

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SITTING AS THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Seventy-Fourth Session
May 17, 2007**

The Committee on Ways and Means, sitting as the Interim Finance Committee, was called to order by Chair Morse Arberry Jr. at 10:11 a.m., on Thursday, May 17, 2007, in Room 3137 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:

Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Chair
Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Vice Chair
Assemblyman Mo Denis
Assemblywoman Heidi S. Gansert
Assemblyman Tom Grady
Assemblyman Joseph P. (Joe) Hardy
Assemblyman Joseph Hogan
Assemblywoman Ellen Koivisto
Assemblyman John W. Marvel
Assemblywoman Kathy McClain
Assemblyman David R. Parks
Assemblywoman Debbie Smith
Assemblywoman Valerie E. Weber

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Assemblywoman Barbara E. Buckley



STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark W. Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Patricia Adams, Committee Assistant
Connie Davis, Committee Secretary

**B. WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 353.220(5)(b).
INFORMATIONAL ONLY – REQUIRED EXPEDITIOUS ACTION WITHIN
15 DAYS.**

Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, advised the Committee members that the work programs under Item B required expeditious action within 15 days of receipt. There was no action taken and, therefore, the work programs were approved in accordance with *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 353.220 and provided for informational purposes only.

- 1. Department of Corrections – ~~Southern Nevada Correctional Center~~ Director's Office – FY 07** - Addition of \$147,225.00 in budgetary transfer ~~to~~ **from** Southern Nevada Correctional Center to fund the purchase of beds, mattresses, foot lockers and bedding for increased inmate population. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the bed/mattress replacement category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C31998. REVISED APRIL 20, 2007.**

Informational only.

- 2. Department of Corrections – Southern Nevada Correctional Center – FY 07** - Deletion of \$147,225.00 in budgetary transfer ~~from~~ **to** the Director's Office, and transfer of \$89,050.00 from the equipment category to the maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category to fund the purchase of beds, mattresses, foot lockers and bedding for increased inmate population, and to fund cooling towers' repairs due to ruptured lines and other projected expenditures through fiscal year 2007. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount deducted from the Equipment category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C31999. REVISED APRIL 20, 2007.**

Informational only.

3. **Department of Public Safety – Highway Safety Grants Account – FY 07 –** Addition of \$53,073.00 in New Entrant grant funds to provide funding in support of the Entrant Grant program for the verification that companies have a drug and alcohol testing program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the New Entrant grant program category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C32785. REVISED APRIL 18, 2007.**

Informational only.

C. APPROVAL OF GIFTS, GRANTS, WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS, ALLOCATION OF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND POSITION CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 353, NEVADA REVISED STATUTES.

Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, advised the Committee members that the work programs under Item C required action by the Committee within 45 days of receipt.

1. **Department of Education – Discretionary Grants – Restricted – FY 07 -** Addition of \$70,885.00 in federal Advanced Placement Fee Payment grant funds to reimburse low-income students for Advanced Placement Testing fees. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Advanced Placement Fee Payment category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C33204**

James Wells, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and Fiscal Services, Department of Education, appeared before the Committee to request authority for the addition of \$70,885 in federal Advanced Placement Fee Payment grant funds from the United States Department of Education. Approval of the work program request would allow the Department to place the funds in the Aid-to-Schools category to provide reimbursement to low-income students for Advanced Placement Testing fees.

ASSEMBLYMAN MARVEL MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM C.1.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Buckley was not present for the vote.)

2. **Department of Public Safety – Highway Patrol – Highway Safety Grant Account – FY 07 –** Addition of \$55,000.00 in federal New Entrant grant funds to authorize the receipt and expenditure of additional grant funds to verify that a company has a drug and alcohol testing program. Requires Interim Finance

approval since the amount added to the New Entrant grant program category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C33400**

Colonel Christopher Perry, Chief, Nevada Highway Patrol, appeared before the Committee to request approval to increase authority in the amount of \$55,000 for fiscal year 2007 to receive the New Entrant Grant Award. The purpose of the New Entrant Program was to verify that a company had a drug and alcohol testing program, a proper record-retention system, a proper inspection and maintenance program, knowledge of the hours of service rules, and qualified drivers before the company started business. The program educated companies of the motor carrier regulations and verified compliance.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GANSERT MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM C.2

ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Buckley was not present for the vote.)

3. **Department of Public Safety – Traffic Safety – FY 07** – Addition of \$237,219.00 in federal 405 Occupant Protection grant funds to authorize the receipt and expenditure of additional federal Traffic Safety grant funds in support of the state's Click-It or Ticket media campaign. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the 405 Incentive grant category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C33420**

Mark Teska, Administrator, Administrative Services Division, Department of Public Safety, appeared before the Committee to request approval of work program Items 3 and 4. Approval of the request would allow the Office of Traffic Safety, Budget Account 4687 to increase authority by \$237,219 in fiscal year 2007 to accept additional grant funds and transfer the funds to the Highway Safety Plan and Administration, Budget Account 4688. The Office of Traffic Safety would use the funds for the May 2007 "Click It or Ticket" media campaign scheduled to commence later in the month.

ASSEMBLYMAN PARKS MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEMS 3 AND 4.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Buckley was not present for the vote.)

4. **Department of Public Safety – Highway Safety Plan and Administration – FY 07** - Addition of \$237,219.00 in federal 405 Occupant Protection grant funds transferred from Traffic Safety to authorize the receipt and expenditure of

additional federal Traffic Safety grant funds in support of the state's Click-It or Ticket media campaign. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Occupant Protection category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C33421**

Refer to motion for approval under Item 3.

5. **Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Environmental Protection Bureau of Safe Drinking Water Regulatory – FY 07** – Addition of \$163,482.00 in Water Protection Coordination federal grant funds to develop a statewide water/wastewater agency response network that will promote emergency preparedness, disaster response and mutual assistance for public and private water and wastewater utilities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Water Protection Coordination grant category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C32623**

Leo Drozdoff, Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, appeared before the Committee to request approval to increase the Environmental Protection Agency Federal Receipts category and the corresponding Water Protection Coordination Grant Expenditure category by \$163,482. Approval would allow the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water to contract with the Southern Nevada Water Authority to develop a statewide Water Agency Response Network (WARN).

ASSEMBLYMAN MARVEL MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 5.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Buckley was not present for the vote.)

6. **Office of the Military – FY 07** – Addition of \$132,056.00 in Department of Defense federal receipts to fund recruiting office leases, hangar rental for the Civil Support Team in Las Vegas, and Counter Drug vehicle maintenance and operating through the end of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Operating category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C21299**

Major General Cynthia Kirkland, The Adjutant General, appeared before the Committee to request authority to receive 100-percent federally reimbursed funds under the Master Cooperative Agreement. Approval of the \$132,056 request would support \$68,000 in storefront recruiting leases for two new storefronts added in fiscal year 2005 and one new storefront added in fiscal year 2007. Approval of the request would also add \$52,000 for hangar rental

for the Civil Support Team in Las Vegas and \$12,056 for support of maintenance and operating costs for Counter Drug vehicles.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 6.

ASSEMBLYMAN PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Buckley was not present for the vote.)

D. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairman Arberry opened the hearing to public comment, and, hearing no response from members of the public, closed the hearing.

Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, advised the Chairman of the need to schedule an Interim Finance Committee meeting after the conclusion of the Legislative Session but prior to the end of the fiscal year.

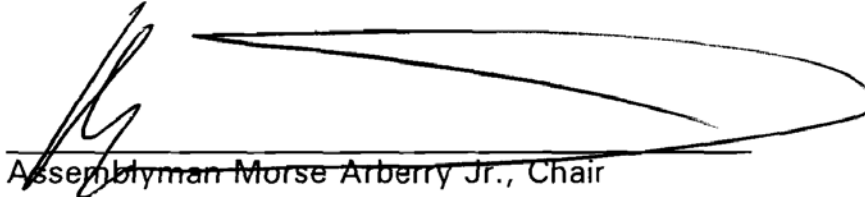
E. ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Arberry adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Concetta Davis
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Committee Name: Committee on Ways and Means

Date: May 17, 2007

Time of Meeting: 10:00 a.m.

Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A		Agenda
	B		Guest List (no signatures)