MINUTES OF THE MEETING FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 4, 1979

The twenty-ninth meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee met in Room 108 of the State Capitol Building on the above date. Following roll call, the meeting was called to order by Senator Himsl, Chairman, at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All members present.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 921: Rep. Bardanouve said this was the balance of the supplemental. When the bill was handled a couple of weeks ago they had no way of knowing in H.B. 417 what the cost of the strike was going to be. He said they could not chastise BRS&H for overspending. They had a much larger population remaining at Boulder than was expected. When this was line itemed last year it was understood that if it was under-projected they could come in for a supplemental. The amount was reduced because during the strike there were employees who were not working there and so their budget was cut about \$3,000. The \$6,545,000 overrun by SRS here was primarily medicaid overrun. There was a little money for hiring social workers and eligible technicians to check out on the people who were being placed right and the quality of care they were receiving. He said they feel they have it under much better control this year, the new department head is instituting much better control and he felt they would not have this fiasco happening again. He said as a result of the strike there had to be \$680,000 transferred to take care of the cost of the strike.

George Bousliman, Director of the Office of Budget and Program Planning, Executive Department, said he would like to offer two amendments. (1) Validation. I asked Keith Colbo to explain this and add the second amendment. The difference is \$130,120. Exhibit 1 is attached and is a letter to Mr. Colbo.

- (2) This amendment, attached, would strike \$6,545,000 and insert \$7,297,672. This money is earmarked, and appropriated and offsets it. We are now concerned with the \$750,000.
- (3) This amendment deals with the airplane pool, and Joe Roberts can speak in behalf of the request. (copy of the proposed amendment is attached). This points out the Fish and Game and the three hangers. The assets have been acquired from earmarked revenues from the respective agencies. The question is how to value these assets; this has been the sticking point all the way.

Senator Lockrem: The difference between when you strike the \$1.3 million and the \$750,000 is not referred to in the budget.

Mr. Bousliman: It was used up by reducing the supplementals.

Senator Lockrem: The net cost then is \$680,000? Mr. Bousliman: The supplementals were geared much higher. It was reduced in the supplemental budget.

Senator Lockrem: Why didn't the governor transfer hangers from the Department of Highways?

Joe Roberts: It would be a substantial figure.

Senator Thomas: It was purchased with federal funds and was supported with federal highway funds.

Senator Story: When we last visited on medicaid it was \$6.2 million and would be more comfortable with \$6.5 million. Now, why say it is \$6.545. What happened?

Keith Colbo, Director, Social Rehabilitation Services, said this related to the medicaid social workers, etc.

Senator Boylan: What would happen if we didn't pay it?

Senator Aklestad: Joe, in regard to the purchase of the airplane, wasn't an executive order given about four years ago?

Rep. Bardanouve: If you read the language, this was money from the Fish and Game.

Joe Roberts: We do have to come up with the assets.

Senator Lockrem: Can we reduce their budget by that much?

Senator Story: I thought the whole idea was to save money, not to push it up. If they give the planes to the Montana Air Guard and then in return the money would be reflected in leasing them out so that we would come out even.

Joe Roberts: That is a possible way to do it. If you transfer that money without any recommendation you will never generate the money to pay them off. The Fish and Game indicated they will be renting it between 250 and 300 hours a year at the state rate of \$35 an hour. The DNR plane has been transferred into the pool and there is no buyout in that case.

Senator Thomas: I think I see why the Fish and Game one, but why not Natural Resources plane transferred over?

Joe Roberts: That is the fifth item - that is the pilots. There are exemptions.

Senator Regan: What is being exempted? Mr. Roberts: The super cub planes used for elk counts, 2 helicopters in the Fish and Game and the Highway Department Arrow Contender and maybe a Livestock helicopter.

Senator Story: The Livestock helicopter is not paid out of this?

Bob Robinson: It is used for predator control and save some money from fish and game. Entirely by earmarked and private funds.

Senator Aklestad: Is this the same number of pilots?

Joe Roberts: All pilot transfers will go through; they will only be involved in special uses if left in. Personnel transportation from it to the agency will be done through DCA.

Senator Story: We don't need to give this money back to the Federal?

Senator Regan: Are you happy with this arrangement or do you want the Highway plane too?

Rep. Bardanouve: In closing, I would urge you to give this a rapid consideration. I think Colbo's checking account is getting pretty low!

The hearing was closed on House Bill 921.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 243: Senator Himsl explained to the people presenting the bills that we were on a tight frame schedule and would ask that there be a minimum of repitition. He said he would appreciate it if there was brevity in the presentations whenever possible.

Joe Brand said that all the veterans' organizations favor this piece of legislation. It would give them a chance to establish a veterans' home at Twin Bridges. He said it would be their intent to provide nursing care. He said he felt it imperative that we do something for the veterans in the state of Montana.

Rep. Keyser, District 81, said we are talking about 226 acres with 29 structures. A section of the main area could have veterans in possibly by the first of next year. There are over 106,000 veterans in the state of Montana. 65,000 live within two hundred miles of Twin Bridges. One-seventh of the state of Montana is veterans.

Albert McGee, Mayor of Whitehall, said he did not speak for himself. He said he was mayor of Whitehall and a past commander, had served on the Veterans' Welfare Commission of Montana and he knew the veterans and knew how they think. They want this facility and he would urge the committee to make an honorable decision and honor the people who had served Montana.

Doug Anderson: Obviously there is a need, and the property already belongs to the state of Montana. He said this property is too valuable to the state of Montana to sell it to a private enterprise. A poll had been taken and circulated around the state. There was an over-whelming support for the veterans' domiciliary at Twin Bridges.

Bill O'Donnell, Twin Bridges, said he would support what had been said. He said 4,064 ballots were returned in favor of this.

Mrs. Lauar Jones spoke in favor of the bill, gave a lot of work toward getting the ballots, and set a box of ballots out for the committee showing the returns. Attached separately.

Ray Lynch, Dillon, veteran of two wars, WW II and the Korean War, member of the post at Dillon, said that he would honestly ask the committee's support for this bill.

Rep. Hand: Said he stood in strong support of this measure. These people who have given so much need this.

Amy Herb, Sheridan, said there are 106,000 veterans in the state of Montana and they pay taxes. It amounts to quite a few million dollars every year. It seemed to her that one of the things they were concerned about is where their dollars are being spent. They were quite disturbed about the prison thing that came up. They were concerned as to why the legislature could keep spending money on a prison when you had to commit a crime to get into it.

Ray Fordice, Lewistown, said he felt at this time the age group of our WW II veterans is going to demand a facility of this character. He felt the committee should give this some very serious thought.

Gerry McIntyre, Missoula, said he felt this was a step in the right direction. The V.A. is stepping in to take over so all we need to do is to get it started.

George Medine, Missoula, said this reminded him of something in the paper that said at last smallpox had been erradicated in the world today. He said he would hope the committee would not become complacent and wait until the matter comes up for consideration and it is simply forgotten until the last one has died.

George Shotty, Butte, Butte Development Corporation, said he had sent a letter to Senator Jack Healty saying we should make a facility available in Montana for Montana people. He said he would strongly agree, we owe it to the veterans whatever the cost.

Walt Mehlhoff said there was over 500 members in the chapter he belongs to. He hoped the committee would show compassion and pass this bill.

Dick Ladd, Twin Bridges, said he appreciated the opportunity to present a statement. He told about his service in the Pearl Harbor attack and said he had survived two attacks by the Japanese.

Don Kessler, Hood Park, incoming commander of the VFW post, a fireman. He said, of the veterans pushing the age of 50 and 60, eventually Montana will be faced with a lot of veterans needing help. Right now we have the means, the property is available, it can be expanded later. I would urge the committee to take advantage of the situation they have and to help the veterans in Montana.

Bill Lindsey, American Legion, said he was in full support of this and the survey that had been conducted showed the veterans in Montana were also in support of it.

The veterans have worked on this, they called Washington, D.C. to come out and look it over and they have their approval. They cannot do it without the state backing since under the law it has to be state operated for 90 days to qualify for federal assistance.

Bob Durkee, VFW, Helena: also spoke in favor of the bill and presented written testimony, attached.

A veteran from Missoula, head of the veterans' relief board, said they look after the veterans who have problems. They have WW II veterans coming on now. He wondered if they were to send them to Dakota or Oregon. We are going to have to have something set up and it will cost the taxpayers a lot more money than it would to consider this today.

Robert Luxor, said the doctors at Ft. Harrison said this would be a beneficial place for veterans and it would be handy for the hospital. He continued to say that Ft. Harrison is in the process of building a 50-bed unit for a resthome type of thing. It would accommodate the people that they get by the month. This would be beneficial for the older veterans who are able to get around and move.

Tom Lowe, Great Falls, said Montana has something to be proud of and sad over. Montana has more Montana veterans than any other state per capita.

Lander Caine, Veterans: You have veterans of WW II and Korea, then Viet Nam. You have to look ahead.

Tom Ryan, representative of Montana Peoples Association: We are organized to advocate a long range full use of this facility. I am not in opposition to provide a domiciliary. Veterans are senior citizens. We have explained our position to the veterans.

We have explained to the interim subcommittee and to the land board and we have not been discouraged. Many of the veterans have told me that if they don't get the buildings they hope that we will. He said this would be a senior citizen retirement villa where older people from all walks of life could retire.

Charles Banderob, President of the Montana Peoples Association, President of the Senior Citizens, said that senior citizens voted wholeheartedly to work with the Montana Peoples Association and would willingly share with the veterans to make it a retirement haven for elderly citizens. This would be a retirement cooperative, and he read from a letter of approval for the project. He said they have the money lined up and they are ready to go.

Senator Lockrem: I would like to ask Mr. Durkee a question. You indicate that after the initial seed money there is no further appropriation from the state. Why is this not true at Columbia Falls?

Bob Durkee: At Columbia Falls the state pays for the nursing care.

Senator Aklestad: Would the vets then take all of the liability and the operational expenses over? Why do we have to get into it?

Mr. Durkee: The state of Montana must own the building. That is the law.

Senator Thiessen: Didn't you say there would be recurring costs to the state? Mr. Durkee: Only in the case of an individual vet who was assigned for nursing care and had no money or pension.

Senator Story: As I recall, at Columbia Falls, if a man is assigned there and has a pension of about \$100 there was about half of it assigned for his care. If he had \$150 then about half of that; if totally dependent, he paid approximately \$178 for his care. That money went in for the operation of the facility there. The federal government does pay part of his keep.

Senator Thiessen to Tom Ryan: How far along are you in purchasing the building? Senator Ryan: We had to wait until the valuation was made in order to come up with any sort of figure. Now we can meet and decide whether we will meet the assignment. We have asked Farm Home, State financing people, D.A. Davidson, etc., for advice to depart from the usual resthome for a village.

Senator Thiessen: After you get it, the state would be free except for anyone we sent there? Senator Ryan: It would be owned by the people of Montana, the manager would make a profit and that would be all.

Rep. Brand: Both organizations need federal money to start it off. The building does have to go up for bid. The money coming from the federal government for either the people's association or the veterans under the Montana Act. (2) Under this proposal, initially, the veterans have to have control of the facility with the State of Montana as the owner. After that, 20% can be non-veterans staying in the facility. Later, this can be up to 49% but it is under the control of the Veterans' Administration. About a week ago the federal government in the offices of Rep. Marlene and Williams and of Senators Baucus and Melcher, said they would do all they could to help Montana on receiving money.

The hearing on House Bill 243 was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILLS 896 AND 901: Rep. Jim Burnett, District 71, explained House Bill 896. He said this is an incentive enrollment for the guard. He said they are the only instant disaster forces available to the State or the Governor. They had given instant help during the strike.

Captain Walsh said he was the only one here who is a full-time employee of the National Guard. He passed out a folder, attached, and a suggested amendment for page 2, line 19. He explained the need for an incentive to get reenlistments into the guard. He gave figures of the various units and the amount of men, salaries, etc., and said if the numbers were down they were in danger of losing part of their equipment.

Phil Cox, Shelby, spoke for the bill. He said he was a part-time guardsman. He said he was a businessman, and there was a decline in enrollments and reenlistments in the guard, and that it was necessary to keep up the guard numbers.

Charlotte Schlecroff said she had been in the guard for three years. She is a personnel specialist. She told of the duties of the guard in helping in case of disaster and maintaining order. She told of

the work they had done in the 1971-73 floods, and urged passage of the bill.

Questions from the committee as follows:

Senator Aklestad: What is the pay scale? Answer: About \$53 a week. It goes down by rank. It amends to \$1200 a year.

Senator Aklestad: 15 days?

Captain Walsh: One man is doing about three jobs at the camp. We can no longer stay that long in the field. We don't have enough people to do all the work and they have to have a break in between.

Senator Lockrem: You say this is an inducement to strengthen the National Guard. At no time have you ever been at the 100% strength. History shows it at about 80%.

Captain Walsh: We have been over 90% - around 88-90%.

Senator Lockrem: Wasn't it shown at one time federal self employees? It was a prerequisite that people, to work in the guard, had to belong to the guard, if they worked there. Almost 20% are civilian employees of the guard.

Captain Walsh: It should program in at 20%. 570-528; dropped 17 or 18 FTE vacant. The critical job we need now is to get more enroll-ments.

Senator Lockrem: The problem of volunteer National Guard armies was to beat the rap on the other side. The remaining problem is the strength. I fa: to see how either one of these programs are going to help you.

Captain Walsh: The army IRR (Individual Ready Reserve) is now coming into competition with us.

Rep. Burnett: This covers 22 cities in the state. It makes a desirable force any place. I lived with these people and know their attitudes. \$50 is not so much, but it does create a satisfactory attitude for them.

The hearing was closed on House Bill 896.

901: Rep. Hal Harper, Helena, said this bill provides tuition and fees assistance for a new guard member, at any of the vo-tech centers or university systems in the state. It provides up to \$300 - \$30,000 the first year and \$90,000 total for the biennium. You would have a real incentive and not ordinary run-of-the-mill people.

Charles Marshall of Shelby said he had joined the guard two years ago. His own choice would be to extend the federal incentive. They must go to school, they must make a passing grade, they sign up for an eight year hitch. They get 8 weeks of basic training, 8 weeks of advanced training, then he is ready to go to school. While they are at their home town they act in their nearest guard unit, they

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transfer to the school while they are at school.

Captain Walsh: We are trying to increase our strength. We are projecting now for reorganization.

Senator Lockrem: How do you address the problem of those young people meeting their commitments with the guard and the ROTC and all the others on campus?

Captain Walsh: Only the state guard has a state mission. People eligible for the Federal Guard are not eligible for this.

The hearing was closed on House Bill 901. The chairman announced the committee would meet at 8 a.m. April 5 and the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Senator Himsl, Chairman

STATE OF MONTANA

Executive Order No. 5-79

Office of the Governor

Executive Order implementing a Montana State Aviation Pool and transferring certain aircraft, personnel, and aircraft hangars to the Department of Community Affairs.

- I, THOMAS L. JUDGE, in accordance with the powers vested in me as Governor by the laws and constitution of the State of Montana, and in particular recognition of the authority granted to the Department of Community Affairs by Section 62-2-201, Montana Codes Annotated, hereby direct all executive agencies of the State of Montana to immediately comply with any of the following particulars which require their action:
- 1. All agency personnel classified as "pilots", except as hereinafter exempted, are transferred to the Department of Community Affairs/Aeronautics Division (DCA).
- 2. All pilots so transferred shall comply with all DCA aeronautical policies and directions regarding pilot qualifications, flight operations and procedures, and scheduling of flights.
- 3. The game warden pilots of the Department of Fish and Game are exempted from the assignment to DCA, as are the pilots employed by the Department of Highways, Livestock, and Natural Resources and Conservation. The Department of Highway's pilot shall remain so assigned for so long as that Department has an aircraft under its control.
- 4. All flights of state-owned, leased, or chartered aircraft, the purpose of which is the transportation of state personnel shall be assigned aircraft and pilots by DCA, which shall consider cost effectiveness in making such assignments.
- 5. The Cessna 180's now owned, one each, by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and Fish and Game are transferred to the operational control of DCA immediately. Ownership of these two aircraft shall also be transferred to DCA upon the repayment of any earmarked revenues used in their

purchase unless earmarked revenues exceed the current market value of the aircraft. In that event, current market value shall be repaid.

- 6. The Department of Highways presently has ownership of an aircraft identified as an "Aero Commander". This aircraft shall be retained by the Department of Highways until the useful life cycle expires at which time it shall be disposed of and DCA shall then provide for all the aeronautical requirements of the Department of Highways.
- 7. All aircraft owned by state agencies and not mentioned in either Number 5 or 6 above are deemed to be special use aircraft and shall remain as presently allocated.
- 8. No agency other than DCA shall purchase, lease, charter or otherwise acquire any aircraft unless such aircraft's purpose is unrelated to the transportation of state personnel.
- 9. The operational control of all state-owned hangars is transferred to DCA. Ownership of these hangars shall also be transferred to DCA upon the repayment of any earmarked revenue used in their purchase.
- 10. DCA, in cooperation with other agencies of state government shall study the transportation needs of Montana's state government and present its findings to the Office of Budget and Program Planning on or before July 1, 1980.
- 11. Memoranda of Understanding shall be executed by DCA and the agencies which transfer aircraft or aeronautical equipment or facilities which were purchased with earmarked revenues. The Memoranda will ensure the non-diversion of earmarked revenue.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 23 tday of MARCH, in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

THOMAS L. JUDGE, Governor

ATTEST:

FRANK MURRAY, Secretary of State



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BUTTE - SILVER BOW

Courthouse Butte, MT 59701

Donald R. Peoples, Chief Executive

April 4, 1979

Keith L. Colbo, Director Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Room 301, SRS Building 111 Sanders Helena, MT 59601

Dear Mr. Colbo:

It has just come to my attention that Butte-Silver Bow has failed to submit the appropriate application for Poor Fund Grant-in-Aid assistance for fiscal year 1977-1978. This was caused by the problems that arose through the transition to the consolidated Butte-Silver Bow Government. The amount to be requested for the 1977-78 fiscal year is \$564,000. Further, the Grant-in-aid for 1978-79 will be requested in the amount of \$318,792 for a two year total of \$882,792.

Butte-Silver Bow has incurred deficits for many years, but has been making considerable effort to reduce this deficit. The 1976 assistance amounted to \$1.3 million; 1977 assistance was \$886,000. The 1978 deficit is further reduced to \$564,000 and 1979 to \$318,792.

On Thursday, April 5, 1979, I will be recommending to the Butte-Silver Bow Council of Commissioners that the management of the Silver Bow General Hospital be contracted with a management firm. Indications are that such an approach will provide new management techniques to insure that the hospital will realize a break even operation.

With approval of the Council of Commissioners of Butte-Silver Bow, and the awarding of the management contract, any future requests for grantin-aid will be minimal and only for that amount of direct relief to the poor and indigent above the authorized 13.5 mills.

The appropriate application for the above mentioned grant-in-aid request will be forwarded to your office in the near future.

Sincerely,

Chief Executive

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AMENDMENT TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 921

1. Page 2, line 1.

Insert: Section 3. Airplane Pool. There is appropriated to the department of community affairs, aeronautics division, from the general fund, \$202,618 for the purpose of implementing the airplane pool and to pay the current aircraft pool deficit.

Remember: all subsequent sections.

Airplane Pool Implementation:

\$ 24,435
12,444
23,905
61,230
122,014
80,604
\$ 202,618

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THE FOLLOWING 9 PAGE REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THE RESOURCE, CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED TO THE 1979 MONTANA LEGISLATURE BY WAN. F. O'DONNELL, VETERANS SERVICE CIFICER for DAN BROCKMAN POST 31, THE AMERICAN LEGION, TWIN BRIDGES, MONT., and CHARLES M. REIS POST 3843, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, OF TWIN BRIDGES and SHERIDAN, MONTANA.

The report is preceded by introductory pages A, B and C.

A MAP OF THE STATE OF MONTANA HAS BEEN PREPARED, INDICATING ALL COMMUNITIES FROM WHICH RESPONSES WERE RECEIVED.

Wr. F. O'DCNNELL

THE HEADWATERS RESOURCE, CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF THIS AREA INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING MONTANA COUNTIES:

BEAVERHEAD

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JEFFERSON

GRANITE

PCWELL

SILVER BOW

THE ATTATCHED TABULATIONS OF INDIVIDUALLY SIGNED CPINION BALLOTS REGARDING USES OF THE FORMER MONTANA CHILDRENS CENTER INCLUDE MANY COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE THIS 7 COUNTY AREA.

SIGNED INDIVIDUAL BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE 1979 SESSION OF THE MANTANA LEGISLATURE.

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CENTER FOR DISTURBED YOUTES	5	5
EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR INDIANS STATE CORRECTIONAL	8	5
FACILITY FOR YOUTHS AND ADULT	es 10	5
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CENTER, ON TAX ROLLS	50	6
YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS	6	7
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Individually signed ballots have been tabulated by communities with the exception of a number signed with no residence noted.

Ballots marked with several choices, but without first preference marked were not counted (page 7).

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2	TOWNSEND	13			
3	GREAT FALLS	70			
4	TWIN BRIDGES	441			
5	EUITE	380			
6	VATERLOG	4			
?	VIRGINIA CITY	45			
8	HARRISON	7			
5	NATTAMA	25			
10	MORRIS	2			
11	DILLON 10)54			
12	SHERIDAN	612			
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14	ALDER	14			
15	EMMIS	120			
16	BILLINGS	12			
17	MELROSE	61			
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19	CLANCY	2			
20	EAST HELENA	50			
21	CALERON	9			
22	LIVINGSTON	33	•		
23	BELGRADE	1			

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24 ERIDCER	2
25 CORVALLIS	3
26 BCULDER	5
27 EASIN	1
28 CARDWELL	55
25 DEER LODGE	18
30 POLARIS	5
31 GLIN	34
32 GLANT	1
33 KALLIGFELL	4
34 LIBBY	1
35 DIVIDE	15
36 MCALLISTER	15
37 LAURIN	5
38 LINA	21
39 LINSDALE	1
40 JACKSON	9
41 TROY	3
42 MISSOULA	120
43 STEVENSVILLE	6
44 AVON	3
45 AMACOMDA	31
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48 BLACK EAGLE	1
49 SILVER BOW	2
50 UIUDOM	11
51 SILVER STAR	68
52 VILCALL	4
53 WISE RIVER	20
54 ULI.	2
55 RELEMA	18
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57 FRENCHTOWN	1
58 FLORENCE	1
59 EXERKNEY ROUNDUP	3
60 HARDIN	1
61 LOLO	3
62 WILLOW CHEEK	1
63 ERCHMING	1
64 RUSON	1
65 FURSYTH	2
66 LOMAN	3
67 CLIMIGN	3

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RC&D POLL, USES OF CHILDRENS THOSE FAVORING CONVERSION TO CONLUNITY	CENTUR, TWIN BRIDGES VETERANS DOMICILIARY NUMBER
68 Robson	3
69 CCHEAD	1
70 PCLSCN	1
71 COLUMBIA FALLS	1
72 HAPILTON	1
73 MILES CITY	1
74 BASIN	2
75 DRUMPAND	1
76 LIBEY	1 .
77 VAUGHN	2
78 THREE FORKS	4
75 SUPERIOR	1
25 80 VALIER	2
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82 RINMETT	1
83 LEWISTON	1
84 DIG FORK	2
85 INMIGRANT	1.
86 CHARLO	1
37 CLYDE PARK	1
98 BALENTINE	1
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DILLOH		1 .	
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BILLINGS		1
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PRIVATE RETIREMENT CENTER, ON THE TAX ROLLS

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ENNIS	2
THIN BRIDGES	16
DILLON	9
UNGIGNED	4
SILVER STAR	1
HELENA	1
BALLENTINE	L
POLSON	1
SHERIDAM	4
GLEN	1
ALDER	1
MARRISON	1
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EILLINGS	1.
TUVNSEND	1
CARDWELL.	1
CHARGED WINIFRED	1

RC&D CHINICH POLL, USES OF MONTANA CHILDRENS CENTER, TWIN BRIDGES, MONTANA CHOICES OTHER THAN CONVERSION TO VETERANS DOMICILIARY

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YOUTH CONSERVATION CORES

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DILLOH	3
DIVIDE	1
SHERIDAN	1
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TOTAL	6

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TUCHTIW, GENERAL

DESIGNATION AS TO

FIRST CHOICE, OR SIGNED

 RC&D OPINION POLL, USES CF CHILDRENS CENTER TWIN BRIDGES, MONTANA

CHOICES OTHER THAN CONVERSION TO VETERANS DOMICILIARY

EDUCATIONAL CENTER, PRIVATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING

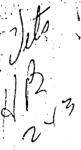
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Dan Brockman



Post No. 31

Chartered March 20, 1973, as successor to Twin Bridges Post 31 Chartered Aug. 10, 1920.

TWIN BRIDGES, MONTANA 59754

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The following ter page report of the results of the Resource, Conservation and Development Council is respectfully submitted to the 1979 Montana Legislature by Wm. F. O'Donnell, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER for DAN BROCKMAN POST 31, THE AMERICAN LEGION, TWIN BRIDGES, MONT., AND CHARLES M. REIS POST 3843, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF TWIN BRIDGES AND SHERIDAN, MONTANA.

The report is preceded by introductory pages A, B and C.

A MAP OF THE STATE OF MONTANA HAS BEEN PREPARED,
INDICATING ALL COMMUNITIES FROM WHICH RESPONSES WERE
RECEIVED.

WM. F. O'DONNELL

THE HEADWATERS RESOURCE, CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF THIS AREA INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING MONTANA COUNTIES:

BEAVERHEAD

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THE ATTATCHED TABULATIONS OF INDIVIDUALLY SIGNED OPINION BALLOTS REGARDING USES OF THE FORMER MONTANA CHILDRENS CENTER INCLUDE MANY COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE THIS 7 COUNTY AREA.

SIGNED INDIVIDUAL BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE 1979 SESSION OF THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE.

INDEX TO RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLL
CONCERNING USES OF ABANDONED MONTANA CHILDRENS

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CHOICE	NUMBER	PAGE
VETERANS DOMICILIARY	4,064	1,2,3,4
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STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR YOUTHS AND ADULTS	10	5
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Ballots marked with several choices, but without first preference marked were not counted (page 7).

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20420

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IN REPLY

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Honorable Max Baucus United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Baucus:

I am pleased to respond to your inquiry concerning the establishment of another State veterans' home in Montana.

Enclosed is a Question and Answer Sheet which explains the Veterans Administration involvement in the State Home Program and the procedures for requesting federal assistance in the cost of constructing State home facilities.

The VA assists States in the establishment and operation of State veterans' homes through two grant-in-aid programs. First, we make per diem payments to States for the care provided eligible veterans in State homes recognized by the VA; and second, we can participate in up to 65 percent of the cost of constructing or remodeling such facilities. Title 38 U.S.C., Section 5033, authorized the appropriation of \$15,000,000 each fiscal year for making grants to States for the construction and remodeling of State home facilities for furnishing domiciliary, nursing home and hospital care. It should be noted, however, that only \$10,000,000 was appropriated in fiscal year 1979 and only \$5,000,000 has been requested for fiscal year 1980 in support of the grant program.

Also enclosed are copies of the application forms to be used in requesting federal assistance in the construction of State veterans' home The preapplication for federal assistance is required for facilities all construction projects for which the need for federal funding exceeds \$100,000 and is used to determine the applicants eligibility, establish communication between the federal agency and the applicant, and to identify those proposals for which sufficient funds are not available to award the grant requested prior to the applicant incurring significant expenditures in preparing a formal application. The preapplication submission shall also include schematic plans, space outline and environmental assessment in addition to the attachments required by the Uniform administrative requirements for grant-in-aid to State and local governments prescribed in the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102. An environmental impact statement for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as revised, will be prepared when construction or remodeling of a State home will result in a major action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and will require VA review and approval prior to approval of a formal application for federal assistance.

Honorable Max Baucus

The State assures the Veterans Administration, by submission of an application, that it will comply with the requirements prescribed by the VA if the assistance is approved.

The VA shall approve any such application if the Administrator finds that (a) there are sufficient funds available to make the grant requested with respect to such project, (b) such grant does not exceed 65 percent of the estimated cost of construction, (c) the application contains such reasonable assurance as the VA determines to be necessary, and (d) the plans and specifications for such project are in accord with the regulations prescribed and that the construction of such project together with other projects under construction in other State home facilities will not result in more than the number of beds prescribed by the Veterans Administration.

There is no deadline by the VA for applications. However, I must stress the importance of the early submission of an application as the eligible projects are approved in the order in which they are received. Based upon the funds available for this program and applications pending approval totaling over \$14,000,000, we cannot anticipate sufficient funds to approve new applications until Fiscal Year 1982 or the funding cycle which begings October 1, 1981.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Harold F. Graber, our State Home Program Coordinator, at (202) 389-3679 if you require additional information or clarification and for coordination of requests for federal asistance.

I appreciate your interest in our country's veterans. You are assured of our cooperation in the establishment of another home to care for Montana's veterans.

Sincerely,

RALPH GOLDMAN, M.D.

Assistant Chief Medical Director

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Enclosures

REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A VETERANS DOMICILIARY IN TWIN BRIDGES AS PROPOSED BY HOUSE HILL 243, NOW BEING HEARD BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS-APRIL 5. 1979

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee:

I wish to urge passage of House Bill 243, as passed by the Montana House of Representatives. There are many reasons that this should be done.

first of all the need of such a facility, since Columbia Falls is completely full and has a waiting list, and as the State of Montana, or more accurately, the people of Montana already own this facility, it could be put to use for this purpose for a minimal cost.

There has been much pressure to sell this facility, at a fraction of its value, this is a fallacious argument as long as there is any possible use for it. I do not agree with those who suggest that it be put to any use, this is no decision at all, and can allow a sale for some purpose that would be utterly unacceptable. The most prominent use suggested has been for a retirement home, privately owned, the danger here is the fact that it could be a financial failure, resulting in the total loss of the propert to the State and to the local area. If it were sold and placed on the tax rolls, taxes, together with questionable success of such a venture could precipitate its loss if it were sold to a non-profit or manization, the success would be just as questionable and we would be launched on a path of no return.

I argue that, even though the argument uppermost in every legislators mind this year is tax reduction, property such as this is gaining in value, while our dollars continut to shrink, therefor the disposal of this property would constitute a loss of several million dollars, as there is a possible use for it. a beneficial use.

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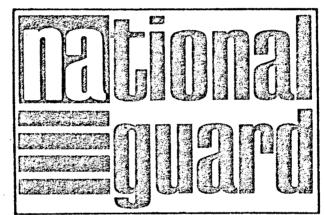
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