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above its level of funding at this time, that further personnel cuts would seriously impair services and response time, and that Higgins was requesting Budget Board approval to retain a minimum of \$100,000 which Administrative Services would generate into the General Fund. Carr further explained that this request to the Budget Board would come behind several other requests, particularly Don Austin's request for \$100,000.

Selph remarked that he was not in favor of eliminating any further personnel in this division. Carr suggested the Board express support for Higgins' request and forward same to the Budget Board for discussion. Harris suggested that Higgins proceed with the current level of personnel and services and that in May or June, when funds were dissipated, the problem could be addressed at that time.

Motion by Harris, seconded by Selph, to follow the suggestion made in Chad Higgins' October 29 memo, to submit the request for \$100,000 to the Budget Board; if the Budget Board fails to approve this action, then Higgins should be directed to proceed with normal management of his operations as long as his budget appropriation will permit; when funding is no longer available, and, if at that time, the Budget Board does not provide additional funds, the level of service would have to be reduced to the funding available for the rest of this fiscal year. Upon roll call, Harris, yes; Selph, yes; Rice, yes. Motion carried.

The Chairman will prepare a letter to place on the Budget Board agenda.

A request from Terry Young, Executive Director of the Tulsa Economic Development Corporation, to assist TEDC to participate in the Oklahoma Department of Commerce Public/Private Partnership Program was discussed. The Board is asked to help meet eligibility requirements by providing \$500 in cash and \$500 in a pledge to be used for the administration of the program if the bid is successful; however, if TEDC is not approved, the \$500 cash would be returned and the \$500 pledge released.

Selph remarked that INCOG would also be applying for the same program and that the Board would be supporting competition for INCOG. Also, a precedent would be set for the Board to assist with these requests and several small cities may also be requesting sponsorship. Harris asked if the District Attorney's office would approve of this action and also inquired as to how many of these grants would be funded.

The Chairman directed Edwards to contact Young and the District Attorney's office to work out the details of this request, obtain the necessary information, and report back to the Board.

Ray Jordan, County Engineer, provided a status report on the current highway projects. The Board discussed Jordan's recommendation that the present two-way radio system be replaced. Jordan is recommending that a new 800-type