

Thursday, April 10, 2003 - Continued

Judge Peterson presented a short history of the remodeling in the Courthouse since about 1990. He expressed that the Judges wish to return to standard size courtrooms with restrooms. The biggest need right now is in Juvenile Court which is in a crisis situation. He would like approval to enter into a contract with Flintco to have an A&E done on the 1st and 4th floors. The west side of the 1st floor is standing room only and is a dangerous situation. He would like writing areas against the walls on the 3rd floor and to turn the former victims' witness center on the 7th floor into a conference area. Peterson feels there are adequate furnitures and fixtures available to make this change. Jordan stated that plans have been developed for the Juvenile Detention Center but issues with the Public Defender's Office regarding the placement of restrooms remain unresolved. Judge Peterson agreed to intervene to try to reach a resolution. Funds are available for the work at the JDC. Dick directed Rudd to proceed with placement of writing areas on 3rd floor. Moved by Dick, and seconded by Miller, to approve the request for Flintco to provide A&E services for the 1st, 4th and 7th floors. Upon roll call: Dick, yes; Miller, yes; Collins, yes.

Crowe reported that all of the original purchases authorized by the Board under the O'Brien Park Acquisition Project have been closed. He has requested Cinnabar to provide an update on the vacating dates of the properties in order for the Parks Department to secure the structures prior to demolition. One property that was on the waiting list is about six weeks away from closing.

Crowe reported that work continues at the Bixby Community Center. Substantial completion by the prime contractor is expected by the end of the month and the Parks Department will start moving in to finish their portion of the work.

Crowe reported on the "4-to-Fix the County" projects. The following road construction start dates have been projected: E. 76 St. N.-June 2003; W. 51st St. S.-revised July 2003; E. 131st St. S.-revised July 2003; S. Peoria Avenue-revised August 2003; W. 41st St. S.-revised August 2003; W. 91st St. S.-April 2003; E. 121st St. S.-June 2003; S. Garnett Road North Phase-revised June 2003 and South Phase-revised January 2004. Parks projects progress includes: O'Brien Park-outside restroom replacements are in place and operational and the inside restrooms installation errors are being corrected; South Lakes Golf Pavilion-open, being used and receiving rave reviews; LaFortune Golf Course-opening projected as one week to either side of Memorial Day 2003. Flood mitigation project progress includes: a policy on distribution of mapping material is being developed and conversion of Corps of Engineers documents is being done so that aerial topography and mapping can be used in smaller pieces. Expo Square projects progress includes: work is underway on paving Lots 5 and 7, RV Park, and Central Park.

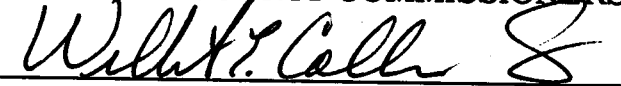
Knowlton reported on Courthouse/Administration Building renovations. An additional electrical circuit will be added on the 8th and 9th floors to accommodate vending machines and an outside vent will be added in the smoking area in the escalator area. The canopy in the north side of Courthouse is being removed and the egress band will be removed. One of the three reengineered elevators will be key-operated while work is performed on the prisoner transport elevator. The fire alarm system will undergo final inspection on April 26.

Baker presented notification that the Retirement Board Trustees voted on February 25, 2003 to increase the rate of contribution to the retirement fund from 8½ percent to 10 percent. It is also recommended that this increased cost be paid by Tulsa County. If the County elects to make the additional contribution, it will bring the County to the maximum contribution allowed by statute. Any future increases would be made by employees. Moved by Dick, and seconded by Miller, that the Board of County Commissioners recommend the increased contributions to the Budget Board. Upon roll call: Dick, yes; Miller, yes; Collins, yes.

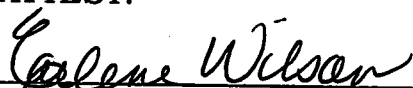
Miller requested clarification on the process in applying for grants, particularly those advertised on the Internet with a short time line for which the Parks Department may be eligible. Dick pointed out that in the past the Board has allowed the practice for grant applications to be made and the Board subsequently approve the grant applications if awarded. He recommended that Wilkening develop a policy as it relates to Internet grant applications.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Wilbert E. Collins, Sr., Chairman

ATTEST:


Earlene Wilson, County Clerk

(DETAILS OF THE ABOVE ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK.)