

Agenda of meeting was posted in the Tulsa County Administration Building Lobby at 3:06 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2002.)

MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 14, 2002

The Board of County Commissioners of Tulsa County met at 9:30 a.m., with the following members present: Robert N. Dick, Chairman, and Wilbert E. Collins, Sr. Member absent: John Selph. Others present: Wayne Carr, Ray Jordan, Richard Bales, Buck Rudd, Tim Albin, Mike Woody, Linda Greaves, Tom Trimble, Mickey Webb, Mark Knowlton, Kirby Crowe, Jennifer Edwards, Marsha Thompson, Susan Hylton, and Pam Hayes.

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

Collins reported that during "4-to-Fix" the County flood mitigation meetings he had received many comments regarding O'Brien Park. One of the things discussed during the "4-to-Fix" the County campaign had been to acquire land in order to square up O'Brien Park, then put in a driving range and batting cages to make the Park even more user friendly and family oriented. Potential sites to be acquired for this purpose have been identified and assessed property values researched. Approximately \$500,000 would be required for Phase I which includes properties fronting Lewis, properties fronting 66 Street North, and three or four tracts by the maintenance shed. Greaves reported Dick Blakeley had researched the condemnation process and discovered no legal problems in acquiring land adjacent to O'Brien Park if this is in the public interest. Chairman expressed his support, adding this was a quality of life issue needed by all of north Tulsa County. Moved by Collins, seconded by Dick, to proceed with Phase I acquisition of properties adjacent to O'Brien Park in an effort to expand the park to include a driving range and batting cages. Motion carried. Chairman noted each land acquisition transaction will be voted upon separately as they occur.

Dick discussed the need to acquire and remodel Doc's Market building for a Bixby Community Center. The current center has limited space and Bixby Public School is no longer able to provide space for community gymnastic classes. During Bixby's flood mitigation meeting, 2/3 of the crowd expressed the need for a new community center. Crowe advised that to use the Doc's Market building as a community center Bixby's Building Code would require a usage change to "assembly occupancy". In order to bring the building up to code for this usage, Fritz-Bailey completed a study and advised necessary modifications would include the installation of a sprinkler system and modification or replacement of existing HVAC system. Crowe reported the remodel plan includes a "Great Room" with a seating capacity of 400+, Arts & Crafts Rooms, Kiln/Pottery Storage Room, Quilting Room, Preschool & After School Room, Meeting Rooms, Kitchen (with vending area), Reception Area, and various storage areas. Dick advised Mayor Joe Williams, Micky Webb, City Council, Chamber, and other Bixby civic and business leaders are supportive of this project. Many have expressed a desire to help with future needs. Monday, February 11, 2002, the Bixby City Council voted unanimously to provide funding of up to \$175,000 to help the County with this project. Moved by Dick, seconded by Collins, to authorize up to \$750,000 on the part of Tulsa County to acquire and remodel the property known as "Doc's Market" for a Bixby Community Center. Motion carried. Chairman will seek current appraisals of this property and of the old community center. Subsequent to that, resolutions will be prepared to surplus the old community center and acquire the new property. Greaves advised her research found no prohibition to the County exchanging current surplus property to offset the cost of acquiring needed property if adequate consideration is received. Webb expressed the City of Bixby's appreciation of the Board's vote to acquire this property for functions the Bixby community and the entire County can enjoy.

Trimble reported that several years ago the Board of County Commissioners adjusted the benefit percentage for 15 years of service to 40% of the retirement calculation. Through an oversight, the work-related disability percentage was left at 30%. The Retirement Board is requesting an increase to a maximum of 40% for the disability benefit to reflect the current percentage calculation of other Tulsa County retirement benefits. He noted Tulsa County Retirement Board does not historically receive very many requests for work-related disability benefits (only two presently) and the cost to the retirement system would be negligible. Moved by Collins, seconded by Dick, to approve the Retirement Board's recommendation to adopt the revisions to Tulsa County Employees' Disability Benefit Resolution. Motion carried. (CMF #183703)

Knowlton reported the initial budget of \$1,757,330 for the Escalator Project and the completion date of September 2, 2002 remain unchanged. Structural bids are to be received February 25, 2002 and remaining bids for the project are to be received March 4, 2002. A voluntary on-site inspection and pre-construction meeting will be held February 18, 2002. Test sites for underground utilities have been dug and there do not seem to be any problems.

Crowe presented the "4-to-Fix" the County report for January 31, 2002. The 21st Street project has a few punch list items left but the project is essentially complete. All but one engineering contract has been executed. Design work on the 76th Street North project design work is underway. Hurdles to overcome on this project are the utilities relocation, major water vault and meter system, lift station, and railroad tracks. The 61st-81st and Garnett project will possibly bid this summer. The next road project to advertise for bids will be the 91st Street project. Rex playground equipment installation is essentially complete at the County Parks. Two items remain - a device that is being redesigned/manufactured and a ramp that was a late addition to the plan. Sports Lighting will advertise for bids