

(Agenda of meeting was posted in the Courthouse Administration lobby at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 1993.)

MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE  
May 27, 1993

The Board of County Commissioners of Tulsa County met at 9:30 a.m., with the following members present: Robert N. Dick, Chairman; Lewis Harris, John Selph. Members absent: none. Others present: Stanley Glanz, Joan Hastings, Sally Howe Smith, Dick Blakeley, Jim Helm, David Boggs, Clayton Edwards, Wayne Carr, and Pam Hayes.

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

Glanz distributed materials detailing jail occupancy. He advised the board there had been a threat of flooding at Newblock Park last week but, through cooperative efforts, problems there were avoided.

Hastings discussed Guaranty Abstract Company's request for space in the county clerk's office. Some of the concerns she mentioned were: their already crowded office arrangements, inadequate electrical power for present needs, and concern that other abstract companies may follow with additional demands. She pointed out that the county clerk's office is allowed by state law to charge a fee of up to 25 cents per page for copies; the rate currently charged is 20 cents. She added that some counties require abstractors to bring in their own electrical lines because county clerk offices are not mandated to provide free electricity to abstract companies. Boggs discussed the county clerk's need to make four copies of each document filed: one for the assessor, one to be microfilmed, one for indexing, and one for use by abstract companies. He said the clerk's office is required to allow the abstract companies access to a copy by the close of the day following the filing of the document. Hastings added that the clerk's office would lose approximately \$4,000 in monthly revenue if they don't charge for copies but that their expenditures would remain the same because they would still need to make four copies.

David Sanders, Jr., legal counsel for Guaranty Abstract, responded to Hastings' comments by saying that the law authorizes space in county clerk's offices for abstractors and that desk space is now being provided to Tulsa Abstract, Standard Abstract, and Smith Brothers Abstract. He said there is also space for Guaranty. He stated the copier which the abstractors wish to place in the clerk's office is 59.6" wide, 28.1" deep, and 43.1" high. He said that other abstract companies have a microfilm machine and electric typewriters which use electricity. Brett Copple, Kodak representative, stated that the copier uses 110 current and pulls 1400 watts during warmup, 208 watts during standby, and 1347 watts during operation. He said the cost to purchase the machine outright would be \$15,310.

Blakeley said the state statutes do not give abstract companies the right to free electrical power from the county clerk's office. Abstract companies could, however, be allowed to have an electrical line installed for their own use. Harris voiced concern about abstract companies demands for free