

Courthouse

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Supervisors To Discuss Courthouse Bid Hassle In Private

County supervisors will hold a special meeting this afternoon to discuss a \$212,000 problem with governmental center contractor Werner Jasper.

The meeting will be closed to the public and press, ostensibly because it involves a court case.

Jasper claims he is not bound by a \$212,000 low bid he submitted more than a year ago to provide furniture, finish the third floor of the county office building, and do site development work on the \$6.5-million project.

The county, on the other hand, claims it accepted Jasper's bid well within a one-year time limit.

Jasper has filed action in Superior court for a judgment

freeing him of the contract. His attorney, Gene Adams, Tuesday asked for the special session so he could explain the situation in private and try to get the board to release Jasper and re-bid.

The board will meet at 4 pm. today.

LIBRARY — Supervisors decided to oppose a city charter amendment that would cut the powers of the city-county library board. A representative appeared at Tuesday night's city council session.

Supervisors also accepted suggestions of Supervisor-elect Henry Mello for improving library service in the Freedom area. The suggestions include immediate rental of a larger

building, studies for a new building, longer hours, a south county representative on the city-county library board, and talks with Watsonville on a reciprocal library agreement with the county.

HOSPITAL — Reluctant approval was given to higher pay rates for anesthesiologists and a local neurosurgeon at County General hospital.

Medical director William Cress said he hopes the new rates, based on the difficulty of operations, and with no total ceiling, will not be demanded by physicians as well. Doctors now have limits on the total amount the county pays for work at the hospital.

The change is expected to mean about \$19,500 for the rest of this year to hire anesthesiologists.

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