

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
ON LONG RANGE BUILDING

March 24, 1981

The meeting was called to order by JACK K. MOORE, CHAIRMAN, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 108. All Committee members were present except Sen. Matt Himsl. Also in attendance was BOB ROBINSON, Fiscal Analyst.

Testimony was given by CAROLL SOUTH, Director of the Department of Institutions; DR. JAMES ERICKSON, Northern Montana College President, DR. JOHN VANDEWETERING, EMC President, ANDY VANLEY-LANGEN, Facility Planner for the University System, JEFF MORRISON, Member of the Board of Regents; Dr. John Richardson, Commissioner for Higher Education; GENE HUNTINGTON, Office of Budget and Planning.

The CHAIRMAN stated items to be discussed would be in the following order HB 837; Remodel Cowan Hall at NMC; Computer Site Modification and Cisel Hall at EMC.

HB 837

PROPOSERS

REP. BARDANOUVE, HB 837 sponsor, stated there has been a lot of concern over the prison escapes and it is felt there should be greater security to keep the guests at the Prison. This means besides the razor wire there should be another guard tower. He explained when the Prison was built it was felt this was the best designs around, and due to the planning would cut down the security FTE etc, however, what was told was not true. The Prisoners have found a weak spot on the fence and this tower is needed to overcome this blind spot.

MR. SOUTH explained Exhibit A, the location for the new guard tower is marked with an X. He stated the prison should have never been built without guard towers. The escapes from the prisoners have been made in the area where you cannot see the fence from the guard tower, and less than half of the fence is visible from the existing guard tower. He noted with the gates there is one area where only 2 rolls of wire can be put instead of 8 rolls, and the 2 rolls area is where most of the escapes occur. He noted outside the circular area is the industry complex and they have received permission to expand this area. The new tower will give better observation of this area. He explained the cost of the new tower was arrived at by the cost of the present tower, which was constructed at \$158,000. Inflation has been built in, plus A&E contingency fees, which come to \$212,000.

The existing tower had a spiral staircase installed which was taken out of the old prison, the price for a staircase must be included in this, which is around \$6500, another \$6500 to paint the tower and another \$20,000 is needed for all the electronic controls necessary. There is also an additional request of \$10,000 for two search lights, which would be mounted so they could be controlled from inside the tower.

REP. DONALDSON Moved that HB 837 have a DO PASS. THE MOTION PASSED.

NORTHERN MONTANA COLLEGE

DR. ERICKSON, President, stated this particular project is #10, Page 44. Cowan Hall was originally constructed in 1953 and added to in 1957, and has a gross area of 66,000 square feet and a useable area of 60,000 square feet. Cowan Hall is occupied by the library, soon to be replaced by a new Library building. There will then be space for remodeling into additional classrooms. It houses the Business, Language, Literature, Education, History, Social Studies Departments and Learning Center. Because of its age, it is without an elevator, the stairways are open interior construction, and the theatre is without a second exit, as required for fire codes. There is about 14,000 square feet of space which the present library occupies available for remodeling. He wanted to explain the problems with the theatre showing a seepage problem. He feels this will require new tiles and a sump pump. The 100,000 from the \$150,000 requested would be used for remodeling the little Theatre area, the remaining \$50,000 would be set aside for the planning of the total remodeling on Phase I. He explained the little Theatre is the only place on campus that can hold 200 students and is used for much more than a Theatre.

MR. VANTEYLINGEN stated the original request was for \$950,000, to be used for the remodeling to assist with the vertical transportation, stairways etc. The \$50,000 asked in this request is for the planning money for the remodeling, to solve the seepage problem for the little Theatre and to provide a second exit. He noted when this was taken to the Board of Regents, they suggested this request be divided into two projects. He referred to Page 127 regarding the original request in the Capitol Construction Book for \$950,000. The Regents took this request and submitted the \$150,000 request. The Regents felt due to the time involved in planning this remodeling, the planning should be done first and then resubmitted to the Legislature in the next biennium. This request would be combined to the request for handicapped accessibility heard on March 23, 1981.

EASTERN MONTANA COLLEGE

DR. JOHN VANDEWETERING, President, explained the Computer Site Modification would accommodate a computer that is provided for in HB 500. The sum is \$100,000 established by the Executive Branch, and the original request is for \$160,000. The modification will involve alteration of the air conditioning, electrical system, humidification and some dust control to make this more of a data processing environment. The section 9 of HB 666 calls for a repayment schedule to be agreed to with the Director of the Department of Administration. He expressed concern regarding this, because the computer system at EMC does not generate enough outside revenue in order to repay this amount. In order to pay the recharge rate, they would need an infusion of \$100,000 from some source initially. In short this cannot be paid back unless the money is placed in the operating budget in some way. They hope that this provision can be dropped in the House Bill.

CISEL HALL is the one resident not accessible to the handicapped, #60, Page 13 on the priority list. In its remodeling stage there would be additional space and be able to house the Music program. The project was originally requested at \$1.7 million, the Executive has cut that back to \$1,190,000. The original proposal would have provided 17,000 square feet of new space, but with the reduced amount they will be able to construct a little under 13,000 square feet, which will include listening rooms, sound rooms and classrooms and the elevator tower, plus the new entry. He noted these two projects were recommended in the Executive Budget, and asked if the committee would like to hear the remodeling of McMullen Hall, Page 228. This building is currently the Administration building and houses the Business School, and requests \$42,000 to remodel the restrooms on the main floor for the handicapped, and to build vestibule doors or storm entrances on the east and west ends of the building.

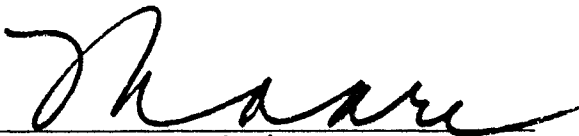
MR. HUNTINGTON stated the Executive did recommend the computer site modification, and did put in the language to have it be a loan. He explained the Executive's thinking regarding this as a revolving fund operation, and they also have the Prison Industries equipment set up with the same type of fund. He noted revolving fund operations, who need to make capital acquisitions, and still need to produce their own income to pay for it; and this loan appeared to be the way they can attempt to do this. The Executive is proposing this as some thing new this time. He feels there is quite a bit of flexibility, because the loan is negotiated with the Department of Administration and would be possible to defer the payments and work out some type of schedule where the payments wouldn't be payable until the next biennium, etc.

DR. VANDEWETERING stated they are very concerned about the revolving fund provision. He felt they need a clear understanding of what this would constitute, in regard to repayment, because at this time there is not enough money revolving out of this recharge system to cover that type of expenditure.

DR. RICHARDSON feels this management decision has implications for the entire university system, as well as the state government. He wanted to caution the Committee regarding the precedent being set here, which should not be adopted without further examination. He felt that if the state government should go in this direction, then it would be prudent to him that the university system and other state agencies be allowed to establish reserves which could be built up in preparation for future needs such as site modification etc., but they would need reassurance, that the legislators would not come in and reappropriate those reserves.

THE CHAIRMAN stated this was not establishing a precedent, and they have had front end money put out and have had it repaid.

There being no further discussion or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

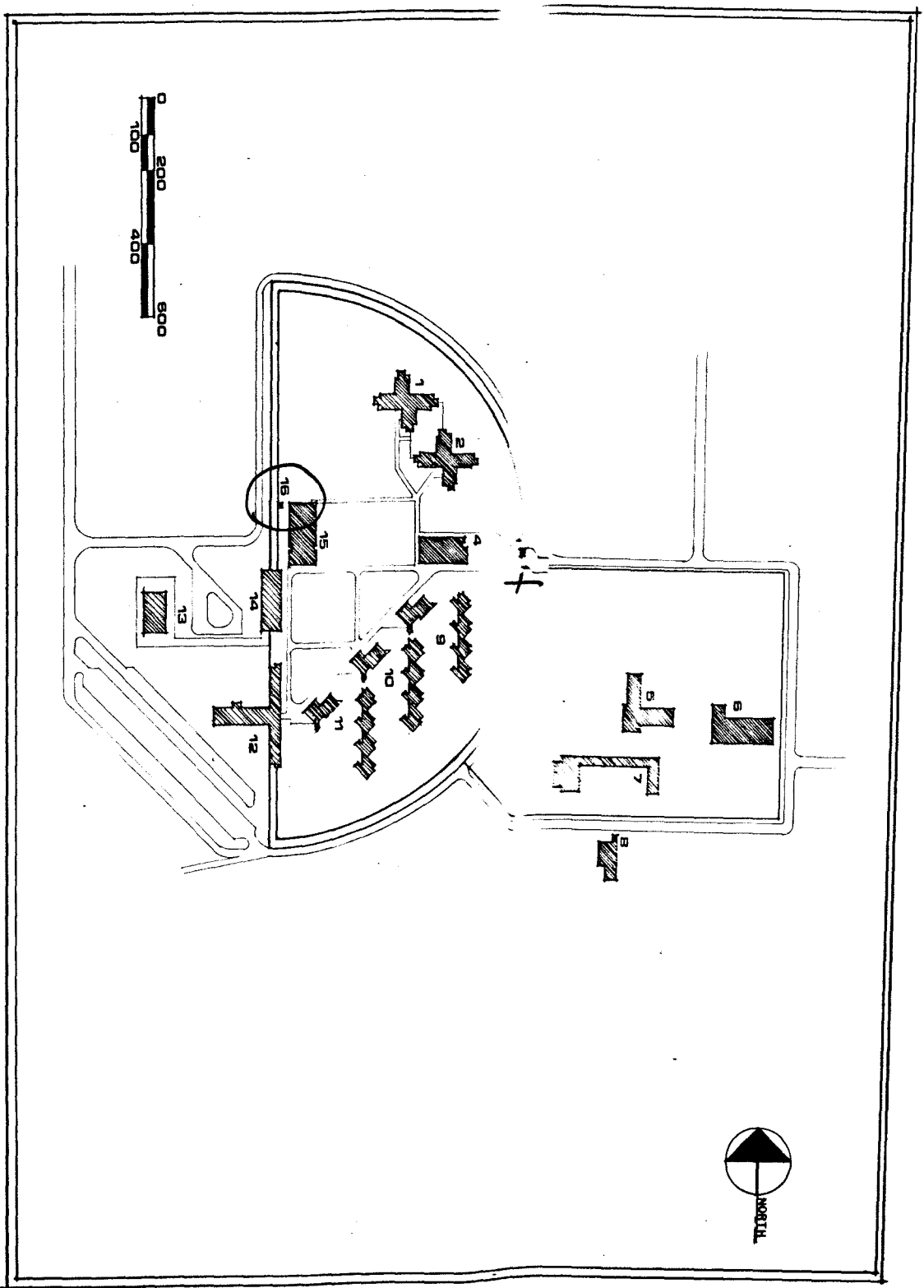


JACK K. MOORE, Chairman

Exhibit A

LEGEND

- MONTANA STATE PRISON**
- 1. Close Security Housing #1
 - 2. Close Security Housing #2
 - 3. Penitentiary Guard Station
 - 4. Food Service
 - 5. Industries
 - 6. Manufacturing Industries Auto License Factory & Prison Maintenance Shops
 - 7. Vocational Education and Art Studio Repair Facility
 - 8. Farm Machinery Repair Facility
 - 9. Minimum Security Housing
 - 10. Maximum Security Housing
 - 11. Maximum Security Workshop
 - 12. Gymnasium
 - 13. Administration Building
 - 14. Maximum Security Housing
 - 15. Gymnasium
 - 16. Guard Tower



MONTANA STATE PRISON
DEER LODGE MONTANA

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 837
2 INTRODUCED BY B. B. Bland

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO
5 THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A GUARD
6 TOWER AT MONTANA STATE PRISON; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
7 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
10 Section 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated
11 \$255,000 from the long-range building bond proceeds and
12 insurance clearance account to the director of the
13 department of administration for the biennium ending June
14 30, 1983, for construction of a guard tower at the Montana
15 state prison at Deer Lodge.

16 Section 2. Effective date. This act is effective on
17 passage and approval.

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INTRODUCED BILL
HB 837
Ex. A.