

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
54th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on January 23, 1995, at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Ethel M. Harding, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. B.F. "Chris" Christiaens (D)  
Rep. Matt McCann (D)  
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Nan LeFebvre, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Jane Hamman, Office of Budget & Program Planning  
Tracy Bartosik, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: Long-Range Building (Discussion)  
Executive Action: Department of Natural Resources and Conservation - Tongue River Dam Rehab.

**DISCUSSION ON THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS**

**ULM PISHKUN**

**Pat Graham, Director of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks**, gave the committee information explaining fee options to offset the operations and maintenance expenses. **EXHIBIT 1**

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**CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL** asked if the landowners next to the project had been contacted and if they are supportive. **SEN. CHRIS CHRISTIAENS** stated that Ted Turner is owner of the land to the west, and is in favor of the efforts, and the other land

owners have indicated that it would be a benefit to them to see the site and the roads leading to it improved.

**SEN. CHRISTIAENS** asked how utilities and water will be supplied to the site. **Mr. Graham** stated there are power lines near the site which will be easily accessed, and they are planning to drill a well for the water supply. **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** then asked if the Department had done a check to be certain that there is water there to access. **Mr. Graham** stated that there has been no specific engineering work done, but judging from discussions with local ranchers, the Department doesn't feel there would be a problem.

**Mr. Graham** stated that in regard to a previous question that **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** had asked about the maintenance of the road from Ulm up to the site, the Department would cooperate in improving the road, but the county would assume perpetual maintenance.

**REP. MATT McCANN** asked about the procedure to charge visitors, in regard to whether it would be by the car load, or charging individually at the visitor center. **Mr. Graham** stated they would either do one or the other but not both, and the Department is not sure which they will be doing.

**SEN. CHRISTIAENS** stated that the Optimist Club in Great Falls has done a large amount of work at Ulm Pishkun, and they intend to continue work there, including aid to the operations and maintenance. **Mr. Graham** stated the Optimist club does in fact support this project, giving it a very high volunteer rate, and that kind of support is what the Department needs in order to keep a project of this kind going.

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** stated that executive action on this project would probably be taken on February 17.

#### SPRING MEADOW WILDLIFE & EDUCATION CENTER, PHASE II

**Mr. Graham** stated that the Mikal Kellner Foundation did in fact buy the property, and the Department was asked to work with Architecture and Engineering on the cost estimates for the animal shelter aspect of the program. **EXHIBIT 2**

**Mr. Graham** stated the Department has, at **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL'S** request, divided the project into stages which can function without each other. He also stated that they would not request future monies from the legislature without the partnership of the foundation.

**SEN. ETHEL HARDING** questioned why the total of the breakdown on the sheet the Department handed out says \$856,829, and the LRBP book states \$885,000. **Mr. Graham** stated that the reason for the drop in the amount is that the Department believes it can do the

project for less money. The Department is planning on utilizing the Conservation Corps, and other efforts such as that.

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** stated that he asked the Department to put the project into phases because he wanted the committee to have an alternative to committing to a full-blown project.

**SEN. CHRISTIAENS** questioned whether there was the possibility of charging an access fee for the Wild Animal Shelter. **Mr. Graham** stated that the Department wasn't going in that direction because it is not set up for the additional public, and it would add extra staffing concerns. It also may give the wrong impression of the facility being thought of more as a zoo than a shelter. In response to a question by **SEN. HARDING**, **Mr. Graham** stated they are not expecting any increase in animals from the old shelter to the new shelter. The best situation would be to not have any animals in the shelter.

**REP. TOM ZOOK** stated that he favors a "phased in" program because it gives the committee, the future legislatures, and the departments a chance to look at how the project is going and help them make future decisions on funding and improvements.

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**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** stated that he would like to propose a conceptual amendment that wouldn't need to be acted on now, but would show a consensus among the committee.

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** stated that he perceives it to be the intent of this committee to go with the phased in project. The committee recognizes the need to upgrade the animal shelter, and when the agreements between the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the donor group can be made, and transfers of property can be made, authorization will be given to go ahead with the animal shelter and the planning for the additional phases in the project for \$625,000. This includes \$200,000 already appropriated from last session. It is not the intent of this committee to encumber any future legislature with the next phases. It is strictly recognition that the animal shelter needs to be taken care of. It is the intent of this committee that the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks come back to this committee next session, after working with the donor groups, with a proposal for the next phase of the project. Although this committee cannot speak for the next legislative session, it would be our recommendation that any operation of an additional phase be set up in a way that would make it self sufficient. The donor group has made it known that they will assist in the operations of this project. It is also the intent of this committee to recognize that the Department has property currently, which it would be willing to trade or sell to fund the next phase of the Spring Meadow Project. It would be the intent that this committee give conceptual approval of that with gubernatorial approval.

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** stated there would be no executive action on the Spring Meadow project today.

**REP. McCANN** said he felt a little uncomfortable with the \$100,000 designated for just the planning stages of the project.

**Mr. Ralph DeCunzo, Architecture and Engineering**, stated that based on other planning projects the estimate may be a little high, but that was to take into consideration the possible need to evaluate historic buildings on that site, and to perhaps bring in out-of-state expertise. **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** stated that he would rather spend money on planning to prevent future problems.

**SEN. CHRISTIAENS** asked who owns the land where the facility currently sits. **Mr. Graham** stated that the Department owns the land. If the land were to be sold currently, the money would be put into a trust fund, which cannot be used for this project. The Department would like to change that.

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#### SOUTH SANDSTONE DAM REPAIR

**Discussion:** **Mr. Graham**, provided information to the committee answering some of their previous questions, and a copy of an amendment to HB 5 for the project. **EXHIBITS 3 AND 4**

**REP. ZOOK** stated that he understands why the state would want to get out of ownership of the dam, but doesn't believe breaching it would be the answer, and would be in agreement if the last sentence of the amendment were to be stricken.

**Jane Hamman, OBPP**, stated that she would like talks with DNRC and the water users about the possibility of water users sharing the costs involved in projects like this. **Mr. Graham** stated that at the time the dams were constructed, contracts were entered into with the Department of Water Conservation, and in the past the water users who get water from the dam in essence have paid for the construction of the dam. There are long-term contracts, some of which are over 50 years old, that for the most part allow the irrigators to pay for their own annual operations and maintenance costs. When these costs become larger, such as with Petrolia and Tongue River Dams, the state will sometimes pick up the larger costs of the improvements.

**REP. McCANN** asked how many water users are affected by this project. **Mr. Graham** stated that he wasn't sure of the exact number, but that he would get that information for the committee.

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** stated that the direction of the amendment that the committee would be looking at would absolve the state of the ownership of this dam in an attempt to sell it to the water users. The amendment would probably include the state repairing

the dam as part of the agreement. Recreational access to facilities would, of course, still need to be maintained.

**Mr. Graham** stated that the Department had already begun discussions with the water users about this topic, and will continue to discuss it with them.

**Nan LeFebvre** stated for clarification that because the committee did not take any action on this project, when executive action is taken, the committee will have to act on the amendment at that time to increase the funding from \$250,000 to \$264,000.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

TONGUE RIVER DAM REHABILITATION, PRIORITY #55

**Discussion:** **Gary Fritz**, Department of Natural Resources, stated that the need for Amendment #1 offered by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, (**EXHIBIT 5**) is that the numbers first listed were only for the next biennium, and not for the completion of the entire project, which extends into the following biennium. He stated that the third item in the amendment relates to the loan for the Northern Cheyenne tribe, which was authorized last session and doesn't need to be reauthorized. **Mr. Fritz** also provided the committee with a copy of Amendment #2 for the Tongue River Dam Rehabilitation project offered by the DNRC .

In regard to a previous question by **Ms. Hamman**, **Mr. Fritz** stated that the environmental enhancement part of this project totals \$1.1 million from the state, and \$3.5 million from the federal government. The \$1.1 million is included under Fish, Wildlife, and Parks in this bill. The \$3.5 million from the federal government is part of the "\$31,865,000" under item #2 of Amendment #1.

For clarification, **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** stated the purpose of the amendment is to fund the entire project in HB 5 so the Department would not have to come in again next biennium for the additional funding.

**Motion/Vote:** **REP. ZOOK** moved to approve amendment #1 offered by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for the Tongue River Dam Rehabilitation Project. **Motion CARRIED Unanimously.**

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved to approve the expenditure for the Tongue River Dam project as amended. **Motion CARRIED Unanimously.**

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#### DISCUSSION ON PETROLIA DAM PROJECT

**Mr. Glenn McDonald, DNRC,** provided comparisons of irrigation costs around the state. He stated the economic analysis that was done on this project approximately ten years ago stated that the water users would be able to pay an estimated \$15 per acre.

He also stated the Department is assuming that it will be able to reallocate some of the money from the North Fork of the Smith River project loan that was authorized last session and make that available to the Petrolia project. The Department would like to add Petrolia to HB 8 so that the Department would have the authority to loan the water users money for the rehabilitation of the dam. **Mr. McDonald** mentioned that the \$358,000 20-year loan would add \$5.50 per acre increase to the water users' present assessment. This will bring their cost to \$13.50 per acre.

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** stated that there would be no executive action on this project today. He also asked that the Department work with **Nan LeFebvre** and **Jane Hamman** on an amendment to include the Petrolia project in HB 8.

#### DISCUSSION ON THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

**General Gene Prendergast, Department of Military Affairs,** in response to a question by **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL,** stated that the Department has one state-owned armory in Billings at the airport, and one federally leased armory. They also have two other buildings, a maintenance shop and an indoor multi-purpose firing range. **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked if the Department would continue to lease the federal armory if they received the appropriation for a new armory. **General Prendergast** stated they would not. He also provided handouts to the committee detailing other information about the proposed armory. **EXHIBIT 6.**

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**REP. McCANN** asked what the general use of the building would be. **General Prendergast** stated the building would have many different uses including training troops, office space, classroom space, and also some community uses.

**SEN. CHRISTIAENS** asked for clarification as to how many units there are currently in Montana, and if the Navy and the Marines

would be using the building also. **General Prendergast** stated that although the Navy verbally stated they would like to be included, they never contacted the Department further or committed anything to writing, so therefore they were not included. **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** then asked if the Navy decided they were going to use the facility, would the space be large enough. **General Prendergast** stated the Navy could not now decide to share in the facility.

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**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** stated that the Department had indicated \$30,000 worth of cost in the first half of the operation, and no maintenance costs because of the move to a new facility. Then they indicated maintenance costs will go to \$60,000 per year, which is \$120,000 per biennium, and by the third biennium there will be approximately \$40,000 per biennium for maintenance costs. He stated that what this tells him is that the operation costs will increase per biennium to \$130,000. **General Prendergast** stated that the estimate would probably be closer to \$113,000 per biennium.

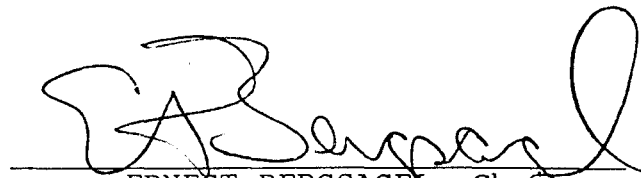
**REP. ZOOK** asked how secure the federal funding source is for the \$12 million from the National Guard Bureau. **General Prendergast** stated that any money that comes from a federal agency comes courtesy of Congress; therefore, they are only as sure as they can be. **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** stated that he'd had a conversation with some of Senator Conrad Burns' staff about this particular issue, and that he was assured there would in fact be funding.

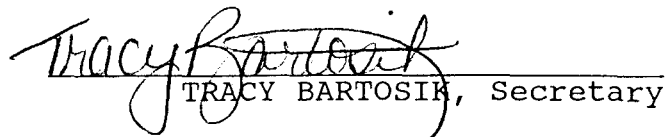
**SEN. CHRISTIAENS** stated that he was concerned about building new armed forces buildings, and causing more liability to the state, when in fact the number of armed forces personnel, and also their role, is dependant on Congress, not the state. **General Prendergast** agreed, but also stated that the armories were also heavily used by the communities as civic centers, state emergencies, and for other varied uses.

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** informed the committee that executive action on the discussions held today would more than likely be held on February 17.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00 a.m.

  
ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman

  
TRACY BARTOSIK, Secretary

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# LONG RANGE PLANNING

## Joint Appropriations Subcommittee

ROLL CALL

DATE 1-23-95

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman	X		
Rep. Matt McCann	X		
Rep. Tom Zook	X		
Sen. Ethel Harding, Vice Chairman	X		
Sen. Chris Christiaens	X		

# LONG RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE

## ULM PISHKUN STATE PARK PROPOSAL

EXHIBIT  
DATE 1-23-95  
#B-5

### SUMMARY OF REVENUE STREAM TO OFFSET O&M COSTS

#### Visitation -

present	5,000
estimated future	40,000 - 50,000

#### Comparative Visitation Figures from Comparable Sites

Makoshika State Park and Visitor Center, Glendive	45,700
Great Falls C.M. Russell Art Museum	70,000
Giant Springs State Park, Great Falls	200,000
Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park	59,000
Warm Springs Indian Museum, Oregon	75,000
Head Smashed Buffalo Jump, Alberta	113,000
Remington Historic Carriage House, Alberta	109,000

#### Existing State Parks Fee System

Fees set by FWP Commission biennially.

(Personal communication with current chairman concurs with this analysis.)

Most unstaffed sites have self pay "iron rangers".

Annual pass for \$15.00 covers annual entrance fees at all parks;

Ulm Pishkun would be included within the pass.

Per vehicle charge - \$3.00/daily use fee.

Some parks \$1.00 per visitor rather than vehicle fee.

Ulm Pishkun currently no mandatory fees, only donations.

#### Fee Options for Ulm Pishkun

**Option I** \$1.00 per visitor into visitor center, age 11 and older, group discount for schools

Estimated Revenue: \$26,000

(Assumptions: 40,000 visitors, 60% pay fee and go through visitor center, 5,000 bus visitors)

**Option II** \$3.00 per car load, discount for school groups and \$.50 for each bus occupant

Estimated Revenue: \$27,700

(Assumptions: 40,000 visitors, 2.5 people per car, 60% pay fee and go through visitor center, 5,000 bus visitors)

#### Other Comparable Fee Collections

Makoshika State Park, Glendive - estimate \$30,000 - 1994

(up 35% with opening of dinosaur visitor center)

Giant Springs State Park, Great Falls - \$43,000 - 1994

C.M. Russell Art Museum, Great Falls - \$140,000 - 1994

#### Conclusion

These estimates are conservative, but indicate a clear and certain revenue stream which will help offset O&M costs when considered in combination with other state parks cost cutting measures as outlined during recent hearings.

COST ESTIMATE  
ANIMAL SHELTER COMPLEX  
SPRING MEADOW  
FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS  
January 20, 1995

EXHIBIT 2  
DATE 1-23-95  
# 5

Animal Shelter Building

Building:

2418 sf @ \$50.00	\$120,900	
2606 sf @ \$75.00	\$195,450	
		\$316,350

Fenced Pens:

16 ft high fence set in concrete		
454 lf @ \$106.00	\$48,124	
Mesh covering over pens		
5619 sf @ 16.00	\$33,714	
Gates: 7 @ \$500	\$3,500	
Security lighting L.S.	\$6,358	
		\$91,696

Construction Cost: \$408,046

Architect's Fees @ 9% \$36,724

A/E Supervision Fee @ 3% \$12,241

Contingency @ 10% \$44,477

Total Construction Cost: \$501,488

Herbivorew Pens

Fences:

1,240 lf @ \$25.00	\$31,000	
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Gates:

4 @ 233	\$932	
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Watering Troughs:

3 @ \$500	\$1,500	
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Water Lines:

L.S	\$2,500	
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Construction Cost: \$35,932

Architect's Fees @ 6%: \$2,155

A/E Division Supervisory Fee @ 3%: \$1,078

Contingency @ 10%:	\$3,809
Total Construction Cost:	\$42,974

Aviry Pens

Poles:

33 10' high @ \$267	\$8,811	
16 17.5' high @ \$330	\$5,280	
9 25' high @ \$365	<u>\$3,285</u>	
		\$17,376

Beams:

16 4"x12"x50' @ 348	\$5,568	
16 4"x12"x25' @ \$174	\$2,784	
16 4"x12"x10" @ \$70	\$1,120	
connectors	\$2,500	
		\$11,972

Gates:

2 @ \$500		\$1,000
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Roof Purlins:

1600 lf 2"x6" @ \$1.30	\$2,080	
Framing Anchors	\$750	
		\$2,830

Wall Girts:

1440 lf 2"x4" 2 \$ .90		\$1,296
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Sheathing:

Walls 2880 sf @ \$2.00	\$5,760	
Roof 7,200 sf @ \$2.00	\$14,400	
		\$20,160

Water Line & Hydrant:

L.S.		\$2,500
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Total Construction:

\$57,134

Architect's Fees @ 6%

\$3,428

A/E Division Supervisory Fee

\$1,714

Contingency @ 10%

\$6,056

Total Construction Cost

\$68,332

Second Aviry Pen at same cost

\$68,332

Site Development

Gravel Parking Lot

50 cars @ \$157	\$7,850
2 Buses @ \$314	\$628

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	\$8,478
Handicapped Parking 4 cars @ \$400	\$1,600
Driveways L.S.	\$8,470
Sidewalks 1,700 sf @ \$2.53	\$4,301
Landscaping 10,000 sf @ .50	\$5,000
Sewer and Water L.S.	\$10,000
Construction Cost	\$37,849
Architet's Fees @ 9%	\$3,406
A/E Supervisory Fee @ 3%	\$1,135
Contingency @ 25%	\$10,313
Total Construction Cost	\$52,703
Optional Perimeter Fence 6' high chain link 2,500 lf @ \$9.20 around entire compound	\$23,000
Total Project cost for animal shelter, pens, site development and fence around compound is	\$756,829
Planning for Spring Meadow Complex	\$100,000

QUESTIONS CONCERNING SOUTH SANDSTONE DAM REPAIR PROJECT  
LONG RANGE BUILDING COMMITTEE -- 1/23/95

EXHIBIT 3  
DATE 1-23-95  
#B.5

1) Who owns the property?

The Department owns the entire site (358 acres).

2) Who built the dam?

South Sandstone dam was constructed by Rehbein Contracting Inc. The dam was designed by the Soil Conservation Service. The Department accepted the SCS design. Shortly after the dam was constructed, HKM Engineering reviewed the project information and concluded that the SCS had used its own standards and not the standards generally accepted for this type of work.

3) Who cost-shared the construction of South Sandstone?

The signed South Sandstone Agreement indicates the following:

FWP	\$ 90,247	
Fallon County	40,000	
Water Users Group	25,000	
SCS	-0-	(Supplied the Engineering & Inspection)
Little Beaver Conservation District	<u>122,082</u>	
	<u>\$277,329</u>	

4) What are the significant provisions of the contracts with the interested parties and what are the state laws pertaining to dam divestiture?

There are two written agreements with the South Sandstone Group concerning the project. The first agreement dealt only with the original construction of the project, and has been fully performed. The second agreement concerns the operation and maintenance of the site. FWP is generally responsible for the operation and maintenance of the dam and reservoir, while the South Sandstone Group is responsible for maintaining its diversion structure and irrigation works. The agreement does not address capital improvements, or major repairs or reconstruction of the project.

If FWP disposes the land, it must abide by existing legal requirements for disposition of land owned by FWP. Existing law does not permit FWP to negotiate a sale of the land in question, without first offering it for public sale. Under MCA 87-1-209, FWP may declare the land to be surplus to its needs and then offer it for sale through a public bidding process.

There is no minimum bid requirement. FWP may accept the highest bid, or reject all such bids, and then negotiate a sale of the land, as long as the negotiated price is greater than the highest rejected bid.

FWP has used federal Land and Water Conversation Funds at South Sandstone. Federal rules from this program would also have to be followed.

HB5 -- Introduced Bill  
Long Range Building Committee

This amendment makes the expenditure of the South Sandstone Dam funds contingent upon the department's (FWP) divesture of the property. It is preferred the transfer of property include continued recreational access through negotiated lease agreement with the new owners.

Page 6, following line 1

Insert: " Funds appropriated for the South Sandstone Dam can only be spent if the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks divests ownership and liability responsibility of the property. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law governing the disposal, the department is granted authority to negotiate transfer of the project to the South Sandstone Recreation and Waterspreading Group or other appropriate entity. The transfer of ownership should include continued public recreational access. In the event the parties fail to negotiate transfer of the project, the department is instructed to investigate and report to the 1997 Legislature the cost and feasibility of breaching the dam and terminating the project."

EXHIBIT 4  
DATE 1-23-95  
~~HB 5~~

Amendment #1  
Offered by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

HB5 -- Introduced Bill  
Long Range Building Committee

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Amendment #1

Offered by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

HB 5 -- Introduced Bill  
Long Range Planning Subcommittee

This amendment modifies the funding for the "Tongue River Dam Rehabilitation" Project, Priority #55, in the introduced version of HB 5.

1. Page 6, Line 30

Strike: " \$3,275,000 "

Insert: " \$3,500,000 "

2. Page 7, Line 1

Strike: " 30,465,000 "

Insert: " 31,865,000 "

3. Page 7

Strike: Line 2

BILLINGS ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER  
UTILITY AND MAINTENANCE COST DATA

EXHIBIT #6  
DATE 1-23-95  
#B 5

Lease armory - Parkway Lane

Utilities	\$7,740
Repair and Maintenance	657

State armory - Airport

Utilities	\$10,023
Repair and Maintenance	7,250

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TOTAL \$25,672 (State FY94)

Projected State utility cost for the Billings Armed Forces Reserve Center is \$30,000 for the last half of State FY 1999. Utility costs are based on \$.60/SF per year which is slightly below the \$.6125/SF per year average of four representative armories. There is no initial maintenance cost projected. However, maintenance is estimated at \$20,000 per year by the third biennium. This \$20,000 per year would not represent a request for new operating funds, but would compete in the DMA operating budget for maintenance priority in the same manner that facilities are currently prioritized for maintenance.



DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS INFORMATION  
 BILLINGS ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER

1. Billings Armed Forces Reserve Center will house units of the Montana Army National Guard and the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

2. The specific units and strengths are as follows:

Unit Designation	Strength	Employees
NATIONAL GUARD		
HHC 1-163 INF	254	14
Co A 1-163 INF	122	3
Co C Med 495th Spt Bn	117	3
Det 1 Co A (S&T) 495th Spt BN	79	2
MARINE RESERVE		
Co B 4th Recon Bn 4th Div	99	10
TOTAL	671	32

3. Square footage breakout is as follows:

	National Guard	Marine Reserve	Joint Use	Total
Building Area	39,236 SF	20,569 SF	52,313 SF	112,121 SF

4. Future strength breakout is as follows:

Unit Designation	Strength	Employees
NATIONAL GUARD		
HHC 1-190 FA Bn	100	12
Co A 1-163 INF	130	3
2669 HEMCO (-)	110	3
MARINE RESERVE		
Co B 4th Recon Bn 4th Div	99	10
TOTAL	439	28

5. Operating costs for the two existing Billings Armories totalled \$25,672 during State FY94, which included both utilities and maintenance. Utility expenses were \$17,763 during that time period. Projected State utility cost for the Billings Armed Forces Reserve Center is \$30,000 for one half of FY 1999. The utilities are estimated at \$60,000 per full year starting in FY 2000 with escalation for inflation in succeeding years. Initial maintenance is expected to be zero, but maintenance should be at \$20,000/year by the third biennium.

6. Disposal value of the State owned Billings Armory is estimated to be \$272,750. This is based on \$10 per square foot for the 14,207 SF building and \$1.00 per square foot for the three acres of land. The estimate was provided by a senior Billings commercial broker with confirmation by another similar broker. John North and Marylee Norris of Department of State lands are working on confirming that estimate.

7. Total estimated Montana Army National Guard payroll for Yellowstone County residents is \$2,508,722.

At the current time, 56 more personnel drill in Billings than reside in Yellowstone County. With 10-20 personnel leaving Billings to drill elsewhere, the influx of out of county residents is 66-76 personnel for each Inactive Duty, Training (drill) period. It is impossible to estimate how many spend the weekend in a motel, buy a tank of gasoline, occasionally bring their spouse for shopping, and eat their meals in restaurants. However, if Helena is representative, most of them spend the weekend in town rather than commuting.

While we don't have access to Marine payroll data, a good estimate for their total input to the community would be \$800,000 per year.

