

MINUTES OF BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 1966

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The Budget and Control Board met in the Conference Room of the State Auditor's Office at 10:30 A. M., Thursday, November 17, 1966 with all members present. Also present were Messrs. P. C. Smith, Furman E. McEachern, Grady Patterson, Treasurer-Elect and Henry Mills, Comptroller General-Elect.

The following business was transacted.

ATTORNEY GENERAL - Need of Additional Space

At the opening of the meeting Attorney General Dan McLeod appeared before the Board to request the Board's help in securing additional office space for his department. He indicated that the employment of additional personnel made necessary by a growing volume of business in his office made it almost necessary that some additional space be obtained.

The Board was sympathetic with the request but was unable to provide an immediate solution to Mr. McLeod's problem. A general discussion of building needs followed with Mr. McLeod's request being received as information.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA - Employment of  
Dr. Monroe Spears

At the request of Dr. Jones, President of the University of South Carolina, the Board approved the University's employment of Dr. Monroe Spears as Professor of English, at an annual salary of \$20,000.00.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY MUNICIPAL  
PROBLEMS - Request for Funds

At the meeting of the Board November 11 approval was given to an allocation of \$500.00 from the Civil Contingent Fund to the Joint Legislative Committee to Study Municipal Problems.

Senator Charles C. Moore, Chairman of the Committee, subsequently advised the State Auditor that the request was for \$5,000.00 instead of \$500.00.

The Board declined to approve the \$5,000.00 request since the Act creating the Committee had fixed a maximum of \$5,000.00 for its expenses. The Board was of the opinion that it could not properly exceed this statutory limitation.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - Purchase of Property

Mr. Ellis MacDougall, Director of the Department of Corrections, advised the Board that the Department had recently purchased four lots on Williams, Blanding and Taylor Streets, in the City of Columbia, opposite the property of the main Penitentiary. Mr. MacDougall indicated that he was unaware that property purchases should be approved by the Budget and Control Board and was accordingly requesting the Board to validate the purchase of these particular lots.

The Board declined to take action on the matter and received it as information.

DIVISION OF GENERAL SERVICES

The following items were acted upon on recommendation of Mr. McEachern.

1. Approval was given to a request of Charleston County authorities to construct a drainage ditch through marshlands between River Road on Johns Island and the Stono River for mosquito control.

This approval was given on condition that approval also be secured from the Division of Commercial Fisheries of the Wildlife Resources Department.

2. Approved the destruction of approximately 168 cubic feet of obsolete State records, this being upon recommendation of the Department of Archives.

3. Declined to approve requested loans from Cherokee Springs Fire District of Spartanburg County and the Pacolet Fire Distruct, for the purchase of fire fighting equipment, it being noted that the tax levy authorized to retire the loans was insufficient.

4. Approved the sale of State-owned automobiles now assigned to those State officers whose terms will expire in January 1967, such sale to be at established trade-in prices. It was understood that proceeds of the sale of these vehicles would be credited to these particular departments.

WHITTEN VILLAGE - Salary of Superintendent

At the request of the Board of Trustees of Whitten Village the Board approved increasing the salary of Dr. Suber, Superintendent, to \$21,000.00 per year effective January 1, 1967.

WHITTEN VILLAGE - Plans for Dormitory Addition

In view of the rather substantial number of applicants awaiting admission to the State's facilities for retarded children, the Board authorized Whitten Village authorities to proceed with planned development for dormitory facilities to accommodate an additional 200 children. The Board agreed that a recommendation would be made to the General Assembly to provide the necessary funds for the construction of this addition.

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL BAND - Allocation from Civil  
Contingent Fund

Governor McNair informed the Board that the Columbia High School Band was one of six throughout the Nation invited to attend the annual Rose Blossom Festival in Pasadena, California in January 1967. A total of \$40,000.00 will be necessary to meet expenses of this trip. The City of Columbia, Richland County and other agencies have provided a total of \$30,000.00.

The Board agreed to contribute \$2,500.00 toward the band's expenses.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS - 1967-68

The State Auditor presented an initial draft of Budget Recommendations based on requests of departments and institutions for 1967-68.

The proposed recommendations were reviewed department by department and commented upon by the Board. It was agreed that recommendations for the Department of Education and for salaries of State employees would be given further study in view of suggestions made during discussions. Other minor modifications in the proposals were agreed to.

It was understood that final action on recommendations would be taken at a later meeting.

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No further business was transacted and the meeting adjourned at 1:00

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