

MINUTES OF BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 31, 1963

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The State Budget and Control Board met in the Governor's Office at 11:00 A. M., on January 31, 1963. All members of the Board were present. This was the first meeting of the Budget and Control Board under the administration of Governor Donald Russell.

Mr. Henry S. Johnson, Jr., Geologist of the State Development Board, and Assistant Attorney General James S. Verner appeared before the Board to discuss the terms of a proposed lease of State-owned lands in Jasper, Beaufort and Colleton counties for the production of phosphates and other minerals that might exist there. Mr. J. S. Newlin, of Ridgeland in Jasper County, had applied for the lease, and it was the purpose of the gentlemen appearing before the Board to get the Board's decision on certain matters which should be cleared as to the terms and scope of the lease and the approval of the Board, if were deemed wise, to consummate such a lease.

After some discussion the Board agreed that the lease should be restricted to lands in Jasper County, that fish and wildlife refuges, State Park areas, and oyster shells should be excluded from the lease as well as oil and gas. It was agreed that the lease should be drawn for so long as production continues unless contrary to any laws relating to the length of such leases.

According to custom, at the beginning of each new administration, the Board then proceeded to elect the following as directors of the various functions of the Board: State Auditor and Secretary of the Board - J. M. Smith, Director of Sinking Funds and Property - Walter B. Brown, Director of the Retirement System - Tatum Gressette, Director of the Purchasing Division - Hugh White, Director of the Surplus Property Division - E. H. Talbert, Director of the Office Supply and Printing Division - John Martin.

This completed the reorganization of the Board under the administration of Governor Russell.

The Board reaffirmed its policy of permitting the signing of appropriation transfer forms by the State Auditor where only routine transfers were involved, but directed that any transfers of an unusual nature be brought to the attention of the Board.

The Board approved a request of the State Hospital to expend the sum of \$60,000.00 of bond issue funds for renovation work in the Mills Building, including the sum of \$20,000.00 for the installation of a sprinkler system, and for \$2,000.00 for the installation of a sprinkler system in the aides' quarters of the administration building.

The Board withheld its approval, pending receipt of further information, on an application of the University of South Carolina for permission to construct a Natural Sciences Center at a cost of \$2,943,315.00, and also a request from the State Ports Authority to expend the sum of \$1,000,000.00 for the construction of an additional berth consisting of a 300' extension of the apron and an open berth south of the Columbus Street facility.

The Board declined to approve an allotment of \$2,000.00 to Ware Shoals School District No. 51 to help defray the expenses of sending the School's band to the parade of the Festival of States in St. Petersburg, Florida, to be held on March 29, 1963.

The Board approved an allotment from the Civil Contingent Fund to the Attorney General's Office of \$1,500.00 to assist in defraying the expenses of the Southern Regional Conference of Attorneys General of the United States which had been invited to meet in Charleston on April 17, 18 and 19, 1963.

The Board agreed to have printed an additional 500 copies of the address of the Honorable Ernest F. Hollings, retiring Governor, to the Legislature on his retirement from office.

The Board approved an allotment of \$1,193.97 to the Secretary of State's Office to cover additional costs of the recent General Elections.

The Board approved an allotment from the Civil Contingent Fund to the S. C. Retirement System to finance the necessary costs of the South Carolina Police Officers' Retirement System passed at the last session of the Legislature without an appropriation. The State Auditor was directed to confer with the Director of the Retirement System concerning the amount necessary, now however to exceed the sum of \$5,509.42, at this time.

The Board formally approved a loan of \$600,000.00 requested by the State School Book Commission.

The Board deferred action on a request by the Commissioner of Agriculture for advice as to the establishment of state warehouses at cotton mills in the State where cotton would be warehoused for future use in manufacturing cotton products. Governor Russell advised that he would discuss this matter with some of the cotton mill executives.

The Board approved the purchase of a new automobile for Governor Russell on competitive bids at the low bid of \$8,161.95 submitted by Smith Motor Company, of Laurens, S. C.

The Board formally adopted a revised estimate of General Fund revenue for the fiscal years 1962-63 and 1963-64. (Revised Estimate Attached)

The Board approved the following loans from the State's Sinking Funds:

Beaufort County	\$265,000.00
Union County	37,000.00
Florence County School District No. 4	40,000.00
Lexington County	96,000.00
State Board of Education for the construction of a dormitory at the Denmark Branch of the Area Trade School (as authorized in Section 4 of Part II of the Deficiency Appropriations Act passed at the 1962 session of the General Assembly)	150,000.00

The Board then adjourned.



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