

(Agenda of meeting was posted in the Courthouse Administration Lobby at 1:48 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 1994.)

MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
January 13, 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. Member absent: Robert N. Dick. Others present: Sheriff Stanley Glanz, Joan Hastings, Clay Edwards, Buck Rudd, Jerry Griffin, Linda Webber, Leroy Jones, Herb Reed, Jim Helm, Bob Mackechney, Chad Higgins, Johnnie O'Neal, Neal Kennedy, Manny Gamallo, and Melody Bishop.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., and the following business was transacted:

Glanz distributed a jail occupancy report and stated that there are 804 prisoners in the jail this morning. He added that the construction at the Adult Detention Center has caused the closing of approximately 30 beds at the ADC until 1-17-94. He said the tents are unoccupied at this time. The new wing of the ADC will be opened around March 1. Glanz stated there was a 13% decrease in the crime rate overall in 1993.

The Board discussed the Public Entrance Survey dated 1-5-94 as presented by Griffin. Access to the building has been restricted to 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on work days; Griffin recommended that the Board change the courthouse and Administration Building opening time from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Griffin further recommended restricting access to the buildings to only two entrances and placing video cameras and x-ray machines on the first floor with a card access system for employee entry. The two entrances recommended by Griffin are the basement entry below Oakley Plaza and the breezeway between the Administration Building and the courthouse. Two other entrances which would not be public entrances would be (1) at the sub-basement level which would require use of an access card and (2) the Sheriff's Office west door which would be restricted to law enforcement personnel. Request For Proposals (RFP's) have been issued for courthouse security equipment. The estimated cost for the security equipment is \$283,000. Funds now available for such totals \$200,000 (\$100,000 grant from the State Courts system and \$100,000 from the County General Fund), leaving a balance of \$83,000. Griffin stated he believes this amount could be reduced by \$50,000. He estimated that this plan would require an additional \$189,000 annually for staff and stated that the Sheriff's budget would provide \$32,000 to fund one position. Selph expressed concern that this would require more than \$150,000 additional funding. Chairman stated he is unaware of any source for such additional funding. Glanz said he is aware of funding problems and will visit with the judges to see if they have people available to help with staffing. Selph also stated his concerns about Griffin's proposal to close the Sixth Street and Plaza entrances and leaving the breezeway open. Griffin stated that the security equipment is mobile and the locations could be changed without difficulty. Chairman added that he believed the Sixth Street entrance should remain open to the public and the breezeway could be closed. Discussion of courthouse security ended with Chairman asking Griffin to clear with the courts his request to change the courthouse and Administration Building opening time from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

The Board discussed O'Neal's memo dated 1-22-93 requesting additional funding in the amount of \$6,000. Chairman asked Edwards to check with Wayne Carr on availability of funds from any source and report back to the Chairman. Harris will notify O'Neal next week.

The Board discussed the Sheriff's memo of 1-7-94 asking the Board to approve the increase of 911 telephone fees from 3% to 5%. The funds would be used to purchase 800 MHz radios and supplement the purchase from the fee account over the next five years and eventually purchase all radios needed for the Tulsa County Sheriff's office. Selph asked that a resolution stating this increase be drafted by Edwards and placed on a future BOCC agenda. Mackechney added this change requires a 90 day notice to the telephone companies with an effective date of May 1, 1994.

The Board discussed County Home Rule. The Board will ask the district attorney's office to review a resolution drafted by Bruce Neimi that would create a 25-member commission to study new forms of government. Chairman is hoping for a friendly lawsuit to be filed against the county to determine if the "home rule law" is constitutional. The Board wants the law challenged and the Supreme Court to rule on the issue. Selph stated he would be surprised if the court upholds the law. The Chairman introduced Mike Hackett, who has expressed a willingness to help in whatever manner needed. Chairman asked Edwards to draft a letter to David Moss regarding the resolution.

The Board discussed the memo from Harris dated 1-7-94 regarding smoking in the jury assembly room. Harris received a petition regarding this problem. Chairman stated he would contact Judge Winslow in an attempt to develop an answer. Selph asked that the problem of smoking in the jury deliberation rooms also be discussed.

The problem of the elevator carpet being dirty and the poor lighting in the elevators in the courthouse was also discussed. Rudd stated he had already