

Columbia, South Carolina  
September 10, 1949

The Budget Commission met in the office of the Governor at 3:00 P. M. on September 7, 1949. All members of the Commission were present.

The following appropriation transfers were approved by the Commission:

<u>Commissioner of Labor</u> A-1 Salaries - Inspectors	\$ 25 00 - To - D-3 Association Dues
<u>Sinking Fund Commission</u> Item 2. B. Contractual Services E-4 Repairs and Elevator Contract	72 60 - To - Item 2. D. Fixed Charges and Contributions: D-2 Insurance

The following allotments from the Civil Contingent Fund were approved by the Commission:

<u>American Braham Centennial Finance Committee</u> Contribution	\$ 75 00
<u>State Board of Fisheries</u> Operation of Patrol Boats and Airplane Hire	5 000 00
<u>Department of Labor</u> Employment of Technician	340 90
<u>Commission on State House and Grounds</u> Repairs to State House	4 200 00
<u>State Commercial Printing Company</u> Budget Supplies	72 00

Admiral Norman M. Smith and Dean Chase appeared before the Commission to discuss approval of salaries at the University. It was pointed out by these gentlemen that it was necessary for the University to contract with its teachers and that the requirement that the Budget Commission approve salaries before the contract was made was a serious interference in negotiating with the respective teachers. The Commission authorized the University to proceed with the employment of necessary personnel and assured them that no question would be raised as to the amounts paid if they were in the line of reason and to report same to the Budget Commission as soon as contracts had been completed.

Adjutant General Dozier appeared before the Commission requesting permission to use a portion of funds appropriated for the construction of armories and garages to make additions to fifteen garages which had already been completed. The Commission instructed the Secretary and the Adjutant General to confer with the Comptroller General on the matter and with the Attorney General to determine the legality of the request and to report to the Commission at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Andrew H. DuPre appeared before the Commission and urged an allotment of \$7,500.00 from the Civil Contingent Fund for the operation of patrol boats and the hiring of airplanes. The Commission agreed to allot the sum of \$5,000.00 for this purpose.

Mr. George Buchanan, representing the State Hospital Board, appeared before the Commission to request that the State Hospital be permitted to buy its electric current directly from the S. C. Electric and Gas Company rather than through the State Electrician. The Secretary and Mr. Buchanan were directed to confer with the State Electrician to determine whether or not this change would result in higher rates to the State and report to a subsequent meeting of the Budget Commission.

The Commission had before it a letter from Mr. Robert McC. Figg, Jr., of the State Ports Authority, desiring the advice of the Budget Commission as to the purchase of an airplane for the use of Mr. Pilgrim, traveling representative of the Authority. The Commission directed the Secretary to advise Mr. Figg that it had no authority in the matter and was willing to rely upon the judgement of the Ports Authority in the matter.

The Commission had before it a report from the State Department of Public Welfare relating to the Carolina Orphan Home, this report and the approval of the Budget Commission being required for release of the appropriation to the Carolina Orphan Home for the Year 1949-1950. The release of these funds was approved by the

Budget Commission in view of the report and the recommendation of the Department of Public Welfare.

The Commission had for consideration a large number of requests for salary adjustments from several departments and institutions. It was agreed by the Commission that the State Auditor should handle these requests under a policy of permitting such salary adjustments in cases of proven necessity, and of keeping the number of such adjustments to a minimum.

The Commission then adjourned.

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