

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
February 22, 1981

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 22, 1981 in Room 431 at the Capitol Building.

Roll call was taken. Absent were SENATOR STIMATZ and SENATOR BOYLAN and REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL.

The meeting was called into EXECUTIVE SESSION. The first item on the agenda was:

NATURAL RESOURCES - CENTRALIZED SERVICES:

There was a brief discussion on this department and the FTEs. BOB ROBINSON, Fiscal Analyst, remarked that the OBPP FTEs of 51.85 would be a more accurate level to accept.

This department has dropped two requests. There are 49.85 FTEs now. Another complication to that is that the forestry department will go to State Lands and the pilot will go to forestry to make an actual 48.85 FTE for Centralized Services.

MOTION was made by SENATOR SMITH to take the one FTE out of Centralized Services and add it to forestry. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION was made by REPRESENTATIVE HEMSTAD that \$3,000 for FY 82 and \$3,000 for FY 83 be approved for the Board of Natural Resources's per diem and be placed in the budget. MOTION PASSED.

The YCC and YACC federal grant programs were discussed. Mr. ROBINSON said that they requested \$13,712 and \$14,823 for consultant services for MBO training for management and personnel and it was in the OBPP budget. The OBPP has \$4,000 of it in their budget and the LFA has nothing in the budget.

The Flathead River Basin money is in both budgets, all federal money. The department has asked for \$15,000 additional for travel, rent and utilities for 1982 and \$55,000 for 1983 in addition to the LFA budget. This includes \$30,000 audit and travel, and \$25,000 in 'other' categories for travel, rent and utilities. State Lands have an agreement for rent that runs past this biennium.

SENATOR SMITH stated that even though they have cut the FTEs, he does not feel they have increased the travel enough. The subcommittee added \$3,000 to travel, \$6,000 to rent and \$2,000 to utilities to the 1982 LFA budget under Centralized Services. They recommended adding \$30,000 to contracted services to the LFA for the 1983 biennium, and

to take \$16,000 of the \$25,000 request and spread it between travel, rent and utilities for 1983.

SENATOR SMITH MOVED to adopt the seven amendments and cut the FTE level from 51.85 FTEs to 48.85 FTEs for 1982 and 1983, and add \$30,000 for the 1983 biennium, for audit and travel under Contracted Services, LFA recommendation. The amended budget for travel, rent and utilities should show as follows:

	Sub-Cmtt 82	Sub-Cmtt 83
Travel	\$ 24,081	\$ 28,000
Rent	140,538	152,000
Utilities	18,454	20,000

Also included in this motion was to accept the LFA recommendation for Contracted Services of \$289,498 for 1982. MOTION PASSED.

Discussion was held on line item 3100, Equipment and the differences shown between the OBPP and LFA budget, BOB ROBINSON said that the differences showed in the equipment for the two FTE positions dropped, and that the LFA did not include any secretary or room dividers.

Line item 6200, from 'federal sources' is for the YCC & YACC 'Federal Grant Programs' and is just pass-through money.

SENATOR SMITH MOVED that the LFA recommendation for Equipment line item 3100, in the amount of \$5,260 for FY82 and \$4,448 for FY83 be accepted. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOB ROBINSON stated that there were a number of FTEs in forestry prior to reorganization that did accounting, payroll, etc., but when the reorganization occurred, those FTEs were lost and put into Centralized Services, which is their reasons for not using timber stand improvements, slash and brush disposal and nursery revenues to support Centralized Services. The Department does agree to taking earmarked from oil and gas and other various earmarked revenues and plug them into Centralized Services.

It was decided by the subcommittee that Bob Robinson and Jim Williams, the Fiscal Analyst and Budget Analyst, evaluate the funding in Centralized Services under Earmarked Revenues.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BOB ROBINSON related to the organizational chart (EXHIBIT A, February 16th minutes).

Resource money was talked and the bills that are up in the Legislature that would allow changes in the budget. BOB ROBINSON said that alternative energy development cannot be spent on forestry, but renewable resource development funds can. All the application of RD money go to the Department of Natural Resources and proposals go to the legislature for action. MR. ROBINSON stated that this subcommittee approved \$65,000 of reserve indemnity trust funds per year for repairing shotholes, and another \$75,000 for spillway rehabilitation on water projects (the other \$75,000 was earmarked).

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, (Exhibit E under Feb. 16th minutes) was related to in that \$22,000 worth of operating expenses brings the total budget to \$90,000 the first year, and \$80,000 the second year.

SENATOR SMITH MOVED that the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing merge with the Division of Regulation and add one attorney. This will eliminate one administrator and 1 secretary and some related costs form their requests. MOTION PASSED.

REPRESENTATIVE COZZENS made a MOTION to add \$3,000 for the support of the attorney to be added to the merged division. MOTION PASSED.

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - AERONAUTICS

REPRESENTATIVE COZZENS made a MOTION to accept the 13.34 FTEs for 1982 and 1983 and accept line item 2100, Contracted Services for \$43,797 for 1982 and \$50,003 for 1983, and line item 2800, Other Expenses, for \$6,000 for 1982 and \$6,500 for 1983 and to accept the OBPP level from line item 2200 through 2900 for 1982 and 1983. MOTION PASSED.

Equipment was the next item responded to. The items included under equipment included beacons, 10 unicoms, H markers for airports, honing devices, films and miscellaneous items.

MOTION was made by REPRESENTATIVE COZZENS to accept the OBPP recommendation for Equipment for 1982 and 1983 in the amount of \$38,450 in 1982 and \$62,200 in 1983. MOTION PASSED.

REPRESENTATIVE COZZENS made a MOTION to accept the OBPP recommendation from State Sources, line item #6100. MOTION PASSED.

DIVISION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - COAL BOARD

Discussion regarding all grants from the coal tax fund. All grants from the coal tax funds would be related to development from coal funds.

More specific language will be drawn up by the fiscal analyst.

REPRESENTATIVE HEMSTAD MOVED that BOB ROBINSON, Fiscal Analyst, write up a line item stating language restricting the distribution of grant money from the coal board. MOTION PASSED with SENATOR SMITH voting NO.

MOTION was made by REPRESENTATIVE HEMSTAD to change the LFA recommendation from 4 FTE to 3 FTE for 1982 and 1983, and to adopt the LFA expenditure level, line item 2100 thru line item 2900, and also line item 3100 for Equipment; all for 1982 and 1983. MOTION PASSED.

PROGRAM COSTS

REPRESENTATIVE HEMSTAD made a MOTION to accept line item #6100 OBPP Recommendation for \$9,000,000 in 1982 and \$11,000,000 in 1983, and to add language. MOTION PASSED.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION - BUSINESS ASSISTANCE BUREAU

(See Exhibit A, February 20th minutes) showing 5 FTEs in 1982 and 1983 budget.

SENATOR SMITH made a MOTION to approve the proposal presented by the Business Assistance Bureau. MOTION PASSED with one vote NO by REPRESENTATIVE STOBIE.

GRANTS PROGRAM:

(See Exhibit B, February 20th minutes) These are grants that must show matching funds. These are direct assistance grants and not loans.

REPRESENTATIVE HEMSTAD MOVED the Economic Development 304 grants for 1982. MOTION PASSED with one NO from REPRESENTATIVE STOBIE.

TRAVEL PROMOTION BUREAU:

Discussion was held regarding to it being a self-supporting bureau. The cost of staffing the 7.5 FTEs is \$134,000 in this bureau.

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BOB ROBINSON said that the LFA recommendation was 7.5 FTEs and no general funds. It is to be funded with highway funds. CAROLYN DOERING, Budget Analyst, stated that the reason they went to general funds instead of highway is because it would cause a diversion of funds.

It was noted that 7.5 FTEs are in Governor Schwinden's recommendation.

SENATOR SMITH made a MOTION that \$300,000 in 1982 and \$200,000 in 1983 come from the general fund; and \$400,000 in 1982 and \$700,000 in 1983 from federal and private funds; also that the 7.5 FTEs (NOT TO INCLUDE A DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION) be authorized. MOTION PASSED.

RAIL PLANNING UNIT:

This unit consists of 3 FTEs, 2 FTEs that do rail planning and one secretary. Most of this is all federal money that is federal rail money; 80% federal and 20% Burlington Northern.

This unit is currently using highway money (02138). In fiscal 80-81 no general funds were used.

MOTION was made by SENATOR SMITH to adopt the rail planning OBPP recommendation in full. MOTION PASSED.

It was MOVED by SENATOR SMITH to accept the Administrative Support Program. MOTION PASSED.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.


CHRIS STOBIE, CHAIRMAN

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