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Public Defenders office could begin moving at that time.

Dick asked Edwards to get with Jerry Lasker or Rich Brierre at INCOG to determine if INCOG typically has to pay for improvements such as carpeting in their rental property contract. Harris added that the property should be made rentable by the owner before offering it for rent and asked that the addition of the carpet cost be negotiated. Dick agreed. Silva said the owners had already agreed to \$8.00 per square foot for any improvements we may require. However, that figure did not include replacing the carpet.

Chairman directed Edwards to send the lease agreement to Dick Blakeley of the District Attorneys office for review. He added that the agreement is for a five year lease. The board discussed funding for the lease agreement beyond the current fiscal year. Chairman asked Silva to request Dave Hill and Judge Jefferson Sellers recommit the funding to help pay for relocation of the Public Defenders office. He suggested they also request that the State Supreme Court give this funding item high priority in future budgets. The board would like to receive something in writing advising that the Courts are committed to helping fund these relocation costs during the 5 year lease period.

Silva added that the owner of the property may offer a discount if payment is received a year in advance. The board was receptive to this idea. Chairman asked Carr to look into this possibility, comparing the interest we could earn from the money with the money saved due to any discount offered.

Chairman advised a special meeting could be called to consider the contract as soon as it is ready for board action.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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