

(Agenda of meeting was posted in the Courthouse Administration Lobby at 9:48 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 1994.)

MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
March 10, 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, Robert N. Dick. Members absent: none. Others present: Sheriff Stanley Glanz, Linda Webber, Wayne Carr, Buck Rudd, Joan Hastings, Herb Reed, Captain Jerry Griffin, Ray Jordan, Manny Gamallo, Linda Johnston, Clayton Edwards, Melody Bishop.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and the following business was transacted:

Glanz distributed copies of the average monthly jail population report. He informed the Board the jail population today is 872.

The Board discussed the jail study that was conducted in 1989. Selph stated the study and the recommendations which came out of it was the best that has ever been done on Tulsa County's criminal justice system. He said he has asked INCOG to review demographic information to see whether the recommendations should be modified.

Glanz said his staff has proceeded with the emergency purchase of additional beds for the Adult Detention Center. He said he has talked with the jail inspector about the emergency situation and advised him of the need to begin double-celling the inmates. He said the jail inspector was unhappy about it but at least he was notified.

The Board discussed Glanz's memo of 3-10-94 regarding Courthouse Security and expressed concern that the security plan presented today by Captain Jerry Griffin would turn the building into a prison in the middle of the city for the general public. The Board didn't like either the \$230,000 annual cost to run the high-tech system or the fact that courthouse employees would be required to pass through a metal detector each day to go to work. The Board initially wanted to focus on a security system for the courthouse's domestic relations courts on the third floor. However, Griffin said, judges on other floors had expressed their belief that all courts should be safeguarded and a decision was made to install one large security system in the courthouse lobby which included surveillance cameras and metal detectors in the adjoining Administration Building. The Sheriff's plan left only two entrances into both buildings: the Sixth Street doors into the Administration Building and the basement doors between the courthouse and library.

Metal detectors would be used to screen everyone entering the buildings. All other doors of these two buildings, including the main doors at Oakley Plaza, would be used as exits only. Selph said he could not support the plan if it meant that the main courthouse doors would be closed as an entrance, especially since

Our own studies show that 1,400 people/day use it. The Board agreed that the Sheriff's Office needs to prepare a modified plan. Selph also said he believes any plan presented should re-focus on the original intent, yet recognize things which can be done to improve security for the employees, i.e., access cards, identification cards, etc. Dick said he wants the access card system implemented. Glanz said he plans to meet with the judges on Friday and present the plan to them. Harris asked that the criminal justice system and courthouse security subjects be placed on the next management conference agenda. He also suggested that Griffin meet individually with each commissioner to hear their priorities about security. The Board also agreed to proceed with Request For Proposals for the cameras.

David Moss appeared to request additional financial assistance for the district attorney's office which received a 4.5 percent decrease in funding this year from the state. His office has 31 lawyers although, by statute, it is allowed only 27. He was able to add the other four by using non-appropriated funds. He said their ability to handle their caseloads is being reduced and he wants to alert the Board that they could miss something and the county may suffer. Dick suggested the funding of one additional lawyer position for Moss's office should be discussed during the budget preparation process. Harris asked Edwards and Dick Blakeley to determine salary levels for various people and said the Board will do what it can to help during the budgeting process. Dick suggested that the Board assist with legislation which may help to adequately fund the district attorney's office.

The Board discussed Reed's memo dated 2-17-94 regarding Senate Bill No. 600 which, in summary, amends present law to provide that when a defendant or prisoner has failed to appear before a court, such person may not be released on personal recognizance. This Bill passed the Senate 44-3 and was sent to the House on March 7. Reed said in his memo this will prevent hundreds of people, who are no threat to society, from being released from custody. There is some concern that the Bill may be unconstitutional.

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Selph, seconded by Dick, to approve an Addendum and Amendment to a medical contract between the Board and