

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
AGENCY 1
AND
LABOR STANDARDS
BOARD OF PERSONNEL APPEALS
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COUNCIL

January 19, 1977
8:00 A. M.
Room 225
State Capitol Building

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dorothy Bradley with the following members present:

Representative Gunderson
Representative Marks
Senator Stephens
Senator Story
Senator Thomas
Senator Roberts

A brief summary was made to the committee by Michael Koehreke, OBPP. He presented an economic development program from the Department of Community Affairs which is attached to these minutes. Senator Stephens questioned the cost of \$75.00 per meeting for the Council of Economic Advisors. The answer was given that this amount of money is for needed supplies. The members of the council are not being paid.

Maxine Johnson testified in behalf of the Governor's Task Force on the Future Role of State government in economic planning. She was supportive of the Task Force and said that there needs to be responsible kinds of support for business already here. Senator Stephens directed a statement of concern to Mrs. Johnson that government is becoming too involved in the lives of small businessmen and Senator Thomas asked what the nature of help to business would be. Mrs. Johnson said that foreign markets are

needed for manufactured items.

Mike Fitzgerald, U. S. Department of Commerce, introduced himself and presented to the committee the summary report prepared for the Governor of the deliberations, conclusions and recommendations of Governor Judge's Task Force on the Future Role of State Government in Economic Planning and Development. The report is dated December 1, 1976, and a copy is attached to these minutes.

The following persons offered testimony to the committee:

Dick Setterstrom, DCA Consultant
Harold Fryslie, DCA
Dan Wonsdell, DCA
Martin Morgan, DCA
Don Henderson, US Dept of Commerce
Larry Burgess, Gallatin Manufacturing Assoc.
Brooks Boedecker, Montana Showcase
Ottley Tschacke, Small Business Administration
Forrest Boles, Montana Chamber of Commerce
Peter Jackson, WETA
John Delano, Montana RR Assn

The above persons gave testimony in support of the need of state government's role in giving technical assistance, finding foreign market, advise on interpretation of government regulations, referral assistance to small business, farmers and ranchers. There was general testimony, discussion, personal examples given.

Senator Marks directed questions to Mike Fitzgerald concerning the need of help to businessmen and ranchers in defining government regulations. He said in his work in communications, it was their biggest problem. Senator Stephens said that he was concerned with the small businesses that are already in existence and what might be done for them as well as helping others to get started.

Chairman Bradley asked why SHOWCASE was not able to support itself since it had been quite successful so far. Mr. Fitzgerald said that even though it had been quite successful, they were not realizing full profit from foreign market yet. Chairman Bradley asked

questions regarding the proposed budget for fiscal 1979. She asked if the Task Force could provide the committee with a list of information where these monies would come from. Both Mike Fitzgerald and the Budget Analyst, Curt Nichols, discussed budget figures at this point with the committee. Senator Marks questioned that personnel with needed expertise, education and experience could be had at the proposed salary figures. There was discussion about services that could be contracted to established firms and state organizations. There was discussion regarding SHOWCASE and its aid to small manufacturers in helping them to find foreign markets.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A. M.

Dorothy Bradley
Dorothy Bradley, Chairman

Betsy Clark
Betsy Clark, Secretary