

(Agenda of meeting was posted in the Courthouse Administration Lobby at 2:32 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 1992)

# MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

December 10, 1992

The Board of County Commissioners of Tulsa County met at the hour of 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: John Selph, Chairman; Robert N. Dick, Lewis Harris. Members absent: none. Others present: Sheriff Stanley Glanz, Linda Johnston, Scott Orbison, Shelley Boggs, Ray Jordan, Chad Higgins, Wayne Carr, Manny Gamallo, Gerald Griffin, Clay Edwards and Melody Bishop.

Staff of the sheriff's office briefed the Board on medical services in the county jail which could be provided by Correctional Medical Systems (CMS) at a cost of \$1,298,907/year. Five firms submitted bids for delivery of such services and CMS was one of two firms being seriously studied to provide the services. According to staff, a contract for such services would keep medical costs under control, reduce damage claims filed by inmates, and require the firm to handle grievances and other jail medical service lawsuits. Such a service would require approximately \$200,000 additional funding for the sheriff's budget for the remainder of this fiscal year. The sheriff's staff recommended Board approval of CMS as the firm with which negotiations for a contract should begin. The contract would be for a period of three years with provisions to renegotiate in the event of costs change. The Board took no action other than to direct staff to determine the availability of the additional funding and to place the subject on a future Board meeting agenda when it is determined that the additional funds are available.

The Board discussed Higgins' memo dated 11-19-92 regarding the printing of ballots by Administrative Services for other counties and rejected the request based upon the resulting wear and tear on the 9-year-old equipment and because the Board does not want to compete with local printing companies.

Johnston was present to discuss her memo dated 12-7-92 regarding a committee's recommendations for establishing a County bloodborne pathogen program. She explained several things which must be done to meet the requirements of the federally-mandated Bloodborne Pathogen Health Standards. She added that 292 Board employees are at risk, causing discussion as to how that number was determined and which employees were excluded from the three Highway districts. The Board directed Johnston to provide this information for further review of the subject.

Selph stated that Assistant District Attorney Denise Graham will provide a written opinion regarding County Home Rule in time for the subject to be placed on the January 14, 1993 Management Conference.

Discussion of the County's smoking policy began with Selph stating that the policy is not working and that people smoke wherever they wish. He wants the Administration Building to be declared a non-smoking facility and wants the subject to be discussed by the Budget Board. He stated that Edwards would chair a committee made up of representatives from each elected office to review the policy and then present recommendations to the Budget Board.

The Board discussed the calling of a special county election for February 9, 1993 to give voters an opportunity to approve a one-cent county sales tax as a way of luring a U.S. Department of Defense finance and accounting center to the Tulsa area. Tulsa's sales tax rate would increase to 8-1/2 cents under the plan. Selph stated the tax increase would go into effect only if Tulsa is selected for the defense facility which could employ up to 7,000 people. Dick stated he would attend a meeting at the Metropolitan Tulsa Chamber of Commerce today and this subject would be discussed with local area city leaders, city managers, etc.

Dick left the meeting at 10:50 a.m. to attend the meeting at the Chamber.

The Board discussed a November 19 letter from Mayor Susan Savage regarding the sharing of City-County services. A strong consensus exists that the sharing of services between the City of Tulsa and Tulsa County could benefit the residents of both the City and County. Topics for consideration include parks, computer services, telecommunications, purchasing, security at City Hall/County Courthouse, printing, road projects, courts, records storage and Civic Center maintenance. Selph suggested two other areas should be considered: personnel and social services. Mayor Savage has made the City's appointments to a committee and Selph recommended the following people as County representatives with Edwards leading the County team: Wayne Carr, Leroy Jones, Chad Higgins, Richard Bales, Ray Jordan, Linda Webber, Buck Rudd, Linda Johnston, Terry Tallent, and representatives of the sheriff's office to be named by the sheriff. Selph will send the mayor a letter which identifies the County's appointments to the committee.

The meeting was recessed at 11:15 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:42 a.m.