

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1991, CONTINUED

upgrading the 150 system to three-channel capacity. Jordan will report to the Board in thirty days.

Jordan also reported the results of his search for ways to relocate the Safety Division as instructed by the Board. Following discussion, Jordan requested approval of a contract in the amount of \$22,168 with the Gary Sparks Company to provide architectural and engineering services for a new facility for the Safety Division and some modifications to the existing shop building for the Construction Division.

Motion by Selph, seconded by Harris, to approve execution of contract with Gary Sparks Company in the amount of \$22,168, subject to the District Attorney's approval. Upon roll call, Selph, yes; Dick, yes; Harris, yes. Motion carried. (Clerk's Misc. File No. 136959)

Chairman introduced a letter dated October 29, 1991, from Maynard Ungerman, Chairman for the Day Center for the Homeless Task Force, requesting funds from the County to assist the Night Shelter. The letter stated the experimental Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry Night Shelter would be out of Funds by November 20, 1990.

Ungerman quoted from old state law which in effect, states that counties are "overseers of the poor." Chairman remarked that this is an old law that has been on the books since 1901 and, in his opinion should be amended or repealed.

Selph commented that the old law might possibly be in direct conflict with more recent statutes mandating the Department of Human Services as now having that responsibility within the counties. He added that since the letter was received, the City of Tulsa and the County have formed a task force to look at the problem of homelessness in our community. Selph will be attending a meeting with a few members of the legislature and repealing this law will be one of the items he will discuss. No action was necessary on the subject.

The Board addressed a request from the Sheriff's Department to occupy space in the Social Services facility for the purpose of providing counseling by the chaplain to Tulsa County employees and family members. Mike Hargrove, who is a chaplain and deputy with the Sheriff's Department, was present to answer questions and outline the services.

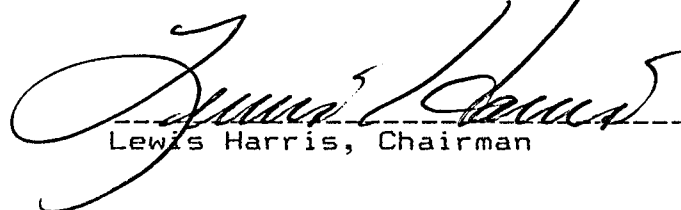
Following Board discussion, it was determined that providing these services to County employees outside the Sheriff's office might not be authorized under current statutes. Selph noted that state law specifically outlines who may be provided with counseling and county employees are not specified.

Motion by Harris, seconded by Selph, to deny the request for space based on the existing statutes. Upon roll call, Selph, yes; Dick, yes; Harris, yes. Motion carried.

The Board directed Edwards to explain the Board action to the Sheriff who if he chooses, could follow up with his own inquiry of the District Attorney's office, as to the legality of providing the service. If the Sheriff then wished, he could bring this legal interpretation back to the Board for further review.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Lewis Harris, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Joan Hastings, County Clerk

(DETAILS OF THE ABOVE ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS)