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Campaign consultant Gary Driscoll, volunteers Linda Carter and Linda Freeman, and mayoral candidate Eddie Mann's relax after putting some finishing touches on the Mann's Campaign's Downtown/East Knoxville office. Stop by and visit 900 East Hill Ave Suite 118!

Pension Board circling wagons

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It what began as a routine meeting of the Knox County Retirement and Pension Board stopped abruptly ten minutes into the session when pension board attorney John Owing's stood and declared the board was going into executive. Anyone not a member of the board or an authorized county official was told to leave the meeting.

Like Old West settlers the Knox County Pension Board, Mayor and County Commission have begun circling their wagons in preparation of an attack.

The private session between the board, the attorney, and county administration last Monday lasted almost an hour. During the executive session

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs entered the meeting, stayed for a brief time, and left again heading back to his office in Room 540.

dom until invited back in. The pension board reconvened its meeting and Owing addressed the members. It became obvious that his remarks had already been heard during the private session. He said the new class action lawsuit against the county was related to the pension board's allowing vacation pay to be included in sheriff department employee's retirement. It became obvious that a decision was made in the executive session but had to be "public" with a request and vote by the board members in an open session.

Owing called the suit "unnecessary" and said it "lacks merit," adding that he feels the matter was settled as a former lawsuit.

He then asked the board to authorize him to "intervene" as their representative. Although the pension board was not named in the lawsuit the board members

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