

Columbia, South Carolina
July 21, 1950

The State Budget and Control Board met in the Governor's office on Friday, July 21, 1950. All members of the Board were present.

The following matters were presented by Mr. Sam B. King, Director of the Property Division.

Trial Balances of May 31, 1950, and June 30, 1950, (of the several Sinking Funds) were presented and received as information.

The Board validated loan to Pickens Centralized High School District in amount of \$10,000.00 and to Six Mile Centralized High School District in amount of \$5,000.00, Pickens County, which were made on June 16, 1950.

The Board validated loan to Corinth School District No. 31, Oconee County, in amount of \$5,000.00, which was made on June 16, 1950.

The Board validated loan to Lockhart School District Health Commission, Union County, in amount of \$15,000.00, which was made on June 22, 1950.

The Board validated loan to Bellwood School District No. 8-A and Garner's Ferry School District No. 11, Richland County, in amount of \$4,000.00; to Camp Ground School District No. 25, Richland County, in amount of \$1,000.00; to Dutch Fork School District No. 29, Richland County, in amount of \$2,000.00, all of which were made on June 29, 1950.

Application for loan of \$5,000.00 by West Springs School District No. 17, Union and Spartanburg Counties, was approved as Act authorizing said loan had been approved by Governor on June 13, 1950.

Application for loan of \$25,000.00 by Union School District No. 11, Union County, was approved as Act authorizing loan was approved by Governor on June 13, 1950.

Application for loan of \$700.00 by Fairview School District No. 34, Oconee County, was approved as Act authorizing loan was approved by Governor on May 11, 1950.

Offer of Mr. John G. Ehrlich, President of Southern Silica Mining and Manu-

facturing Company, Columbia, South Carolina, to purchase 7.3 acres of Camp Styx property for the sum of \$650.00 was declined. The Director, however, was authorized to request sealed bids for the 7.3 acres.

Offer of Mr. W. G. Trevathan to purchase REA Warehouse for the sum of \$30,000.00 was declined. The Director was authorized to advertise for sealed bids for this property.

Request of Dr. G. G. Durst for use of small building on Fort Moultrie Historical Monument Area for Boy Scout activities and Exchange was granted.

The Director was instructed to contact Colonel Manning, Superintendent of State Penitentiary, with the view of having him accompany the Director to Fort Moultrie with reference to salvaging the buildings, etc.

Request of Colonel Manning, Superintendent, State Penitentiary, that he be relieved of furnishing a guard for convict labor for State House and Grounds, was presented. The Director was instructed to contact Colonel Manning and ascertain if he would feel safe in having a Trusty perform the duties of Guard.

The Director was instructed to write Mr. T. K. Huggins, Jr., Chairman of Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium Commission, that, inasmuch as the present Board will not be in office after January, 1951, the present Members would not assume responsibility of granting permission to transfer the Liberty Bell from the State House Grounds to Spartanburg.

The Board agreed that disbursements from the Sinking Funds should be made in regular manner upon warrants through the Comptroller General's office, subject to further consideration by the Comptroller and State Treasurer.

The matter of the selection of a Purchasing Agent, and the inauguration of a Purchasing Division was then taken up by the Board.

Governor Thurmond expressed the thought that such a division should be set up as soon as possible in order to effect at once any savings to be realized therefrom.

He stated that he had talked with the Chief Highway Commissioner about securing the services of Mr. Robert King, purchasing agent for the Highway Department, to fill the position of State Purchasing Agent, and that Mr. McMillan had recommended him very highly for the position. All other members of the Board agreed that Mr. King would, in view of his experience in this work, and his other excellent qualifications, be a wise choice for the position. It was agreed that Mr. King be invited to attend the next Board meeting to discuss the matter.

The following appropriation transfers were authorized by the Board.

Year 1949-50

Governor's Office

Item 2. Telegraph & Telephone	\$ 25.00	- To -	Item 2. Repairs
Item 3. Law Enforcement:			
A-1 Salaries - Chief	218.69		Item 3. A-1 Salaries - Gov. Officers
Item 3. Law Enforcement: Travel	900.00		Item 3. Motor Vehicles & Equipment

S. C. State Hospital

For Mental Hygiene Work 8,739.53 - To - For Maintenance

Board of Medical Examiners

Special Payments: Per Diem of Board 10.00 - To - Office Supplies

Schoolbook Commission

Printing and Advertising 23.50 - To - Travel
Insurance 37.75 Travel

Attorney General

Item 1. Travel 300.00 - To - Item 2. Office Supplies

S. C. Tax Commission

Clerical Help 73.14 - To - Insurance - Premium on Bonds

State Auditor's Office

Travel 250.00 - To - Office Supplies
Travel 25.00 Telegraph and Telephone

Year 1950-51

Probation and Parole Board

Per Diem of Board 300.00 - To - Salaries - Probation Officers & Case Supvrs.

State Budget and Control Board

Div. of Property and Purchasing

Item 2. Section C. Office Supplies 400.00 - To - Item 2. Section C. Other Supplies

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Legislative Council

Item 4. Research Attorney	3,500.00	- To -	Approved Accounts
Secretary	2,400.00		Stenographers
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Secretary	833.00		Approved Accounts
Travel	1,500.00		Approved Accounts

The Commission declined to approve a 1949-50 transfer requested by the Labor Department which was for the stated purpose of buying stamps for office use, on the grounds that the expenditure should be made, if necessary, from the 1950-51 appropriation.

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

Year 1949-50

<u>South Carolina Sanatorium</u> For County Sanatoria	\$1,283.00
<u>Commission on State House and Grounds</u> Water Heat Light and Power	283.09
<u>Sinking Fund Commission</u> Item 2. Calhoun and Hampton Office Buildings - Water Heat Light and Power	2,075.79
<u>Superintendent of Education</u> Item 4. Division of Instruction - D-4 Other Fixed Charges - High School Certificates & Diplomas	1,727.65

Year 1950-51

<u>Board of Fisheries</u> Operation of Patrol Boat and Airplane Hire \$5,000.00, Motor Vehicle Equipment \$800.00	5,800.00
<u>Research, Planning and Development Board</u> A-3 Special Payments - Clerical Help	500.00
<u>Historical Commission</u> A-1 Salaries - Director	1,000.00

A written request by the State Superintendent of Education for an allotment of \$8,321.67 to provide salaries for a supervisor of transportation, a secretary, and to cover other expense of the office, was received by the Board, but no action was taken thereon. **769**

A written request from the State Forester to be permitted to use revenues

from a 2200 acre tract of land in Richland County, to apply on a 1945 contract of purchase, according to the terms of the contract, was ordered to be referred to the Attorney General, and if legal, to be approved.

A written request from the State Health Officer to be permitted to use State appropriated funds for salaries payable from Federal Funds, because of a delay in receipt of the Federal Funds, was ordered referred to the Attorney General, and if legal, to be approved, on condition that the State be refunded the amount so advanced as soon as Federal Funds are received.

The Board approved a written request from the Employment Security Commission to employ, on a temporary part time basis, the services of Dr. S. M. Derrick, a full time employee of the University of South Carolina, to conduct a study of unemployment insurance benefit financing, and to compensate him therefor from funds supplied by the Federal Government for this purpose.

The Board approved a written request from the Superintendent of the State Hospital to employ Professor W. C. McCall, of the University faculty, on a temporary part time basis, as Merit Supervisor, and to compensate him at the rate of \$600.00 per annum.

After some discussion, by a majority vote, the Board approved salaries for 1950-51 at State Institutions, and in Departments for which lump sum appropriations were made, according to salary lists submitted by such agencies, on condition that the proposed salaries have been approved by the respective governing boards or commissions, and that no departmental deficit would be incurred or contributed to thereby.

The Board agreed to supplement from the Civil Contingent Fund, the 1950-51 salary of the State Historian to the extent of \$1,000.00. Although this action was contrary to a definite policy of the Board, viz. not to change a salary fixed by the General Assembly, it was considered that there was an element of obligation in this matter, together with other circumstances, which warranted the action.

In other Departments where increases were sought in some salaries payable from group appropriations, action was deferred until the next Board meeting, and the State Auditor was instructed to secure from these Departments written justifications for the proposed increases, for study by the Board.

The next meeting of the Board was fixed for August 1, at 10:00 A. M., in the Governor's office.

The Board then adjourned.

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