

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
AGENCY 1
AND
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

January 20, 1977
8:00 A.M.
Room 225
State Capitol Building

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Senator Roberts with the following members present:

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

Representative Bradley was excused.

Old West Commission

Gordon Hoven, Project Director of Old West Commission, spoke on this commission which is a five state Regional Economic Development Commission. There are eight such commissions in the country and this is one of the most recent ones. It is about four or five years old now. The commission is made up of the commissioners which are the five governors of the separate states and a federal co-chairman. He pointed out that Keith Colbo is the states designated alternate for the Old West Commission.

Gordon Hoven passed out some information pertaining to the Old West Commission. He explained about specific tasks and handed out information that is attached to these minutes.

Senator Stephens asked a question to Gordon Hoven concerning whether or not they were duplicating other data. His reply was they were not to his knowledge. Senator Stephens also asked another questions pertaining to grant projects and what they have in mind. Gordon Hoven handed out some information about the Commission and what they have in their annual report as a reply to his question.

Representative Marks asked a question pertaining to the hand out concerning federal excess equipment. He pointed out that there are eight of these commissions in existence given authority to acquire excess property. Representative Marks also asked another question pertaining to what the energy impact coordinator do. His reply was they go out to local people to ask what help they need.

Research and Information

Mike Koehnke, handed out information pertaining to the Research and Information section.

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JoAnn Woodgerd, Secretary of State, was a witness in support of request for liaison with the Census Bureau to redraw Enumeration District Boundries. She said that she believes it is very necessary. Also Tom Dundas, Assistant Administrator to Research and Information, was another witness and talked about the census. He passed out information pertaining to the census and discussed problems of re-districting. He also pointed out that one state agency takes the responsibility of working with the group.

Dick Draper, Administrator for Research and Information Systems Division, spoke on the services of the department. He pointed out that it was divided into four categories:

1. Research Library
2. Economic Studies
3. Geo-data
4. Service to other agencies

He also pointed out that there was no specific legislative mandate.

Representative Marks directed a question to Mr. Dundas concerning what the data book is and his reply was that it is one central place where you can look up information. Mr. Dundas also pointed out that the data book was a big job and that is why they needed an extra person.

Senator Stephens wanted Mr. Draper to explain their duties and what they are asking for. His reply was: 2 System Analysts, 2 Statistical Consultants, 2 Economists and 2 Research Librarians. He then passed out information to the committee that pertained more to the question.

Planning

Mike Koehnke, Budget Analyst, spoke on the planning and said they wanted to reduce the amount from Coal Tax Trust Fund. Witnesses who spoke in behalf of Planning were Hal Price and Byron Roberts. Hal Price talked more on Coal Tax funds and said they were earmarked for County Land Planning. Bryon Roberts spoke on the transportation activities and broke it down into four areas which were:

1. Technical assistance
2. Planning assistance to other areas
3. Administration grant programs
4. Continuation of program

Senator Roberts asked a question in connection with what promoted them to go more into the study of transportation and the reply was it was requested by the federal government.

There was no more discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 A. M.

Dorothy Bradley
Dorothy Bradley, Chairman