

(Agenda of meeting was posted in the Tulsa County Administration Building Lobby at 1:01 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2003.)

MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2003

The Board of County Commissioners for Tulsa County met at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present: Wilbert E. Collins, Sr., Chairman, Robert N. Dick, member and Randi Miller, member (entered 10:20 a.m.) Members absent: none. Others present: Judge David Peterson, Ken Yazel, Paul Wilkening, Ann Domin, Pat Key, Wayne Carr, Ray Jordan, Richard Bales, Kevin Francis, Buck Rudd, Sherri Carrier, Kirby Crowe and Marsha Thompson.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and the following business was transacted:

Judge Peterson expressed concerns about the Juvenile Detention Center including security, overcrowding, restrooms and lack of space. He requested that we look into ways to make the facility more functional. Regarding the 4th floor in the Courthouse, he has presented preliminary drawings which will make the 4th floor look like the other floors. He spoke to the temporary courtrooms on the 3rd, 5th and 6th floors and that they want these replaced with real courtrooms. He also stated they want to restore the ceremonial courtroom to its original size and that the arraignment and protective court needs to be bigger. He further stated with four temporary courtrooms restored to regular courtrooms and three additional that they will still have less than one courtroom per judge. He feels that the Courthouse is in dire need of conferencing areas for attorneys and clients. He is not opposed to providing space for Court Services and wants to be reasonable but does not want to be locked into having temporary, semi-useable courtrooms. The judges are very strong about this and somewhat aggravated about the situation. Wilkening presented new rough plans for the 4th floor providing the judges with two additional courtrooms, one of which would be a ceremonial courtroom. He proposed that the southeast corner be reserved for Court Services. He recommended that the Board should be flexible as long as space is made available for Court Services. He suggested courtrooms 507 and 607 would be alternatives. Peterson stated that the judges are opposed to this because they want 4th floor to be like the others and do not want temporary courtrooms any more. He expressed that under Title 19, §401 that they can have the Sheriff rent space and bill Tulsa County if they feel space is inadequate. They will hold tight to have full size courtrooms. He is willing to abandon the temporary courtrooms for Court Services and conference areas. Peterson will dedicate A&E funds for Flintco to look at the 1st, 3rd and 4th floors. Collins directed Wilkening and Rudd to meet with Judge Peterson, et al, to arrive at a consensus regarding the 4th floor. Dick stated that, due to time constraints, he is willing to defer to the Chairman to approve any agreed upon recommendations to resolve these issues.

Crowe reported that of the original purchases authorized by the Board under the O'Brien Park Acquisition Project, all but one have been closed. That one should close on March 14. Some moving expenses remain to be paid but project remains within the allocated budget. About half of the properties have been vacated and one extension of about 30 days has been granted.

Crowe reported that work continues at the Bixby Community Center. The project is proceeding well and should be completed in about five weeks. He anticipates the contractor to request an extension due to recent inclement weather. Whirlpool has agreed to donate a range and dishwasher for the demonstration kitchen and he expects other donations specifically from Lowe's. He is suggesting that a wireless phone system be purchased because it would be cheaper than wiring into the County's system. Projected move into the facility remains at the end of April.