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MINUTES OF BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD MEETING

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The Budget and Control Board met in the Conference Room of the Governor's Office at 3:00 p. m., Thursday, June 3, 1971. All Board members were present except Senator Edgar A. Brown, who was ill. Also present were Messrs. P. C. Smith and W. T. Putnam.

The following business was transacted.

GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION - Construction Projects

Messrs. Furman McEachern, L. P. Hamilton and Rudy Counts appeared before the Board to discuss the funding of various construction projects. Mr. McEachern reported that the General Services Division is presently renting 117,773 square feet of floor space at an average rental of \$3.55 per square foot. However, he pointed out that the most recent rentals cost as much as \$4.50 per square foot.

Mr. McEachern commented on the following projects.

Central Complex Building - The original design for this building called for four floors containing office space and for an open plaza at ground level, and the original cost was projected at \$3,800,000.00. Recently bids were taken and the lowest bid was \$4,080,650.00. It was found that by eliminating the fourth floor and by enclosing the plaza, the overall cost could be brought within funds available. However, officials of the General Services Division have determined that the most desirable structure would include the four floors plus the enclosed plaza, which would provide 114,096 square feet at a cost of \$4,300,650.00.

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Department of Agriculture Laboratory - Although the original design for the laboratory has been modified, the current estimated cost is \$725,093.00, while funds available amount to only \$560,000.00. Mr. McEachern emphasized an urgent need for moving the laboratory from the Wade Hampton Office Building as it is a safety hazard.

Wade Hampton Office Building - Mr. McEachern reported that the electrical facilities of this building are faulty and inadequate and that the entire system needs renovation. He also stated the need for self-service elevators which would serve the basement as well as the upper floors.

Development Board - Geology Building - It was reported that the Development Board would like to move its Division of Geology from the Capitol Complex into a prefabricated building which would cost only \$60,000.00.

Mr. McEachern furnished a list (A copy of which is attached) of all construction projects presently pending within the General Services Division. He requested that the Board recommend to the Legislature an increase in funding totaling \$1,367,545.00 to be borrowed from the State Insurance Sinking Fund and to be repaid from rental charges over a period of twenty-five years.

With the exception of the laboratory for the Department of Agriculture, the Board approved the various projects and agreed to recommend to the Legislature that increases totaling \$1,202,452.00 be approved and financed in the manner proposed by Mr. McEachern. The Board took note of the fact that the supplemental Appropriations Bill is presently being considered by the Senate Finance Committee and requested that Mr. P. C. Smith contact that Committee to see if the necessary legislation can be incorporated in the Committee report.

PARKING FEES

Mr. Furman McEachern reviewed the plans of the General Services Divi-

sion for the operation of State parking facilities. He called attention to the fact that a proviso in the current Appropriation Bill called for the levying of a parking fee only on the underground spaces and asked that the Board approve a proposed fee of \$91.00 per year. This fee can be paid at the rate of \$3.50 each pay day.

The question of providing reserved parking for the Legislature was raised, and Governor West suggested that meters be placed at a sufficient number of spaces to provide Legislative parking when necessary. When the General Assembly is not in session these spaces will be available for public parking for those individuals who may be conducting business with various State agencies.

The Board approved the proposed fees and also the providing of meters for certain spaces.

SCHOOL BONDS

The Board approved a recommendation by the State Board of Education for the issuance of State School Bonds totaling \$11,000,000.00 with the understanding that it would have the opportunity to review the details prior to the date of issue.

The Board took note of the fact that \$239,000,000.00 of School Bonds have been issued since 1951 and that \$142,400,000.00 has been retired, leaving a balance of \$96,600,000.00. The Board further noted that \$6,062,000.00 of appropriated funds will be available for disbursement to the school districts. This amount when added to the \$11,000,000.00 Bond issue will give a total of \$17,062,000.00 to be allocated to the various districts. This total will amount to about \$27.00 per pupil which approximates the annual allocation rate of the last few years.

STATE EMPLOYEES GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

A recent Act of the General Assembly established a State Employees Grievance Committee and provided that the Budget and Control Board appoint seven members to serve in this capacity. Previously, by administrative ac-

tion the Board had appointed just such a Committee but had named only five individuals. In order that the Committee might be expanded to its full seven members, Mr. Earl Ellis, Director of the Personnel Division, submitted recommendations for the existing vacancies.

The Board took Mr. Ellis' recommendations under advisement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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