

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1990 CONTINUED

Tulsa County's contract with the Department of Corrections. Also, any beds that were not filled could be used to hold juveniles from surrounding counties and those expenses would be paid by the other counties.

Glanz said that an estimate of increased operations costs for an expanded adult detention center would be approximately \$250,000. His department is working on several options, such as increasing the number of phones in the jail, a five-dollar charge for all criminal complaints filed, and a \$3.50-a-day charge to the Department of Corrections for any prisoners convicted but not transported, which will result in increased revenues to the County. This will help to offset the increased costs.

Rice also noted that the State had agreed to fund costs for staffing and operation of the alcohol/drug abuse center.

Selph said that the City would have to pay a proportionate share of these increased costs, and that he believes the Sheriff can absorb the additional costs.

Glanz remarked on the assistance provided to his office through the City's Private Industry Training Council (PITC) which allows him to hire disadvantaged young people and train them. This program has aided in reducing jail operational costs.

Harris complimented the City on its decision to aid the County with these expansion programs. However, he believes it is important that the public know that this is only a short-term solution to the jail overcrowding problem. Harris also noted that it is very important to get on record quickly if the County decides not to have a sales tax election in the near future.

Harris also brought up the problem of this Board's decision not to hold an election being binding on a future Board. Savage said this was a problem the City also faces on a daily basis.

Moss said that the jail overcrowding problem will not go away, and that the City's help will only provide a band-aid solution, but that we do need help. Selph noted that this would be a quicker way to provide assistance than for the County to hold a sales tax election.

Savage said that it was very important for the public to remember that the additional third-penny tax was not a tax increase, but an extension of the tax being collected now.

The Chairman called for a five minutes recess.

The Board reconvened at 10:08 a.m.

Harris said that he felt an obligation to work with everyone involved in this matter and that he was concerned that circumstances could change and the Board might need to take other action in the future.

Rice indicated that Judge Hopper will support any motion made by the board with regard to this matter.

Selph said he had talked to Don Austin and he was also supportive.