

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SUBCOMMITTEE AGENCY 1

Feb. 10, 1977
4:00 P.M.
Room 225
State Capitol Bldg

The meeting was called to order. Roll was taken. Everyone was present except Representative Gunderson.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES -

Jim Van Koten first commended the committee on their good work this year.

He said in all of the current level programs the LFA was \$353,000 higher over the biennial than the executive recommendation. He said he would be pleased if the committee accepted the executive budget on general funds, and mentioned he would also like the federal funds accepted.

Curt Nichols said the LFA budget is based on fiscal 76 experience with normal growth cost and employee step increase for 1977. He said one major increase between fiscal 76 and 78 is janitorial service for the Cogswell Building and the Board of Health Building. The agency will pay \$2.00 per square foot for these services. We recommend a field representative to help with the vital records. One difference is we have used the cost allocation plan of the Department. That is one of the reasons in 1979 the general fund takes the brunt of the increase.

He mentioned that Mr. Billings came to the committee and asked for the Heart Diagnostic Center to come out of this fund. I don't agree with this.

Senator Stephens said I don't agree. I don't think we should cut management services because of the Heart Diagnostic Center. We should find the money somewhere else.

Representative Marks mentioned the executive budget is \$870,000. The LFA's is \$965,000. There is no room to take any money out.

Senator Thomas said in connection with the heart diagnostic Center, it wouldn't be \$93,000 because the LFA funded it at \$60,000 so it would be the difference between if we took the LFA recommendation.

Curt Nichols said the executive is lower in general funds than the LFA. Jim Van Koten said we can't guarantee the federal funds, we just hope they will be available. We cut the general fund and added the federal funds.

Representative Marks mentioned both indicate 1 FTE, only different people. Same difference. Mr. Nichols agreed.

There was more discussion on feelings between the federal funds and general funds.

Representative Bradley asked how it would work if we go through the agencies and come up with a figure we think is the proper figure, then put in the amount of federal funds that the executive thinks will be available and then fund the balance with general funds.

Mr. Van Koten thought that it might work a hardship on the department. He suggested it would be more reasonable to take the general fund the executive recommended, and take the balance from federal funds.

Senator Stephens said he would be willing to go along with the executive if it means less general funds.

Mr. Van Koten said they would like to have \$5,000 each year for an attorney for the board.

Senator Stephens asked the LFA about the attorney.

Mr. Nichols said he hasn't analized it yet. I believe it is to avoid a conflict of interest situation.

Senator Thomas moved on Personal Services to take the LFA recommendation of \$490,000 the first year and \$498,000 the second year.

All voted AYE MOTION CARRIED

OPERATING EXPENSES-

Senator Thomas moved the LFA recommendation for both years, plus \$5,000 operating costs.

All voted AYE MOTION CARRIED

EQUIPMENT -

Senator Stephens moved to accept the executive recommendation (both are the same).

All voted AYE MOTION CARRIED

GRANTS -

The difference is \$25,000 in 1978 and \$32,800 in 1979 - federal funds.

Representative Marks moved to accept the LFA recommendation

All voted AYE MOTION CARRIED

Representative Bradley said this puts the totals at \$830,643 and \$904,417. Could we take the 2 executive recommendations for the 2 years for federal funds and put the correct balance needed from the general fund?

Mr. Nichols said you could do that to some extent but it would probably cause a hardship on the department.

Senator Stephens said what if we move to accept the Executive general fund recommendation?

There was more discussion.

Senator Stephens moved to accept the executive general fund request for both years.

AYES -

Senator Thomas, Representative Bradley and Senator Stephens

NOS - Representative Marks MOTION CARRIED

WATER AND WASTE WATER -

Mr. Van Koten said this is ear marked funds. I can't remember where the difference here is at, it is so small.

Curt Nichols said the LFA is lower than the executive by \$500 a year for the purchase of manuals. Ear marked funds from license fees charged the operators of sewage systems and water supplies.

Representative Marks moved we accept the LFA recommendation

All AYES MOTION CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH -

Mr. Van Koten said both recommendations are very close both in general fund money and FTE's.

Curt Nichols said there are 6 bureaus within this division. The agency requests \$45,000 for 3 projects they have in 1978 in addition to the budget they asked for. These 3 projects will be terminated in 1979. He said the major differences between the 2 budgets is operating expenses and it appears again using ear mark funds. These funds are 2 things - the junk vehicle crushing program. They have requested around \$300,000 for crushing. They haven't used it in the past and we see no need for it in the future.

FOOD AND CONSUMER SAFETY -

Curt Nichols said they want 1 extra sanitarian. The LFA recommends not to grant this. The Executive approves it because it is federal funds.

Representative Marks made the motion not to grant the extra sanitarian.

AYES - Senator Story, Senator Thomas, Representative Marks
NOS - Representative Bradley

MOTION CARRIED

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH -

They request several employees. The Executive did not approve this. The LFA said he denied all of them. There is some duplication between them and the Workmens' Comp.

Senator Stephens moved we accept the executive recommendation on this.

ALL VOTED AYE

MOTION CARRIED.

LEGAL UNIT -

Curt Nichols said this is their highest priority. They want to expand the legal staff. This would be general fund dollars. The LFA recommends 1/4 FTE. They have 4 Attorneys now in this part of the budget.

Mr. Van Koten said we did recommend 1/2 FTE in fiscal 78 and 1/4 FTE in fiscal 79 only because they said the federal funds might be available.

Representative Bradley moved to grant 1 additional attorney.

Senator Story seconded this motion.

ALL AYES - Unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

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The LFA said we did add \$100,000 to the variances - sub-division.

added \$45,000 for water quality service in 1978.

added 1 attorney in 1978-1979 from general funds unless federal funds are available.

Representative Marks said I recommend the budget be adopted pursuant to the recommendations for the individual bureaus.

ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED -

Meeting Adjourned.

Dorothy Bradley
Chairman Dorothy Bradley

Nina Kosmas, Sec.