

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
February 16, 1965

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. February 16, 1965, by Chairman Sanborn. All members of the Committee were present.

Mr. Glatt, Executive Secretary of the COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS, appeared before the Committee in reference to the agency's budget requests. The following comments were made by Mr. Glatt:

1. The agency's budget requests were fulfilled in most part.
2. However, the agency requests a supplemental fiscal year 1965 appropriation of \$5,000 to cover costs of legal fees in connection with scheduled public hearings.
3. The Governor has recommended \$1,500 for fiscal year 1966 for legal fees; however, Mr. Glatt specifically requested that \$10,000 be allowed as originally requested because of the anticipated workload.

Three bills were acted upon by the Committee:

1. Senator Smith discussed in detail a suggested bill to appropriate \$48,300 to the State Board of Regents to be utilized in financing the education of Kansas students attending certain schools of dentistry. (See copy of bill attached.) Senator Smith made a motion that the Committee introduce such a bill and recommend it for passage. Senator Van Sickle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Senate Bill No. 22 was discussed in detail by Senator Smith. (See copy attached.) The bill authorizes the sale and purchase of certain land at the University of Kansas Medical Center, and ratifies certain agreements already made. Senator Smith moved that Senate Bill No. 22 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be passed. Senator Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. House Bill No. 577 (see copy attached) was also discussed in detail. Senator Van Sickle moved that House Bill No. 577 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be passed. Senator Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alvin Jones appeared before the Committee with reference to the budget requests of the PROPERTY VALUATION DEPARTMENT. The following are his comments:

1. Discussion was held concerning the progress made in the formulation of plans to complete the 30% valuation study (see copy of map attached).
2. There is some money requested by the agency for the initiation of a training program for county personnel involved in this revaluation program.
3. Mr. Jones indicated that there may be some court litigation necessary

in connection with the oil assessment area and may require a supplemental 1965 appropriation. The Governor has indicated his support of the appropriation if it is found to be required.

Mr. Charles McAtee, Director of Penal Institutions, appeared in reference to the budgets of the following agencies:

DIRECTOR OF PENAL INSTITUTIONS:

1. There is no appeal for reinstatement of the budget requests.

RECEPTION AND DIAGNOSTIC CENTER:

1. There is no appeal.

PENITENTIARY:

1. A request for the purchase of two 5-total posting machines and two card files was included in the fiscal year 1966 request at a cost of \$7,668; however, it has been decided that a 2-total machine could be substituted at a reduction in cost; therefore it is specifically requested that \$5,500 be allocated for the machines.
2. A plan to place new tables and chairs in the main dining room of the penitentiary was discussed. 200 tables at a cost of \$27 each, and 800 chairs at a cost of \$7 each, or a total of \$11,000 is specifically requested for fiscal year 1966. An additional request of \$15,125 was originally included to allow the placement of new tables and chairs in Dormitories 1 and 2, but disallowed. Prison industries would construct the tables and chairs.
3. Capital improvement items specifically discussed included:
 - a. A special plea was made for the inclusion of \$2,500 for a permanent concrete floor in the feeding area of the hog range to allow efficient feeding and control of disease.
 - b. There is included in the request an amount of \$12,000 for construction of a new farm superintendent's residence. His present residence would be utilized for the dairyman's office and scales.

18 residences are situated on prison land; 2 are unoccupied and in need of repair.
 - c. \$22,500 was deleted in the Governor's recommendations for a new residence for the Warden. It was stated that a strong appeal will not be made at this time for the residence, but the request will again be submitted.
 - d. The Governor included a recommendation for \$22,000 to add a new wing to Dormitory 2 to house 30 inmates. These inmates would be minimum security prisoners and would be assigned to work on the farm. Present kitchen facilities are adequate for the additional inmates.

PENITENTIARY (Continued):

- e. A request included in the agency's budget requests but deleted by the Governor was a sausage room. It may be that the savings effected in the purchase of sausage will offset the savings anticipated in packing their own.
 - f. A request is made for a \$15,000 allocation to permit a survey of the grounds. Property boundaries are not marked and there is no way to determine them. Senator Liebert suggested that penitentiary officials contact the County Engineer to determine if he would conduct or assist in the survey. Mr. McAtee indicated that a \$10,000 allocation may allow the survey.
 - g. A specific request is made for \$16,100 to be reinstated to allow asphaltting the back parking lot.
 - h. A Legislative Council committee has recommended an allocation of \$8,300 to repair and clean the entire west side of the main entrance to the penitentiary. Mr. McAtee requested serious consideration of this amount and felt that it was a necessity.
4. The total appeals of the penitentiary total \$120,736. The Governor's recommendations includes a 40-hour work week for penitentiary personnel; it increases the personnel request by a total of 25 positions; and the salaries and wages needed to implement the 40-hour week is \$106,360.

INDUSTRIAL REFORMATORY, HUTCHINSON:

1. A specific request for a supplemental fiscal year 1965 allocation of \$54,512 for restocking and maintaining a supply of dry goods was made. Deletion of this item in the 1965 budget caused the reserve stock to be depleted.
2. An Account Clerk II request was deleted. Because of the increased number of inmates and the additional workload, this position is specifically requested. The clerk would also handle personnel duties.
3. There are about 52 inmates assigned to the work camps, with an anticipated 136 total to be assigned as the program progresses. The total population of 900 in the Reformatory does not include these 52.
4. A suggestion has been made to change the control of the work camps to the Director of Penal Institutions. Mr. McAtee feels that the suggestion has merit and should be considered.
5. Senator Van Sickle asked if there is planned a medium security building at the present time. Mr. McAtee stated that it would be desirable since the Penitentiary was built for 1150 inmates now has 1730, and the Reformatory built for 700 now houses 900. However, Mr. McAtee pointed out there is no request for a medium security building at this time.
6. Reinstatement of an inmate classification worker at a cost of \$3,618.00 was asked, for fiscal year 1966.

INDUSTRIAL REFORMATORY, HUTCHINSON (Continued):

7. A specific request is made for \$108,000 to complete a 40-cell adjustment and treatment unit to house the incorrigible and disciplinary problems.
8. The total budget appeal for the Reformatory is \$117,397. The 40-hour workweek accounts for \$46,443 of the budget request.

WOMEN'S INDUSTRIAL FARM:

1. The budget for fiscal year 1965 was predicated on 80 inmates; however, the population has fluctuated from 80 to 112.
2. The only appeal is for \$20,200 not recommended by the Governor for the remodeling of the basement of the hospital building to house 24 inmates. The Governor recommended a \$10,000 allocation to remodel the basement of the administration building for hospital facilities.

The agency specifically requests a supplemental fiscal year 1965 allocation of \$10,000 to remodel the basement this spring to house a 14-bed unit, and that the \$20,200 be included in the fiscal year 1966 allocation to remodel the basement of the administration building for hospital facilities.

3. In making the above relocations of hospital facilities and space for a dormitory unit, the need for an inside recreational area becomes apparent. It is hoped that a surplus metal building can be obtained for recreational uses.
4. The Governor's recommendation approved a fiscal year 1966 request for 8 new employees at a cost of \$25,165.

Lt. Governor John Crutcher commented on the matter of executive salaries. He stated that he had been asked to conduct a study of the problem, and has determined that the salary of the Director of Penal Institutions is below the national average for states similarly populated, and that the statute concerning eligibility requirements for the position needs to be reevaluated. The salary of \$15,000 annually is strongly recommended by the Lt. Governor.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

THEO. A. SANBORN, Chairman