

MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING

October 18, 1945

The Commission met in the Governor's Office at 4:00 o'clock October 12, 1945. All members of the Commission were present.

The following appropriation transfers were authorized by the Commission:

Department of Labor

From B-2 Travel, \$200.00 - To B-4 Repairs

Children's Bureau

From Item 2, Hospitalization for Children and Mothers, -  
To Item 1, the following:

\$1,800.00 to A. Personal Service, A-1 Salaries,  
Field Worker

500.00 to B. Contractual Services, B-2 Travel  
for Employees.

The Hon. Dexter C. Martin, Director of the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, appeared before the Budget Commission and requested that he be permitted to supplement the salaries of the employees of the Aeronautics Commission from the State Aviation Fund in an amount equal to 10% of the appropriated salaries. Mr. Martin stated that under a misapprehension he had permitted an increase of these salaries for the months of July, August and September, and that on that account, unless some relief was granted by the Budget Commission, it would be necessary to reduce the salaries for the remainder of the fiscal year below the monthly rate of appropriations. The Commission agreed to allow him to supplement these salaries in a sufficient amount to bring the monthly

payments for the remainder of the year back to the rate at which the appropriations were made for the compensation of employees.

The Commission reviewed the collections of General Fund revenues for the first quarter of this fiscal year, and the estimates of collections for the remainder of the year, and noted that these estimates indicated an operating deficit for the fiscal year of \$2,840,000.00, plus any amounts which may be appropriated in a deficiency bill for the year. It was noted that the surplus at the end of the fiscal year 1944-45 was determined as approximately \$11,643,000.00, including the Post War Reserve Fund; and that the operating loss anticipated for the current year would reduce this surplus to approximately \$8,803,000.00. Members of the Commission expressed considerable concern over the situation, and it was suggested by Senator Brown that the Commission exercise its powers as set forth in Section 93 of the current Appropriations Act to reduce expenditures so as to prevent an operating deficit for the current year. No action, however, was taken on this matter at this meeting.

The Commission then adjourned.

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