

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 43
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for October 28, 2002

dead in the water if I was still on the farm because you don't take a district away. But see, that person's not out there in that district so he doesn't have to worry about it.

Mr. Lowe asked for clarification: You do want Mr. Gorton on the case and you do want the firm's limit to be \$2000 on Slade Gorton or \$5000 overall? Mr. Brock said he would have to look at the contract again. He doesn't want to have an open end. Mr. Lowe said there is nothing in the contract. There is an hourly rate in the contract. He can bill at \$450 an hour is what the contract says. Mr. Brock said the one we hired can bill for \$135 an hour. Mr. Lowe said right. Mr. Brock said Slade Gorton said in the letter his expenses would not exceed \$2000 if they were that much. That was his understanding when we first made the deal with him. Mrs. Miller will try to find the letter. Mr. Lowe said he is just monitoring the bills.

Mr. Brock said we wanted Mr. Carlson at \$135 an hour. Because of expertise, we wanted Mr. Gorton available but had to put a limit on him of \$2000 (\$450 per hour). Mr. Lowe will write a letter back saying I have spoken to you about this issue and that is the limitations. He asked if that is correct. Mrs. Corkrum said that is not her wish. Mr. Brock and Mrs. Miller agreed to Mr. Lowe's statement.

Mr. Brock said we have a different philosophy as far as redistricting. I feel it is very important that we win this issue. Mr. Lowe said he doesn't disagree with that. He just doesn't think we need to spend money on Mr. Gorton when he's not doing anything. Mrs. Miller said I don't think he's not doing anything. She has no way of knowing. He's the expert.

Mr. Lowe said he wants the record to show I don't think we can afford Mr. Gorton for \$450 per hour. That is his only point. There was further discussion to clarify.

Mr. Lowe said he will prepare a letter saying the Board authorized the use of Mr. Gorton for no more than five hours work total. The Board will review the letter on Wednesday prior to having it sent.



Mosquito Control

The Board asked Mr. Lowe to find the procedure to put a Mosquito Control District in place in the entire county and whether it is possible.