

Higgins that the scheduling policy on this primary election is so tight that, should they have a disaster, there would be no time to recover from it.

Higgins and Orbison assured the Board that the ballots for the upcoming City and school elections are ready at the Election Board.

The Board discussed a needed change in the City Charter to allow more time between the filing and election dates. Dick suggested the Board send a letter to the Mayor and City Council informing them of the problems the present Charter creates and the potential for more serious problems under the present time frame.

Orbison said the Election Board also has problems within the existing time frame. Harris asked Orbison to send him a letter outlining the problems and he will use Orbison's and Higgins' letters to draft a Chairman's letter and send all 3 documents to the City.

Carr discussed his January 25, 1994, memorandum regarding Workers' Compensation Funds. Carr advised the Board we do not have sufficient funds in the Workers' Compensation fund to pay some claims that are immediately due and we have used all of the General Fund budget set aside for the purpose of funding Workers' Compensation claims. Carr stated we have attempted to go to the sinking fund with judgements and we have been informed by the District Attorney's office that there is an Attorney General's opinion that directs us away from that.

Blakeley said that the basic premise is that an obligation against a municipality or political subdivision is intended to be paid out of the operating budget of the political subdivision and it is against the law to either let a judgement go by default or confess judgement in any manner to put it into the sinking fund. Carr stated his only answer to the problem is to use funds otherwise designated for this purpose. The Board arrived at no conclusions on the subject but it was suggested that perhaps new legislation is needed to help with the problems.

Roy Hannaford, of Midwest Reflect-Tech Energy Services, Jack Bullock and Randall Will of Honeywell were present to discuss a preliminary proposal to the County. Hannaford informed the Board that by upgrading our lighting equipment, we could reduce energy costs, have more efficient lighting, improve work conditions, etc. He said they begin with a field audit to identify needs, review fixture types, conditions at the site and measure existing lighting levels. They then prepare a letter of intent of services proposal for review. Selph asked Jordan, Webber and Rudd to study the subject and report recommendations to the Board in 30 days.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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