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jail would have to remain in use to handle prisoners during the court process.

Harris suggested the Board take action to invite Communications Corporation of America to Tulsa to begin determining our options if this is agreeable to the Sheriff and District Attorney.

The Sheriff noted he is presently preparing documentation for CCA's review.

Selph stated that if the Board decides to do this, then there are a number of companies interested in making proposals for a facility.

Harris also noted that CCA had provided a \$5,000,000 fund to handle liability lawsuits stemming from their operations, and that this certainly indicates secure financial backing.

The Chairman requested Edwards and Ray Jordan be involved in all criminal justice planning.

Selph stated that the Board of County Commissioners should immediately look into expanding the Pre-Trial Release program to offer coverage to the jail twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

The Chairman directed Edwards to work with Herb Reed to increase the program immediately to cover weekends and nights if at all possible.

George Phillips and Richard Bales were present to discuss vandalism, curfews, and security with the Sheriff and the Board. The Sheriff explained why it has become necessary to pull park rangers from their locations for higher priority work and agreed to make arrangements to inform park staff when a ranger would be gone for an extended period of time. Sheriff Thurman requested that Phillips contact Captain Spears concerning problems, and agreed to work to improve communications between the two departments.

Harris stated that the Board should attempt to resurrect the park ranger program as it first existed; however, budget restraints will preclude this from happening at the present time.

Rice directed Edwards to work with Phillips and the Sheriff's staff on this problem.

Phillips inquired as to the ability of the Sheriff's deputies issuing citations, and the Sheriff explained that the deputies are able to issue citations, but these are not handled like tickets in the City and must be processed through the District Attorney's office and the court system.

Phillips noted that River Parks and the City Parks Department are considering changing curfew times in the parks and that if this happens, he would recommend changing the County parks' curfew to the same hour.

Selph suggested meeting with the students at Memorial to ask for their assistance or suggestions in eliminating vandalism and other problems and to explain how costly this is to the County. The Chairman asked Selph to initiate this meeting.

Phillips will report back to the Board on the curfew question.

The Sheriff will set up a meeting with his staff and the park department.

Mrs. Hastings, who had joined the meeting, inquired as to the possibility of using auxiliary police officers and the Sheriff said they are being utilized at the present time.

Terry Tallent was present to discuss a proposed policy on possession of drugs and weapons. Several minor changes were suggested and the Chairman directed Tallent to work with Edwards to complete the changes, have the draft reviewed by the District Attorney's staff, and then place it on agendas for action by the BOCC and the Budget Board.

Selph requested that a referral system be developed for employees who are seeking help with alcohol or drug problems and Tallent will proceed with this.

Tallent also presented a policy on safety and property loss.