

CCAs Ethan Dean is working to help develop a program to keep people out of jail. Johnston said the Mental Health Jail Diversion Committee, of which she is a member, has been studying various diversion programs and will be looking into a program in Dallas. This committee will be contacting Ann Domin (INCOG) to see if she believes the Tulsa County Community Sentencing Planning Council would be interested in someone from this study group making a presentation at a future planning council meeting. Dick reminded Johnston that the NIC grant runs through this calendar year so there would still be technical assistance available through them. Johnston added that the committee members are trying to find funding to implement programs.

Duff, Quality Assurance Manager for Metropolitan Counseling Services, Inc., presented their request to operate in the north wing of Tulsa County Emergency Shelter until June 30, 1999. She said on February 1 they had received a grant from the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health to oversee the Drug Court and that they would need to use the shelter until prefabs are in place at 36th & South Lewis for their operations. Selph mentioned concerns about how the shelter was left when their programs previously occupied the shelter. He and Dick asked for assurance that the north wing would be left in as good condition when they leave as it was in on February 1. Price said they have intentions to move out as soon as possible but that it may take until June 30 to get moved. To avoid any misunderstandings, the Board asked Edwards to visually inspect, and come to an agreement with the Metropolitan Tulsa Counseling Services, as to the present condition of the facility. Selph advised that the Salvation Army is preparing for major renovations at their shelter and other area shelters plan to house those displaced by the renovations. Johnston said the residential portion of the wing was ready for occupancy but would not be used until the Drug Court relocates. The Board advised they have plans to utilize the north wing of the shelter just as soon as possible for residential housing. Motion was made by Selph, seconded by Collins, to approve the request of the Metropolitan Counseling Services, Inc. to operate in the north wing of Tulsa County Emergency Shelter until June 30, 1999. Upon roll call: Selph, yes; Collins, yes; Dick, yes. Motion carried. (CMF #171343)

Jones stated the M.I.S. Division was ready to begin connecting offices to the Internet. Every employee will be asked to sign an agreement for acceptable use of information systems, which pertains to the Internet as well as other data access they may have in their offices. He advised that Internet access will initially be limited to 10 PCs per division or elected officials office, but that there may be exceptions based upon job function. The Board agreed that the forms requesting Internet access should be sent to the M.I.S. Division which would then send a list of users to the Board with recommendations. The Board will be arbitrator if one is needed to determine need for additional Internet access. Jones noted there may be a cost associated with access due to wiring, computer hardware needs, and/or costs for Email. These costs would need to be addressed by user groups. The Board agreed that the \$2.50 per account for some Email users should be budgeted by individual departments and the annual cost transferred to M.I.S. at the beginning of each fiscal year. Jones noted it was difficult to get access to Parks and Social Services, and that until the wiring in these areas can be replaced, these divisions will need to have dial-up accounts. The Board decided dial-up accounts will need to be reviewed for possible approval by the Board upon recommendation from M.I.S.

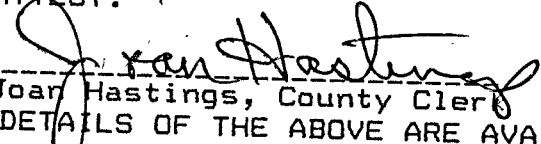
Bales discussed the need for the Parks Division to have a website as a vital part of marketing Parks services to the community. He advised Son has been working with the contract vendor to develop a website and that they now have a quality product to bring to the Board for consideration. He added that Son has the knowledge and expertise to update the website periodically. Jones advised he had reviewed Bales request. Motion was made by Dick, seconded by Selph, to approve the contact with Complete Computer Consulting for a Parks Division website, and authorize execution of the document by Chairman. Upon roll call: Selph, yes; Collins, yes; Dick, yes. Motion Carried. (CMF #171344)

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Robert N. Dick, Chairman

ATTEST:


Joan Hastings, County Clerk

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