

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1988, CONTINUED

Terry Tallent requested approval of certain County employees to participate in the American Red Cross Back Injury Prevention Program. He noted that back injuries were the highest cost to Workers' Compensation claims. He suggested a six month study of the three highway districts and the highway maintenance crews to develop statistics for evaluation. The program is ready and a contract is prepared. Motion made by Selph, seconded by Harris, that Tallent present the contract at a regular Board meeting for action, pending approval as to form of the contract by Hasselman. Upon roll call: Selph; yes, Harris; yes. Motion carried.

Tallent requested Board approval of a safety footwear program. He stated the County has no requirements for safety footwear, yet the third highest cost of injury claims are of this type. He suggested that employees engaged in work activities which would subject them to foot injuries be required to participate in the program. The Board directed Tallent to work with the Purchasing Department to develop a bid package and include these items in next year's budget. Tallent is to work out details and advise the Board.

Ray Jordan proposed improvements at the Highway Maintenance facilities. The latest safety inspection indicated some major improvements must be made in all three locations, particularly with the electrical systems. He stated in addition to electrical problems at all three sites, District #2 is experiencing major concrete block deterioration and underground water seepage; District #1 has roof and insulation problems which results in large utility expenses; District #3 has overcrowding problems. The Safety section lacks a common location and using space at fairgrounds, Unit Rig building, and the central garage is causing storage, personnel management, and service problems.


Jordan stated he believes he can present a plan that will solve the problems. Selph expressed concern that the Construction division is poorly located and suggested that Jordan talk with property owners in the northeast section of the City of Tulsa to determine the market status of property sales, trades, and lease purchase arrangements. Jordan also to contact realtors for market opinions regarding possible re-location of the Construction division. Chairman directed Edwards to present recent electricity costs for all three districts to the board. Jordan was directed to track this subject and report to the Board every two weeks except for the first report which will be due in one month.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Lewis Harris, Chairman

ATTEST:


Joan Hastings, County Clerk

(DETAILS OF THE ABOVE MAY BE SEEN IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS)

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