

(Agenda of meeting was posted in the Courthouse Administration Lobby at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, November 21, 1994)

MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 23, 1994

The Board of County Commissioners of Tulsa County met at 9:30 a.m., with the following members present: Lewis Harris, Chairman; Robert N. Dick. Members Absent: John Selph. Others present: Stanley Glanz, Jerry Griffin, Jack Putman, Larry Bayles, Lyndall Cole, Buck Rudd, Wayne Carr, Herb Reed, Dick Blakeley, Dwain Midget, Neal Kennedy, Marshall Stewart, Manny Gamallo, Clay Edwards and Vera Carroll.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m., and the following business was transacted:

Glanz distributed copies of the average monthly jail population report and said the present inmate count is 892.

Dick said he was still seeking an answer as to why the jail population continues to rise.

Glanz stated a part of the problem could be that the Tulsa Police Department's Detective Division, which handle most of the felony prisoners, has moved to the eastern part of the city and this has created a 12 to 15 hour delay in processing.

Griffin stated they are also looking for answers to the overcrowding problem and one of the steps they have implemented is to utilize the services of two Tulsa University professors who are conducting a survey of about a hundred different variables including economics, etc., that might attribute to inmate growth. A report on the results of the survey should be completed soon.

Harris opened discussion on the subject of a calendar of events and actions that must be completed preceding an election to build a new jail, solve related problems, and set the timing for said election. He explained that the results, actions and decisions made at this meeting must be telephoned to the Department of Justice (DOJ) this afternoon at their request. Assistant District Attorney Dick Blakeley will report to DOJ as requested.

Harris stated he asked Edwards to check with the Election Board regarding dates available for an election, possibly during May or June, 1995, and Edwards distributed copies of that information to those present.

Harris stated he believes the sources of revenue or the type of tax question to put before the voters should be to ask for a sales tax increase footed in the sales tax laws of Oklahoma and not in the property tax laws. He outlined his recommendations of a calendar of events as follows:

- 1) Select an election date; he recommends it be held during May or June, 1995.
- 2) Source of revenue to be a countywide sales tax which would service the debt and form a permanent revenue stream for the entire operating costs of the Sheriff's office, plus other considerations to be named later.
- 3) Select an architectural and engineering company before the end of this year to assist with the design and cost estimates of a new jail.
- 4) Appoint a site selection committee.
- 5) Call an election.