

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Courts - Abe Lurie reported that the task force has met twice. At the first meeting, determination was made of the scope of the project and the schedule. The Board of Supervisors has asked the Judicial Procedures Commission to analyze Court efficiency and report back in 6 months. The task force has decided to continue its study of the courts pending discussion of our work with each Supervisor.

Abe Lurie proposes that the task force tackle court problems which are substantive in nature, especially the incentives which tend to increase or decrease litigation in the community. The task force is reviewing cost and fee increases to see if they have kept up with inflation. Abe Lurie feels it is important to accomplish some change this year, even if it is a minor change.

Incentives

The task force is still working on the matter of getting funding for the pilot project. At the task force meeting on March 13, the task force will make some decisions on applying for money and reshaping the proposal.

Contracting

The task force is monitoring County efforts and also attempting to seek financing for additional staff to increase E&E efforts on contracting. The County has made progress in its contracting efforts.

Commission Financing

The question was raised as to whether the Commission is wisely using the time of the commissioners in attempting to obtain outside support and that perhaps the time of the commissioners could be put to better use. John Campbell explained that the Executive Committee has been meeting to set objectives and goals.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 11 A.M..