

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting  
February 10, 1965

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., February 10, 1965, by Chairman Sanborn. All members were present except Senators Saar and Smith.

Mr. William Mitchell, Chairman, and Mr. Raymond Harvey, Executive Secretary, of the STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION, appeared before the Committee with reference to the budget requests of the agency. The following comments were made by Mr. Mitchell:

1. The Commission is satisfied with the Governor's recommendations for fiscal year 1966, and the agency requests no reinstatements.
2. Several items were deleted from the original requests, including personnel and office equipment. Three personnel positions were deleted which in later years may pose a problem:
  - a. Chief Utility Engineer. He stated that the position is definitely needed, but because of low salary scale (\$557/588 monthly) the Commission is unable to find a suitable employee.
  - b. Assistant General Counsel for the Securities Division (\$616/868 monthly). The work is presently being performed by the Securities Commissioner, who is also an attorney.
  - c. Petroleum Engineer, Wichita. Presently when an engineer is required, a consultant is hired on a contractual basis.
3. The matter of plugging oil wells in Eastern Kansas was discussed. Because of the number of wells that have been abandoned, a project to plug these wells could cost the State as much as \$100,000 annually. The Commission has made no recommendation on this phase.
4. The Commission endorses the Governor's recommendation to require registration and bonding of oil well diggers.

Mr. Nyle Miller, State Historian, and Mr. Ed Langsdorf, appeared in connection with the budget requests of the STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Mr. Miller asked for reinstatement of the following items:

1. 3 Pick Up Trucks at a cost of \$1,768 each.
2. Purchase and installation of an air conditioner at the Kaw Mission, estimated at \$454.
3. Hire a Tourist Guide full time, rather than the present half time, additional cost to be \$1,400.
4. Increase the budgeted amount for the purchase of propane gas at the Pony Express Station at Hanover by \$50.

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Maj. General Joe Nickell, State Adjutant General, Mr. Youngkamp, Fiscal Office of the Military Division, and Mr. McKinley, Fiscal Officer of the Civil Defense Division, appeared before the committee with reference to the ADJUTANT GENERAL'S budget requests. General Nickell made the following comments:

1. The agency is in accord with the Governor's budget recommendations.
2. That the items deleted from the budget requests were mainly items of equipment.
3. The fiscal year 1966 recommendations include a \$3,974 increase in the Military Division's budget, and \$4,977 increase in the Civil Defense Division's budget.
4. There are armories located in 61 cities throughout the State; 5 of which are rented.

The Chairman then asked Senator Woodard to review Senate Bill 13 and present his recommendations to the Committee. (See copy of bill attached.)

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

THEO. A. SANBORN, Chairman