

(Agenda of meeting was posted in the Courthouse Administration Lobby at 2:01 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 1988)

# MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1988

The Board of County Commissioners of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, met at the hour of 9:00 a.m., with the following members present: Lewis Harris, Chairman; John Selph, Member; Melvin C. Rice, Member. Members absent; None. Others present: Mona Palmer; Stanley Glanz; Clayton Edwards; Herb Reed; Wayne Carr; Joe Coleman; Kara Gae Wilson; Denise Graham; Art Lee; Bruce Ervin; Wayne Green; Jerry Duff; Buck Rudd; Bob Parmele; Dick Blakeley; Vera Carroll.

Lewis Harris, Chairman, presiding, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., and the following business was transacted:

The Chairman commented briefly on a report submitted by Jerry Duff, regarding jail overcrowding. Duff's report stated that at the end of last week the jail had 21 inmates more than is allowed under a federal court order and it is also out of compliance with state standards. Selph informed the board that he attended a meeting with Judge Hopper and others and learned that there will be a special docket today at 1:00 p.m., to release 40 to 50 inmates in order to reduce the jail population.

Selph submitted a proposal outlined in his November 22 memorandum to the Board, regarding the creation of a Citizens Advisory Committee. Selph said this group would be directed towards helping the County sort through the information and options presently being presented to us. This would assure us of public input into the selection of the most feasible and cost-efficient facility options for meeting Tulsa County's incarceration needs. This committee would serve as an advisory body and submit their recommendations to the Board. Selph proposed that the committee consist of 19 persons representing broad community interests and suggested that we ask INCOG to provide staff support for this committee and in addition, he recommended that we consider contracting with the Benham Group and Mr. Fred Powers in order to provide us, as well as the Advisory Committee with the technical expertise and experience needed to accomplish the tasks as outlined in his proposal. Motion by Selph, seconded by Harris, to adopt the plan as outlined by Selph and create a Citizens Advisory Group with The Benham Group's contract to be considered at a later date. Upon roll call: Selph, yes; Rice, yes; Harris, yes. Motion carried.

Duff commented on the jail census summary he sent to the Board and again stressed the importance of action on this subject. Chairman directed Carroll to retain this item for the remainder of his tenure as Chairman and include Herb Reed's report as part of the entire subject.

Rice commented briefly on a visit he had several months ago with Paula Unruh. The subject of the visit was on "jail pod's", a new product that is being marketed and tested. The Board expressed interest in learning more about the subject and Ms. Unruh will be invited to the next Management Conference to make a presentation on the product.

Joe Coleman presented plans for the possibility of utilizing the City Police Courts building to create an 810 bed jail facility by renovating the Plaza level and upper level of the building. Coleman stated this had not been discussed with City officials and there are no cost estimates on the project at this time. Harris noted that the plan as outlined by Coleman is purely conceptual but it might be another option if the City were to become interested. The Board expressed interest in considering this plan as it is further developed.

Chairman introduced the subject of county space needs by asking Bob Parmele if he would develop a report on real estate that might be available to solve some of the problem for quick temporary dormitory style space for housing prisoners who require minimum security. The building should have the capacity to house approximately 100 prisoners. Chairman noted that temporary housing might mean 18 months to 3 years.

Edwards updated the Board on his progress in the search for space to solve some of the County's needs. Edwards received responses from the Superintendent of Schools and Administrative Services Departments, expressing their concern at being located at the 211 South Houston building. Dr. Kara Wilson was present and stated her reasons for opposing plans that would move her offices to the 211 South Houston building if the County were to acquire it.

Parmele briefed the Board on new cost estimates on the 211 S. Houston building and a plan outlining County departments that could feasibly move to this location.

The Board discussed the November 22 memorandum from Leroy Jones. Jones suggested the Blackacre building, located at 202 W. 8th Street, as a possible