman
 Senator Clifton Young
 Senator William J. Raggio
 Senator Warren L. Monroe
 Senator Lee E. Walker
 Senator B. Mahlon Brown

ABSENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

OTHERS: Bill Hancock, Public Works Board
 Shirley Wedow, Chairman of the Governor's
 Council on Children and Youth
 Jerry Kirk, Governor's Council on Children
 and Youth
 Howard Barrett, Budget Division
 Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst
 Cy Ryan, UPI

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Cont.)

Mr. Bill Hancock presented the following requests:

75-21: Improvements to 6 Buildings, Mental Health Institute, Sparks

Project Total = \$ 601,000

Senator Raggio asked if this improvement would affect the hospital's accreditation. Mr. Hancock said that this will handle a couple of the items discussed, but the accreditation standards fluctuate every two or three years and are difficult to keep up with.

Senator Walker wanted to know if the 50 acres being considered for trade belonged to the Board of Prisons. Mr. Hancock said that he believed that the State Hospital has this now.

75-22: Day Activities Facility, Mental Health Institute, Sparks

Project Total = \$ 440,000

Senator Monroe could not equate the square footage with the overall cost. Mr. Hancock said the cost was \$59.00/sq. ft., and was this high because of all the safety requirements that must be met in construction.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Cont.)

75-26: Modification to Verdi Fish Hatchery

Project Total = \$ 481,000

Mr. Hancock said that the hatchery estimates an increase in capacity of 100% with this improvement.

75-27: Remodel Heroes Memorial and Supreme Court Buildings, Carson City

Project Total = \$ 601,000

Senator Brown asked if this will be ultimate expansion for the Supreme Court. Mr. Hancock said that this capacity will be sufficient unless they increase to seven members, and then it will be difficult to expand the inside of the courtroom.

75-32: Industrial Building, Maximum Security Prison, Carson City

Project Total = \$ 166,000

Mr. Hancock said that this will house occupational programs for the inmates.

75-33: Gymnasium, Youth Training Center, Elko

Project Total = \$ 867,000

Senator Raggio asked if such a building could be a pre-fab construction for use as a gym at the prison. Mr. Hancock said that plumbing costs in that type of construction are very high, but a gymnasium might be possible by remodeling the existing buildings if the population gets down to 150. Senator Raggio asked Mr. Hancock to submit an estimation on a prison gymnasium.

75-34: Inpatient Residential Facility, Mental Health Institute, Sparks

Project Total = \$1,484,000

Senator Raggio asked if the residents for the proposed Children's Behavioral Center are currently housed at Sparks. Mr. Hancock said no, the only programs in this area are day sessions.

75-35: Renovate Building #11, Mental Health Institute, Sparks

Project Total = \$ 151,000

Senator Gibson asked if only sixteen patients will be using this facility. Mr. Hancock said yes, for studio apartments.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Cont.)

75-36: Classroom Addition, Girls Training Center, Caliente

Project Total = \$ 229,000

Senator Brown noted that this seemed like a very expensive project. Mr. Hancock said that it costs \$65.00/sq. ft., and although they get four or five bids, the distance that a sub-contractor must come, causes the added expense.

75-38: Athletic Field, Youth Training Center, Elko

Project Total = \$ 129,000

75-39: Carpeting, Northern Nevada Children's Home, Carson City

Project Total = \$ 36,000

Senator Raggio asked how much of the property connected with the Home is owned by the State. Mr. Hancock said 660 feet on the north side, and 1100 feet on the east side. Senator Raggio asked if the State owned Eagle Valley. Mr. Hancock said this is private.

75-40: Air Condition Classroom Building, Youth Training Center, Elko

Project Total = \$ 97,000

Mr. Hancock said that this is necessary as the Center has a twelve-month program.

75-41: U.S.P.F.O. Office and Warehouse, Carson City

Project Total = \$ 994,925
\$ 288,985 (State funds)

Mr. Hancock said that Buildings and Grounds will take over the U.S.P.F.O. building.

75-42: Sunshades, Lake Mead Hatchery, Clark County

Project Total = \$ 176,000
\$ 156,000 (State funds)

Mr. Hancock said that by removing the algae that has accumulated, the hatchery ought to reach full capacity, and this will bring the price from \$2.00/lb. to .60¢/lb.

75-43: Office and Laboratory, Department of Agriculture, Las Vegas

Project Total = \$ 246,000

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Cont.)

75-44: Curb Cuts for Handicapped People, Capital Complex

Project Total = \$ 19,000

75-45: Animal Disease Office and Laboratory, Department of Agriculture, Elko

Project Total = \$ 136,000

Senator Raggio asked if this included any land acquisition. Mr. Hancock said no.

75-46: Commissary Storage Building, Northern Nevada Children's Home, Carson City

Project Total = \$ 141,000

Mr. Hancock said that this will allow the Home to store bulk food stuffs. Senator Gibson said that it would be less expensive to arrange for daily or weekly grocery delivery. Senator Brown asked if the Home could use the Prison's storage. Mr. Hancock said yes, but this would involve transportation, and the Health Department is complaining about the unsanitary condition of the large walk-in freezer, at the home.

75-47: State Health Laboratory, Reno

Project Total = \$ 838,000
438,000 (State funds)

Senator Gibson asked if they are renting now. Mr. Hancock said yes, but the lease runs out in two years, and the facility is completely inadequate for laboratory programs.

75-49: Completion of Remodeling, State Library

Project Total = \$ 96,000

75-50: Purchase Security Lights, Medium Security Prison, Carson City

Project Total = \$ 25,000

Mr. Hancock said that the lights in the yard now are contrary to the power company's regulations as they are enclosed inside the fenced area,

75-52: Nevada Instructional Television Network

Not recommended.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Cont.)

75-52: Kitchen Facility - Las Vegas Mental Health Center

Mr. Hancock said that the Center now receives catering service. Senator Gibson asked if this facility would require additional staff. Mr. Barrett said that with all the agencies in that area, they would probably transfer the cooks.

Senator Gibson asked if Mr. Hancock had any information on the proposed solar facility. Mr. Hancock said that it would cost \$370,000 and will probably be constructed at U.N.L.V.

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Mrs. Shirley Wedow and Mr. Jerry Kirk made the presentation for the Council.

Mr. Kirk said that the Council had sent out a questionnaire to various youth groups and agencies in an effort to determine the amount of coordination between activities. Mr. Kirk said that great duplication and lack of communication were evident.

Senators Gibson and Monroe expressed concern that the youth councils on all the various levels were actually doing anything at all. Mr. Kirk said that the Council's job isn't to lay out the programs, but to coordinate the efforts already in effect. Mrs. Wedow said that in the future, the Council would like to have a central office where they could receive calls from the counties.

Senator Young asked how many of the members attend the Council meetings. Mrs. Wedow said approximately 50%, and that one-third of all members are under 21 years of age.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Mr. Barrett said that there is not currently such a Commission, but approval of the budget would put one in effect.

Mr. Barrett gave the following caseload figures for Aid to Dependent Children:

January -- 14,251
February -- 14,074

Mr. Barrett said that the Budget Office feels more confident now of their estimates, and that their figures were probably not too low, as the Finance Committee had suspected.

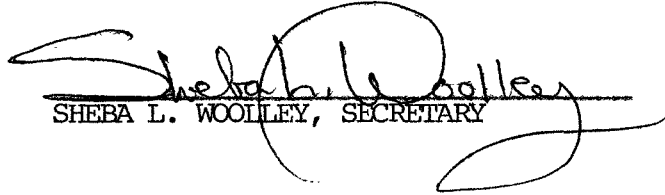
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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

APPROVED:


FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN