

Columbia, South Carolina
June 9, 1954

The State Budget and Control Board met in the Governor's Office at 11:00 A. M. on June 9, 1954. All members of the Board except Mr. Verner were present at this meeting.

The three Commissioners from the Employment Security Commission, and the Executive Director of the Commission, appeared before the Board to request permission to increase salaries in Grades VIII, IX, X and XI of the department's classified personnel. After some discussion of this matter the Board declined to approve this request.

The Board declined to approve a request of the State Commission of Forestry for permission to increase certain salaries in that department.

The Board declined to approve an allocation of funds to the Forestry Commission from the Civil Contingent Fund to supplement this year's appropriation for operation of the department.

The Board approved a request of the State Tax Commission to adjust the salaries of a number of auditors in the Income Tax Division.

The Board declined to approve a loan from the State's Sinking Funds, in the amount of \$140,000.00, to the State Penitentiary for the purpose of installing a larger water line to the John G. Richards Industrial School and other industrial schools in that area, the proposal being to install a line with capacity to supply an increased number of residences in that area with water.

The application for this loan was disapproved by the Board on the grounds that the State should not undertake the business or responsibility of supplying water to private citizens of the State, and for the second reason that the Board did not consider a twenty year loan from the State's Sinking Funds proper to be made from such funds.

The Board approved a loan to the Forestry Commission of \$300,000.00 for capital improvements in the several State Parks, in accordance with the terms of

Section 57 of the 1954-55 General Appropriations Act. The loan was to be made at an interest rate of 3%, payable in not exceeding five years, the details of the loan to be arranged by the Director of Sinking Funds and Property, and the Forestry Commission.

The Board approved a request of the Superintendent of Whitten Village to set aside \$20,000.00 from its appropriation for permanent improvements for the purpose of making major repairs at the institution, this approval to be subject to the approval of the Committee on Permanent Improvements for the State Hospital and Whitten Village.

The Board approved a change in the construction projects at the University, to include a project involving a cost of approximately \$92,000.00, to construct a heat line to the new buildings. The Board was advised that the necessary sum would be saved from the estimated cost of other projects.

The Board approved changes in projects contemplated at The Citadel to be financed from the tuition bond issue, to include an elevator for the Bell Tower at a cost of \$7,500.00, and to repair and renovate The Citadel hospital at a cost of approximately \$20,000.00. The Board was advised that these funds would be saved by reduced costs on other projects at The Citadel.

The Board approved an allotment of \$75.00 for Office Supplies and \$50.00 for Extra Help from the Civil Contingent Fund to the State Board of Medical Examiners.

The Board approved an allocation of \$6,250.00 to the Adjutant General's office to supplement appropriations for various items in the current year's budget.

The Board approved an allotment from the Civil Contingent Fund of \$5,500.00 to the South Carolina Sanatorium for County Sanatoria.

The Board had before it a letter from George Warren, Counsel for the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, requesting that the Board investigate the desirability of selling to the Power Company the State's interest in the old State transmission line leading out of the terminal sub-station. The Secretary of the Board was requested to investigate this matter and report to the Board at a later meeting.

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The Board agreed that loans of \$4,000,000.00 to Clemson College from the

State Retirement System, for \$850,000.00 to the University of South Carolina from Retirement System funds, and of \$1,135,000.00 to the State College at Orangeburg from the State's Sinking Funds should be made at an interest rate of 3% instead of a rate of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ as originally agreed upon by the Board.

The Board then adjourned.

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