

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1987

Mr. Jim Bowles, President and Chief Executive Officer, Woolsey & Company, presented a proposal to provide financial advisory services to Tulsa County in connection with a criminal justice facility. Woolsey & Company would research the needs in Tulsa County, look at all available options, and prepare the necessary financial package. Bowles also commented on Senate Bill 233, regarding assessment districts. He will be making a presentation at the Association of County Commissioners' meeting in December regarding this bill. It was noted that the bill will be pre-filed for the next legislative session.

The Chairman indicated the Board would certainly consider Woolsey's proposal. Sheriff Thurman was also present to make a formal notification to the Board of the immediate need for additional space for prisoners and to request assistance in obtaining any available location for the temporary incarceration of prisoners. The Sheriff also cautioned the Board that there are certain requirements, e.g., showers, kitchen facilities etc., which must be met before prisoners could be housed in temporary quarters. Rice requested the Sheriff provide the Board with a list of all minimum requirements to house prisoners.

Harris noted another problem concerning temporary incarceration facilities, that of zoning restrictions. He also suggested that the problem might be alleviated through decreasing certain types of arrests, rather than attempting to release prisoners through various alternatives to incarceration.

The Sheriff informed the Board that his office is preparing a report on a breakdown of all arrests during the past 60 days and that report should be released today.

Selph commended the Sheriff regarding his efforts to control the jail population, and inquired as to the status of increasing Pre-Trial's staff to assist with release of prisoners. Thurman replied that Pre-Trial was totally without room to administer an increased program at this time.

Harris noted for the record that the additional costs of temporary facilities or increased staff, or whatever measures are taken to relieve the problem, will have to come from funds budgeted for other purposes; there are absolutely no funds available at this time. It was the consensus of the Board to ask Ray Hasselman, Chief Civil Assistant, to begin ground work concerning zoning problems for temporary incarceration facilities, to include the possibility of a court order to overcome same.

The Chairman directed Edwards to assist Hasselman and the Sheriff's staff in any way possible. Rice left the meeting in progress at 10:30.

Susan Young, INCOG, and Roy Jones were present to discuss the creation of a regional trust authority for solid waste management. The Board has been asked to sign a letter of intent to participate in the trust authority, and the letter will be placed on the November 23 agenda for consideration.

Young was questioned regarding the possibility of using an existing authority to handle this problem rather than creating a new one, but she stated that there was not an authority in existence at this time that could handle solid waste. Jones also stated that there would be a termination clause in the new trust indenture, and that it was the recommendation of the Solid Waste Management Committee to have trustees elected rather than appointed. Another matter to be decided will be the voting structure of the trust. Harris instructed Lintelman to prepare the letter of intent and place it on the November 23 agenda.

Selph reported briefly on the status of a mental health social detoxification proposal. Several proposals are to be submitted, and the Board will then decide on what use will be made of the space at Social Services which was recently vacated by the State Department of Mental Health. Selph also noted that the Board may wish to use this space for an extended stay facility for Social Services. Edwards was directed to contact Morton Healy and request a more extensive proposal be submitted no later than January 1, 1988.

Sheriff Thurman reported on efforts to obtain medical services for the jail. He informed the Board that Dr. Barnes is not interested in signing any professional services contract but would agree to becoming a part-time employee of the County in order to receive indemnification. Thurman said Barnes would be responsible for medical services 365 days a year at a cost to the County of \$60,000.

Selph inquired if the Sheriff had received a study done by INCOG regarding medical services to ten county jails in the United States. The Sheriff replied he had received the survey but in checking out some of the possibilities, such as the medical schools, he had been unable to find anyone else who was willing to provide the service. Thurman noted that it is virtually impossible to obtain malpractice insurance for doctors working in institutions and that the state had found it necessary to hire its doctors, rather than contracting the service. The Sheriff also noted that without a jail physician, costs for providing medical services to inmates on a daily basis at the hospital would be prohibitive.

Thurman recommended the Board hire Barnes as a part-time employee. Hasselman recommended the Board authorize a part-time temporary position for a time period to be determined, during which the Board make efforts to resolve the question.

Harris directed the appointment of a jail physician be placed on the November 23 agenda. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Melvin C. Rice, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joan Hastings, County Clerk