IHE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINI APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES.
February 18, 1981

The meeting was called to order by CHAIRMAN STOBIE on February l8, 1981 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 431 of the Capitol.

Roll call was taken with all members present.
FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS:
BOB ROBINSON, Fiscal Analyst, said that overall, in regards to FTEs, the LFA recommends 60.23 FIE reduction and the Executive (OBPP) propose 35.27 reduction.

## CONSERVATION EDUCATION DIVISION:

This division and recommendations were discussed and out of 2.2 positions cut, Fish, Wildife and Parks would like to have one back to take care of the summer program.

They have cut back the following positions in 1980:
4 Wildlife Division
4 Law Enforcement
2 Fisheries
7 Administration
10 Centralized Services Current level in Parks and Recreation

There are 20 FTEs in this department under the LFA.
REPRESENTATIVE STOBIE discussed the Conservation Concept. The new concept would make the leader of the Conservation unit as head of the field people.

BOB ROBINSON stated that the regional office is in charge of this area and the regional coordinator directs the region and enforcement is under him as well as the biologists.

BOB ROBINSON said the department could have a $10 \%$ increase in a pay plan and stay close to their current projected hunting and fishing revenues.

REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL remarked and BOB ROBINSON confirmed Fish, Wildife and Parks original requests and what the committee is offering them. It shows over a $\$ 2,000,000$ difference over all.

Question arose by SENATOR SMITH on how many people were actually on board in the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department. FTEs have gone from 520.30 in 1980 and 495.11 in 1981, a total of 462.37 in 1982 and the OBPP budget shows 459.84 in 1983.

REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL made a MOTION leaving 7 Informational Officers in the same divisions, but that they be known as

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Conservation Officers with multi-duties. ROLL CALL VOTE:

| REP. STOBIE | NO | REP MANUEL | YES | SEN. SMITH | YES |  |
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| REP. HEMSTAD | YES | REP COZZENS | YES | SEN | BOYLAN | YES |
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MOTION PASSED:
SENATOR BOYLAN made a MOTION to adopt the LFA budget for the CONSERVATION DIVISION. MOTION PASSED.

REPRESENTATIVE COZZENS MOVED to go with the LFA budget from line item 2100 to 2900 , except for travel which would be the OBPP recommendation. MOTION PASSED.

Under EQUIPMENT, REPRESENTATIVE COZZENS MOVED that $\$ 2500$ for 1982 and $\$ 5000$ for 1983 do pass. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPRESENTATIVE HEMSTAD MOVED that they get $\$ 24,000$ per year for uniforms. MOTION PASSED.

SENATOR SMITH MOVED to recommend CENTRALIZED SERVICES have 20 FTEs and Line Item $\$ 500,000$ per year for replacement of budget amendments. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting closed on Fish and Game and opened with a continuation of the hearing on the DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

GARY BUCHANAN gave a description of the Department and related it to a chart they had on the wall, previously given out.

AERONAUTICS DIVISION: (EXYIBIT A)
MIKE FERGUSON presented this division and gave an explanation of the program. It was created in 1945, funded by $1 \notin$ per gallon aviation fuel tax, receiving no money from the general fund and still does not. The l\& tax brings in about $\$ 350,000$ a year.

## BUREAU OF SAFTEY AND EDUCATION:

Search and Rescue
School Programs
Mechanics Seminar
Flight Instructor Refresher Course
Survival Clinic
Fund College Workshops
Aviation is being introduced to the colleges and aeronautics pays to bring the instructors in.

They have a wholesale supply store where they can purchase and sell various airport supplies at cost. They have sales of about $\$ 12,000$ to $\$ 15,000$ a year.

## AIRWAY AND AIRPORT BUREAU:

They also have an airport in West Yellowstone they support that operates on a revolving account. They pay a 2 mill levy to Gallatin County Airport and are against this because there is no connection whatsoever.

Another job is to approve issuances of industrial airline certificates.

CAROLYN DOERING, Budget Analyst, explained the differences under contracted services in this department.

MR. FERGUSON said $\$ 121,598$ was the loan repayment, also the grants for preliminary engineering has been cut down for individual community.

REPRESENTATIVE COZZENS asked about the $l \notin$ per gallon and where the additional amount comes from.

MR. FERGUSON stated that they do airport inspections, etc. for some income.

The Executive Office said that their revenue estimate shows \$553,800.

The one FTE shown is a reinstatement of previously authorized position. This currently shows under "contracted services".

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: (EXHIBIT B)
This division provides service to the communities.

1. LOCAL PLANNING IMPACT BUREAU.

This Bureau provides funds and is responsible for providing technical assistant to local government planning board and help energy inspect in the southeastern part of the state.
2. HOUSING \& COMMUNITY FACILITIES BUREAU.

This bureau administers major federal housing facilities. It is a rent subsidy program and housing program. It administers about 1400 housing units around the state. Rent subsidy checks are sent out to owners of those houses.

The rehabilitation end of the program is here. There is 482 rental dwelling units in the state program and has been in affect for about one year. The other is direct subsidy to existing dwelling units and are now subsidizing approximately 1400 dwelling units. The Community Facilities Unit

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does individual work with the small communities in putting together their plans and their management plans and their applications for department of housing and urban development loans and grants. The communities are receiving about 7 million dollars from HUD over the biennium.

## 3. TRANSIT ASSISTANCE BUREAU:

This bureau has a growing responsibility in transportation and have been farming it out to other individuals and bureaus. A year and one half ago the government accepted a program for transit system in the state and it amounted to about one haif million dollars a year.
$\$ 48,000$ is allocated by the state and goes out to seven communities for general transit system assistance (buses). That is available on a $50 / 50$ basis. Capital outlay is an 80/20 match program for private organizations such as senior citizens, etc.

There is a committee in this bureau looking at transporting wheat by barges on the upper Missouri.

They added 2 more FTEs to the staff when they organized the Transit Assistance Bureau. These are $100 \%$ federally funded.

GARY BUCHANAN said that being realistic, the Governor's cutback is going to affect their Department.

Coal money, highway, federal money and general funds are shown in line items 6100, 6200, 01100 and 02138.

CAROLYN DOERING presented a spread sheet on the OBPP budget.
The meeting adjourned at ll:30 a.m.


CHRIS STOBIE, CHAIRMAN
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