

MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE, DECEMBER 9, 1988, CONTINUED

sales tax legislation and give copies to the Board for review as to possible solutions and also actions that could be taken by the Board. The Chairman directed this subject to be carried as a regular agenda item until further instructed.

Reed presented statistics on the jail population covering the last two weeks. During that period Reed's staff released 235 arrestees and the figures are still going up. Selph requested that Reed update the Board on a regular weekly basis. Harris requested this item be carried as a regular agenda item until further instructed.

Jones reported on his visit to the Blackacre building 202 West 8th Street, in a memorandum to the Board dated December 6th. Jones stated he felt the Blackacre building would be totally inadequate in housing the Data Processing division. One reason is the upper floors would not bear the necessary weight of their equipment and storage requirements. Jones noted that his division's effectiveness would also be impaired by the distance from the courthouse. The Board determined it is not interest in purchasing the Blackacre building.

Parmeale submitted new financing proposals on the 211 South Houston building for Board consideration. Parmeale stated the seller is interested in completing the sale of this property before the end of 1988. Rice will personally pursue this subject and report to the Board at the December 22nd Management Conference.

Chairman asked for the opinions of those present who had visited the Franklin Plaza building. Wilson reported on a visit she made with members of her staff. She stated she was impressed with the building's versatility; however, she had problems with the parking arrangements and the distance from the courthouse. She suggested if the Board is considering locations that are not ideally within easy walking distance to the courthouse they might consider extending the search for space even further from downtown. Rice stated he is impressed with the building and in his opinion it is a good buy for the money. Parmeale stated the asking price is \$1 million, and Selph suggested starting with an offer of \$850,000. Motion by Harris, seconded by Rice to earnestly pursue an attempt to purchase the Franklin Plaza building after the district attorney's office has reviewed the lease held by the present tenants to be certain that they would not be able to break their lease if new owners took over, and also get reports from the architects and engineers. Upon roll call: Selph, yes; Rice, yes; Harris, yes. Motion carried.

Richard Bales requested Board approval for the Golf Course Superintendent at South Lakes Golf Course to use a county vehicle on a 24 hour basis. Motion by Harris, seconded by Rice to approve Bales' request for a one year period and at the end of that time Bales is to submit a usage report to the Board. Upon