The Board of Regents of Higher Education convened by telephonic conference call on Tuesday, February 21, 1978 at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of considering an increase in expenditures on a building project for Montana State University and one for Eastern Montana College before the next meeting of the State Board of Examiners. Ted James chaired the meeting. Other members present were Laura Briney, Lola Hansen, Mary Pace, John Peterson and Commissioner Pettit. Members of the press had been contacted but none were present.

Dr. Pettit explained that Item 12-201-R0676, Remodel Lewis & Clark Dormitory Complex Food Service, Montana State University, (Revised) requesting that $650,000 be authorized for the project was approved July 11, 1977; the bids came in $90,000 higher than this amount and Montana State University is now requesting that an additional $100,000 be approved for completion of the remodeling. He reported that funds were available in the 1945 indenture reserve account. The Commissioner reported that although Regents Morrison and Evans were not available for this discussion, they had been contacted previously and had voted to approve the increase. Commissioner Pettit moved approval and the motion carried.

Commissioner Pettit explained that by approval of Item 18-701-R0977, Parking Lot, Eastern Montana College, on September 12, 1977, Eastern was authorized to expend an amount not to exceed $25,000 for this project; the bids came in at $28,000. It was reported that funds were available in the parking lot fund from parking fees to increase the project to this amount. Commissioner Pettit reported that since this matter had just come to his attention, Regents Morrison and Evans had not been contacted. He moved that the request to increase the amount to $28,000 be approved, the motion carried.
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There was a brief discussion on the need for a study of all the bond indentures in the university system. Chairman James suggested that this be done prior to the next legislative session. There was agreement that a running account should be maintained. Commissioner Pettit stated that the new accounting system should accomplish this. He also reported he had received a bid from a firm last year to do such an audit at a cost of $40,000 but the money simply was not available. Chairman James stated that the firm of Junkemier, Clark, Campanella and Stevens of Great Falls would be willing to do the audit and he urged that this firm be contacted. The consensus was that the audit must be made.

The meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

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Chairman, Regents of Higher Education, Montana University System

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Secretary