

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Seventy-Fourth Session
April 24, 2007**

The Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government was called to order by Chair Kathy McClain at 7:37 a.m., on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, in Room 2134 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/committees/. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (email: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775-684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, Chair
Assemblyman Tom Grady
Assemblyman Joseph P. (Joe) Hardy
Assemblyman Joseph Hogan
Assemblywoman Ellen Koivisto

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Assemblyman David R. Parks

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark W. Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Rex Goodman, Program Analyst
Christine Bashaw, Committee Secretary
Patti Adams, Committee Assistant

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

BUDGET CLOSINGS

Chairwoman McClain explained that only Assembly members were present, and the Subcommittee was present to finish the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) budget because Senate had completed the budget when Assembly members had to leave.

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
BA 1387

Rex Goodman, Program Analyst, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), stated there was one closing issue which was an additional state phone operator position [E251]. The Department had two state phone operators located in Carson City,



and this additional position would be added for Las Vegas. Mr. Goodman said the new position would decrease response time, provide service to more callers, and provide a measure of disaster recovery to the State. Cost for the position would be \$34,524 in fiscal year (FY) 2008 and \$39,789 in FY 2009. The Department indicated that the recommended position would reduce or eliminate the need for contract employee assistance. Staff recommended the reduction of funding for contractor staff by approximately half of the amount spent in FY 2006, which was an amount of \$3,630.

Mr. Goodman stated that Senate Subcommittee voted to approve this position, and all the other decision units were approved as staff recommended.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN MOVED THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE:

1. APPROVE FUNDING FOR ONE ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE AID POSITION TO SUPPLEMENT EXISTING STATE PHONE OPERATOR STAFFING.
2. APPROVE THE REDUCTION OF FUNDING FOR CONTRACTOR STAFF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,630 IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM.
3. APPROVE DECISION UNITS AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DoIT)
NETWORK TRANSPORT SERVICES
BA 1388

Rex Goodman, Program Analyst, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), stated there were no major closing issues in this budget. Mr. Goodman noted that the Senate Subcommittee closed Budget Account (BA) 1388 as recommended by staff.

Mr. Goodman listed the other decision units and closing issues:

- E253 recommended additional training for unit staff and storage space rental in Elko.
- E276, E277, and E279 recommended spare parts for the microwave radio systems and generators. Budget amendment number 27 recommended reductions in funding for E276.
- E280 recommended funding for a maintenance contract for microwave system components.
- E711 and E712 recommended funding to purchase replacement trucks.
- E722, E723, E724, and E725 recommended funding for the purchase of equipment to be used for microwave system troubleshooting and analysis as well as construction and maintenance of mountaintop sites.
- E713 and E729 recommended funding to purchase six replacement laptops with associated software, printers, and copies of AutoCAD software.
- E817 recommended system access to the Department of Transportation's 800 MHz radio system.

- M800 and E800 adjusted the amount of internal cost allocation in this account. Staff requested approval to make technical adjustments based on the closing of other DoIT budget accounts.
- Staff requested approval to make adjustments to equipment costs to reflect the current pricing provided by State Purchasing.

Chairwoman McClain asked how many mountaintop communication sites were left to complete. Mr. Goodman answered that the Department of Transportation (DOT) stated in their hearing that 6 of the original 11 mountaintop sites were still being completed and hoped to have the sites completed by fiscal year (FY) 2007. The Information Technology (IT) budget had a request for ten additional sites which would be heard next week. Chairwoman McClain asked whether this was a bill. Mr. Goodman answered yes because it was a one-shot appropriation requested by the Governor. Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, LCB, interjected that there were additional potential sites in the planning stages beyond the sites mentioned. Ten years from now the plan would be to have many more sites. Mr. Goodman added DOT had indicated that as many as 25 additional sites would be needed to provide substantial coverage of all urban areas, major roadways, state recreation areas, and other populated areas of Nevada.

In response to a question from Chairwoman McClain, Mr. Goodman said that this budget maintained the radio microwave mountaintop communication sites.

Mr. Goodman said that the Senate Subcommittee approved all items in this budget account as recommended by staff.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO CLOSE BA 1388 AS
RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DoIT)
SECURITY DIVISION
BA 1389

Rex Goodman, Program Analyst, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), stated this account was established to segregate revenues and expenditures from the Department's security unit that were presently included in the Director's Office budget. Decision unit E500 recommended the removal of vacancy savings from this budget account because it supported less than ten positions. Because no new positions for the Security Division, to be transferred from the Director's Office budget account, were approved in last week's closing, BA 1389 remained ineligible for vacancy savings, and the decision unit was retained. Staff asked for approval to make adjustments to revenues, cost allocations, and office lease expenditures. Mr. Goodman stated that the Senate Subcommittee approved this budget as recommended by staff.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KOIVISTO MOVED TO CLOSE BA 1389 AS
RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, LCB, thanked the Subcommittee for starting early. The DoIT budgets take longer and cost allocations impact other budgets, so it was important to get these budgets closed.

Chairwoman McClain adjourned the meeting at 7:48 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Christine Bashaw
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, Chair

DATE: _____

<u>EXHIBITS</u>			
Committee Name: <u>Committee on Ways and Means</u>			
Date: <u>April 24, 2007</u>		Time of Meeting: <u>7:37 a.m.</u>	
Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A		Agenda
	B		Attendance Roster