

(Agenda of meeting was posted in the Courthouse Administration Lobby at 9:46 a.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 1994)

MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
October 27, 1994

The Board of County Commissioners of Tulsa County met at 9:30 a.m., with the following members present: Lewis Harris, Chairman; John Selph, Robert N. Dick. Members Absent: None. Others present: Stanley Glanz, Jerry Griffin, Jack Putman, Larry Bayles, Jim Helm, Bill Thompson, Virgil Brown, Buck Rudd, Wayne Carr, Herb Reed, Dick Blakeley, Denise Graham, Bob Stover, Rick Ross, Bob Busby, Dwain Midget, Neal Kennedy, Manny Gamallo, Clay Edwards and Vera Carroll.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m., and the following business was transacted:

Harris advised the Board that Agenda Item NB#3 is to be referred back to the District Attorney's office to be rescheduled for Executive Session at the October 27, 1994, BOCC meeting.

Glanz distributed copies of the average monthly jail population report and said the present inmate count is 929. He said he is holding 50 prisoners for the Department of Corrections and 48 federal prisoners which contributes to overcrowding.

Graham summarized the findings of prison expert Steven Martin who was brought in by the District Attorney's office to advise them of methods to use in regards to the Justice Department report. Martin stated that County officials should avoid a lawsuit with the federal government at all costs. He said while the county needs a new jail, there are some interim measures that can be taken to relieve overcrowding and show the Justice Department that Tulsa County is trying to comply with concerns raised by the Justice Department. Many of the measures he suggested have already been acted upon and there is an ongoing effort to correct as many of the identified problems that we have the financial resources to remedy.

Motion made by Dick, seconded by Selph, asking Graham and Glanz to draft a letter to the Department of Justice seeking a 90 day extension and authorize the Chairman to review and sign the letter. Upon roll call: Selph; yes, Dick; yes, Harris, yes. Motion carried.

Suggestions were made for some of the main points that should be included in the letter to the Justice Department. Those included:

- 1) we intend to make certain our jail meets constitutional requirements,
- 2) long and short term goals,
- 3) actions that have already been implemented,
- 4) steps to be implemented in the near future, including our intentions to begin developing plans for a new jail facility, and,
- 5) list the reasons we need the extension.

Following discussion of funding methods for a new jail the Board concurred that any funding package should include yearly operation costs and voters should not be asked for a sales tax until after the Whirlpool half-penny sales tax is retired sometime next summer.

Electronic monitoring devices were discussed as possible methods to assist in reducing the jail population. The judges will need to be involved in any decision to put these devices into use. The judges will be meeting shortly to address jail overcrowding problems, and this is one of the solutions that will be discussed. Motion made by Selph, seconded by Harris, to be on record as supporting the concept of using electronic monitoring devices on non-violent offenders in lieu of placing them in jail. Upon roll call: Selph; yes, Dick; yes, Harris, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dick, seconded by Selph, to approve moving one x-ray machine to the Juvenile Detention Center on a temporary basis and utilizing the deputies who are already assigned to the Juvenile facility for monitoring the equipment. Upon roll call: Selph; yes, Dick; yes, Harris, yes. Motion carried.

Selph left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Richard Parker, Assistant Director of the City-County Library; Mark Pritchard, Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority; Jim Norton and Steve Childers, Downtown Tulsa Unlimited; Chief Bob Busby, Tulsa Police Department; and Dwain Midget, representing the City of Tulsa Mayor's office, were present to discuss Oakley Plaza and the Kiosk problems. These problems include: fights, trash and littering, public drunks, panhandling, and using the stairwells and bushes as restrooms, etc.

Norton stated they are working with the Transit Authority to develop long range plans to design a multi-module transit center to be located at a location other than 5th Street and Denver Avenue. He said a short term solution would be to develop better security for this area, however this could be costly. Dick suggested cost-sharing to hire a full-time foot patrol for the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This was discussed and it was agreed to develop the concept as a