

City of Tucumcari
Special City Commission Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2015

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a Special Commission meeting on Monday, October 12, 2015 at :00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Members present constituting a quorum were: John Mihm, Ruth Ann Litchfield, Robert Lumpkin, Amy Gutierrez and Rick Haymaker.

City Staff members present were: Jared Langenegger, City Manager; Nicole Manley, convention center Director; and Sharayah Sisneros, Executive Assistant.

Consideration of Changes or Deletions to Agenda

No changes or deletions were made to the agenda.

Commissioner Haymaker made the motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded it. Roll call:

Haymaker	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

New Business

Approval of Insurance Proposal – Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that there were two respondents; the highest scoring respondent was Tucumcari General Insurance with 81 points. He asked for the Commission’s approval to go with the highest scorer. We’ve had a long standing relationship with Tucumcari General Insurance they have provided good service to the City in the past, they are very accessible any questions we’ve had they have responded very promptly and they have been very helpful as we move through purchasing insurance.

Mayor Lumpkin commented that in the discussion there is one point that the Commission discussed quite a bit, the evaluation of the cost for a possibly 30 points he asked if that meant they came in under? Mr. Langenegger replied that we did not receive a cost for the insurance policies this was just based off of their costs for the services they provide, they would still have to go out and get quotes for policies.

Commissioner Gutierrez made a motion to approve the insurance proposal from Tucumcari General Insurance and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll call:

Litchfield	Haymaker	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Discussion of Commission and Judicial pay increases- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that awhile back he was asked by the Commission to look at what would have to happen for the Commission to receive an increase in compensation. Due to the fact that over the past few years we have had several more meetings, we aren’t just doing the two meetings a month we do special meetings whenever things come up and need approval, we have work sessions

that are taking place. The last increase to the Commission pay was done in 2007. In addition to the Commission pay increase I asked our judicial staff when the last time the Judge's salary was increased, that was in 2009 so it's probably due for an increase as well. He provided the Commission with a compensation report to compare what different municipalities make throughout the state, this information is from the New Mexico Municipal League's website, there is calculator where municipalities can enter in what their salaries are and you can enter in and see what the salaries are for other municipalities. Currently the Commission's salary is \$3,600 a year for Commissioners and \$4,800 a year for the mayor. The municipal judge's salary is listed as well for the different municipalities and our current salary for municipal judge is \$14,355 per year. He was a bit unsure on how much to increase or what percentage increase to go with, so we wanted to have a discussion with the Commissioners to get their input. The range in salaries is anywhere from volunteer Commissioners all the way to about \$12,000 a year but those are in some of the bigger cities that have more gross receipt tax and revenues than we do. Some do a per meeting basis and some just do an annual salary, like we do. Personally he thinks the annual salary is a better way to go it is much simpler and easier to budget for, but that is a decision for the Commission.

Mayor Lumpkin stated that the Commission does not receive insurance benefits, that's a major part he has spoken to a few people and they say that would be a good motivator to try to help the city because they do furnish insurance. Insurance can run pretty expensive and it can be a lot more compensation than salaries. He said he hasn't seen the ordinance or the statutes but years ago when they voted to raise the compensation, they said this would not affect the current elected officials it will only go into effect for the newly elected Commissioners. Mr. Langenegger stated that this was correct. He checked with the Municipal League, the way it works is if we change the ordinance now it would go into effect whenever there was an election. This March we have an election for three of our Commission positions, when those individuals are elected they would be receiving the new compensation, the other two would still be at the old compensation. When those two positions go up for elections, those elected would receive the increased compensation.

Mayor Lumpkin stated that that isn't a bad way to do this because it will do away with the premise that you are giving yourself a raise, you are actually giving a raise to the position. He knows they are doing a lot more then they use to. When he started there were only two work sessions a year and that was during budgeting time and contract time. When he goes to any community event, he usually sees a quorum of Commissioners there. This Commission is very active and there is a lot happening because of that. The main point he'd like to make is this raise is not for us but for the individual that will hold your position in the future, if you were to run for re-election you would be eligible for that raise. He doesn't know how much to raise it, that should be part of the discussion. He stated that Mr. Langenegger has been very good at figuring out the averages and what the salary compensation along with the insurance compensation would be for communities our size, not all communities are the same even when they are the same size but that might be something we could use as a benchmark or a standard.

Mr. Langenegger stated the Commission positions are more difficult than a regular employee position. Some of the cities go by meetings. Raton is our size theirs is listed the same as ours at 36, Aztec is our size and theirs is at 72. Aztec has natural gas oils revenues and things of that nature that offset that. The other thing that makes it difficult to look at is our form of government is a Commissioner-Manager form of government some of the other municipalities that he looked at are Mayor Council government where they have a City Manager but the mayor is the lead supervisor for the city in those cities the Mayor's pay is higher. Mayor Lumpkin stated that we have five

Commissioners we don't know exactly how many Commissioners these cities have but if you look at that number five and raised the salary \$1,000 we're talking about \$5,000 to our budget a year which is a small number compared to some of the other things that we do. He stated that he believes Clovis has seven Commissioners and a lot of these other communities have more or sometimes less. Our county only has three Commissioners; the county compensation in this community is about \$9,000.

Commissioner Mihm said that he has some input but he isn't sure if it's feasible because a new ordinance might have to be passed every time but to put the Commissioners on the same scale increases as staff. Mr. Langenegger said he wasn't sure but he could check into that, he would imagine if they write the ordinance and say this is what it is and we increase this much every year. Commissioner Mihm states that it's still something over the course of four years. Mr. Langenegger stated the other concern he'd have with that the increase for municipal employees is based on an employee going into a position and staying in that position through their entire career which would take them from the bottom of the pay band to the top. Whenever you have a new employee come in they are starting out at a lower salary because they don't have the experience or education things of that nature. If we did a 2% increase for Commission pay every year that may cause an issue twenty years down the road whenever we have new Commissioners that don't have experience but yet they're getting 40% more than before.

Mayor Lumpkin proposed that they look at \$1,000 across the board that would be an additional \$5,000 to the budget, which is minor. It would then be comparable with a lot of other communities, remember we aren't getting the health, dental or life insurance, some get a 401k. There are few other things you can do for Commissioners other than pay that we aren't offering. He stated this isn't for us this is for the position. The agreement with that is why and would that encourage a better Commission in the future. Commissioner Haymaker and Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield stated that they didn't know they'd be receiving anything. Mayor Lumpkin stated that he has noticed more effort lately and he would like to see that amount of effort. He stated that he doesn't plan on rerunning but he still has two more years. So whatever we voted on, it would be two years before his position would see the raise.

Mr. Powers said last time this was discussed was around election time and it turned to a political thing, but the majority of the Commission at that time felt it needed to be brought up and at that time they were talking about a \$2,000 to \$3,000 increase and when you look at the average that isn't a whole lot of money. The school board a lot of them get a stipend per meeting in other communities. Mayor Lumpkin stated that they should make this decision at a later date, to give them all time to think about it.

Mayor Lumpkin stated that he had a few questions one of them being why Tucumcari was rated a zero and stated that Silver City also had a zero, probably because they also didn't enter their information. Some cities have voluntary but having a zero doesn't necessarily mean they get zero compensation. Mr. Langenegger stated the way the spreadsheet works is you have to enter your information and it will show on the spreadsheet. We might have entered the commission position but not the salary. Commissioner Haymaker commented on Mesilla and asked if there was a typo because the spreadsheet showed \$8,000 a month. Commissioner Gutierrez asked if Las Cruces their Commissioners are full time employees. Mr. Langenegger stated that the only ones that are required to be full time position were the mayor-council form and the mayor was a full time position. As far the councilors in those positions they aren't necessarily full time but the mayor is.

Mayor Lumpkin stated they make a decision at a later date. Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield suggested making a decision before election time because she wanted the decision to be above board so they'd be able to say we made the decision before anyone knew if they'd win the reelection.

Discussion and possible approval of convention center RFP- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that he was not asking for approval of the RFP itself but he was asking for a determination as far as what direction the Commission would like to move. This RFP was presented at a previous meeting but it was postponed for further discussion. He was able to visit with Ms. Manley and she was able to check with other convention centers and some do not allow outside food and some do. He feels that the convention center needs some assistance. He understands that we want to allow people to have events there and we don't want to overcharge the citizens and prevent them from using the facility but if we are going to develop the facilities into a convention center specifically used for large conventions and multiple purchases we need to make some changes and get more assistance. One idea is to keep the RFP the way it is and exempt the Liberty Room. If someone wanted to have a function and wanted to bring their own food they could utilize the Liberty Room. This would still allow a catering service to come in and bid and get the larger events and still be able to make some money off of what they are doing but it would still allow individuals that wanted to bring in their own food to have their event as well. There are other options but Mr. Langenegger wanted to get the Commission's input and feedback before he went on a presented them.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield asked about the days the EDC meets at the convention center, would they be able to have their lunch catered by who normally caters it or would they still have to go through the convention center caterer? Mr. Langenegger stated that they would still have to go through the new caterer. Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield stated that she thinks that would be an inconvenience. She is not been for the RFP because she feels the convention center is a community center. A family just recently utilized the convention center for a dinner after a funeral.

Ms. Manley stated that the family paid the caterer for 200 people to the caterer's understanding the church was going to bring more food and they ran out of food. It was very well planned out, which she understands because there was a lot of grief throughout the community but the staff was left to clean up. Mayor Lumpkin stated that the convention center needs help, Ms. Manley has been doing a fantastic job, she has been putting in a lot of extra time but they would also like to try and engage other conventions to come to Tukumcari that would take writing letters, making phone calls things such as that, which takes time. There was an incident where we had to hire somebody to run the bar, there were people here in town that had their server's license and were able to be hired. That brings up a point if we need help we might be able to serve that objective by looking at temporary help and hiring someone to help write some letters, make some phone calls or do some electronic advertisement for the convention center. There are plenty of people around Tukumcari that could serve as that temporary help. The Liberty Room is too small for most family oriented events that it is utilized for, the quinceaneras, the wedding receptions, birthday parties and family reunions are usually much bigger than the Liberty Room can hold. Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield stated that she has personally rented the Liberty Room for events. Mayor Lumpkin stated that he was agrees that the convention center is not just a convention center but also a community center for Tukumcari. He feels that we would be taking back a service from the community by approving the RFP they would basically be privatizing the bar. People like to prepare their own food for their own events.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield asked if the majority of the families clean up after themselves. Ms. Manley said yes. This recent incident was understandable because there was a lot of grief throughout the community and no one knew how many people would show up. The church and the kids from St. Anne's were a great help not only helping to serve but also by helping clear tables they stayed a lot longer than anticipated. The Del Norte is the only place there has been problems, and there hasn't been any since the Commission approved the increase to rent the Del Norte center, they haven't had to hold any deposits. Commissioner Mihm asked what Ms. Manley's thoughts were as far as privatizing the catering for the larger events and the bar at the convention center. She stated that she sees both sides. For instance Rockabilly, April spent a lot of hours working. Technically Mr. Langenegger is the person responsible, but whoever is over the convention center will be the person who would get fined, of course that person will want to be there to make sure that doesn't happen. The catering would help alleviate some extra hours like Rockabilly, Rattler Reunion and things of that nature that are only once a year. I see advantages we could put packages together for weddings and receptions, we could work with the caterer and do a per person price and an open bar price.

Commissioner Mihm asked her if we were to go to RFP for this would that open more doors. Could you say with a clear conscience that if we do something of this nature that the facility would become more utilized because we have that in place. Ms. Manley stated that she could not say that with a clear conscience, she believes it would aid her in her marketing. She stated we could go this route but we could say if the Tucumcari room isn't booked thirty days from the event then we could let the quinceanera come in that way we don't lose the revenue. Commissioner Mihm stated the use of the center for structured events that are planned and set for one to three months ahead. Ms. Manley stated put that in place or even make it for a year. Say someone walks in and it's a month out and it is not booked and there is nothing on the horizon. Commissioner Mihm stated that in that situation they would be exempt from using the caterer or they could use the caterer if they responded quickly enough.

Mr. Langenegger stated that this is so it is more likely to have a caterer bid, if we say they have exclusive business that is an incentive to put up their money and put in their time to submit a bid. If we don't want to do that we can still go forward with the RFP for exclusive use of the bar services and also catering and have a clause that says you can come in and do their own meals but have a limit to how many people they can have, say 200. If their event is less than 200 people they can do their own food. With an RFP if we put out a proposal and we get bids on it we evaluate those bids and if we don't like what is submitted we don't have to award it, but we don't know our options unless we put it out to bid. One of the big things that will help our convention center, as far as staffing is having someone take over the bar service, the catering service is just something that gives them an additional reason to be there. He agrees with the mayor that if we hired people to help with the advertising and to send out notices, that would help Ms. Manley as well. With the RFP we would have someone paying us to operate the bar, if we go the route of hiring more people, we're expending city budget to pay salaries and increasing our costs.

Mayor Lumpkin stated that he understands that we are looking at possibly being more flexible at some types of events. We have people in town that may want to help with custodial or the clean ups and the deposits aren't really a fee, if they take care of business and clean up they get that money back, he isn't opposed to raising those to a point to where the deposit would basically have teeth in them so they clean up and get their money back, we'd have to be very good at getting their money back if they did a good job. The Liberty room is smaller; we talked about the Del Norte Center, he has spoken to a lot of people and a lot say they would like to have liquor license available. He asked

if they could look into the possibility of the Del Norte getting an umbrella type license from the convention center for liquor sales or maybe just beer and wine but making sure we have instructions that go along with those events that there will be security and they will have to adhere to state law, such as not over serving and not serving minors. Changing that to where we aren't responsible that would be quite a relief of pressure because there is always that problem where if you have 200 or 300 people and they're participating in alcohol, there's a good chance we could be liable. If a bar was to bid on that and get it they would be the liable agent rather than us and that's a lot of pressure making sure that happens. He still wants the convention center and the Del Norte center and any other room we have to be of service to the community for certain things, we have in the past and it has worked out well. One other point is the bar makes profit so whatever we get paid from whoever is serving we are going to lose that profit that we received before. Mr. Langenegger stated that if you look at the cost of our salaries, the cost of the liquor and then take into account the revenue from the liquor we actually lose money with the bar service.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield said she understands the RFP for the liquor that is something that she could go along with. She has received phone calls since the first time we discussed this from people in town that have said what would happen in the event they want to use the convention center for some type of reception or something; they feel like we are taking the convention center from them. She is going by what the constituents are telling her.

Ms. Manley commented that they have called around and we have by far the lowest price on our rooms. Even Santa Rosa who has much less space their rate for their big room is almost triple ours. Commissioner Gutierrez suggested increasing the price and leaving it available to the community. She stated that it is a lot of work to clean up after these events and it is a big area. The staff is spending a lot of time there. An increase in price would be appropriate. There are other facilities here in town that people could utilize if it was too expensive for them. Mayor Lumpkin stated that the convention center has been a service for the people and he doesn't want to raise the price we aren't a real rich community, we are a lower social economic level and we are providing a service that we shouldn't discontinue. He complimented all those involved in getting the Del Norte Center fixed up and now it is an option for people it was too far gone before.

Commissioner Haymaker stated that Tucumcari doesn't really have a proper community center that is one of the biggest hang ups here. The Del Norte is substandard compared to other community centers such as San Jon. Del Norte is not landscaped; the parking lot is covered in glass. He feels the convention center is over named and it really is a community convention center it really has been more of a community center than a convention center except three or four major events a year. When our community can look at San Jon and see their community center and then Tucumcari take away what community center they have it reflects poorly regardless of who's responsible for security or alcohol is still reflects on the image of Tucumcari and its leaders. Because we currently don't have an alternative right now, we're acting as if they have a community center they can go to. VFW, Knights of Columbus and the Elks pitch in but there is alcohol and smoking in those elements that a lot of the community don't want to be around. We don't really have a neutral community center and until we do something in that direction, we are really out of order it's not set in proper order by not giving them a community center. He asked a few citizens if they'd consider going to the Del Norte more and the overall consensus is that it is not an adequate alternative.

Mayor Lumpkin agreed and stated he wasn't implying that the Del Norte was an option but it's better than it was. The bottom-line is we are basically providing a service and he would like to

continue doing that the same way we are now. There are some problems that we want to fix like needing more help and possibly less liability on the liquor licenses because it is a very burdensome way to do things. Ms. Manley has done a good job and he knows it is very difficult. The young lady that took care of the convention center prior to Ms. Manley the one reason she wanted out of it was because she didn't want the responsibility of the liquor sales.

Mr. Langenegger asked if the Commission would be amenable to issuing a RFP for only liquor sales. Mayor Lumpkin stated that if it will still provide the service to the community that it has been. Mr. Langenegger stated that whenever somebody wants the liquor service they can't bring in their own they'd have to pay the city so they'd have to pay someone for that. It is still available to them but it is not like the catering where they can bring in their own food they cannot bring in their own liquor. Mayor Lumpkin stated that with the information that they have received he can't see that they would be causing problems, unless they went sky high on their prices. Mr. Langenegger stated that we have the ability to regulate the prices through the contract. Mayor Lumpkin stated that he is not opposed to it if they can keep the cost to the public about the same as it was before. Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield stated that there are a lot of people that have events that don't want the liquor. Commissioner Haymaker stated that if we had a nice community center they could do what they needed to do but because we don't really have anywhere for the people to go that they could be proud of and take out of town family and do what they can do in other community centers. Mr. Langenegger stated that most community centers don't offer liquor sales. Mayor Lumpkin still believes they can provide the service to the community and put the alcohol to RFP, if they wanted alcohol they could have it if they didn't it was necessary with the stipulation that they wouldn't gouge and try to keep as reasonable as possible. That would be quite a burden lifted off our staff not having to be responsible for that.

Ms. Manley stated that the liability is what it really comes down to. If you wanted to continue assuming that liability, we now have enough bartenders on call that we would be able to do that. We currently do not charge anything for use of the bar that is something that the Commission could consider that could end up being profitable. If the city wanted to keep the bar you could charge them a bar set up fee and also for the labor of the bartenders and from losing money you turn it into a profit. Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield and Commissioner Gutierrez agree that it would be good idea. Mayor Lumpkin stated that fee would make it more expensive and that is what he was worried about. Mr. Langenegger stated that we have to make it workable, we as the city can't provide services without compensation and alcohol service is something that if the individual wants the service they should be able to pay for that service. Ms. Manley stated that most people do think there is a fee associated with using the bar. Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield stated that she has lived here long enough to know people use the convention center. She said they should still pursue conventions. Mayor Lumpkin stated that it would meet his concern that they are still providing a service for the community at a reasonable price. There is two different ways to look at the liquor sales we could go out for RFP or set up a fee or we could leave it as it is but he does see the burden of leaving it as it is. After salaries and custodial we end up in the hole with liquor sales. He thanked Ms. Manley for attending the meeting and he thinks it's important.

Commissioner Gutierrez stated that the norm is you get tea and water not everybody drinks tea and they might want something other than water, she suggested a vending machine for soda so that there could be something other than water and tea since no outside drinks are allowed. It may be a little different but it would alleviate having to open up the bar and it would be another way of having money, funds would be generated. Commissioner Mihm stated that he looked into a vending

machine for his business and they aren't cheap. Even going into contract with Coca-Cola it isn't as profitable. Mr. Langenegger commented that you would have to buy stock from the company and if you don't go through that stock fast enough it expires they'd be stuck with that. For something like the convention center where it is intermittent it wouldn't be feasible to have a vending machine. If it was a situation where there were people there every day it could be a possibility but with the State Parks we went through and put vending machines in different parks and even with visitors in the summer the stock was expiring before we could go through it all. Commissioner Gutierrez stated that she could see that happening because you could even go to the store and the stock is expired but there has to be an option. If the bar is open she can see that side of it, we don't know what is in the drinks and it could possibly get the city or server in trouble because the bar may have served someone one drink yet they can get pulled over and they are over the legal limit and they can say they got it from the convention center.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield asked if it would possible just to open the bar and just sell cokes. Mr. Langenegger stated that he and Ms. Manley would have a discussion. Commissioner Gutierrez suggested getting a refrigerator and when there is an event schedule get whatever is on sale from the store and offer the sale of cokes. Mr. Langenegger stated they would review that possibility.

Mayor Lumpkin and Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield thanked Mr. Langenegger for his understanding of their concerns.

Discussion and possible action on Senior Center RFP- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that every four years the Senior Center has to respond to a proposal from the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging, known as AAA. The RFP for AAA has come out and if we want to continue to operate the Senior Center and be reimbursed for the cost we need to respond to this RFP. The concern he has and wants to discuss with the Commission, is currently the city is operating the Tucumcari Senior Center, the Logan and House Senior Centers. From our budget discussions in June, we put in about \$60,000 from the general fund to subsidize the Senior Center budget. This fiscal year we are looking at putting in \$100,000 the reason we're moving forward with this is we were under the impression that whenever this came up to bid we would be able to ask for an increase in our reimbursement rates, however, when this request for proposals came out the payment portion went to a maximum capped unit rate, which means they tell us what they're reimbursing us. For the congregate meal service they will reimburse us at a rate of \$4 per unit, home delivered meals would be \$6 per unit, and for transportation it would be \$10 per one way trip, those are what make up most of our funding. This last year our funding for a meal was \$5.78, the delivered was \$5.80 we're gaining in that are however, losing in congregate. Looking at the numbers, with these reimbursement rates we'll still be losing close to \$100,000 and this RFP is for the next fiscal year He stated his concern with subsidizing the operations of the senior budget through the city is that we're funding operations for the Senior Centers in House and Logan, yet the general fund that subsidizes the operation of these is made up from Tucumcari taxpayers gross receipt tax, property tax, things of that nature, basically tax collected from the citizens of Tucumcari. It's not really fair to the tax payers of Tucumcari to pay for operations of a senior center in a municipality, other than their own. He has sent some questions to AAA regarding the RFP such as: are we allowed to just do a proposal just for Tucumcari and the answer he received was "it's the responsibility of the bidder to respond to the RFP with services and communities they feel they can administer, if Tucumcari doesn't respond to the RFP to serve the other communities other considerations will have to be made". He stated that another concern he had was if Logan and House would have a chance to

respond to the RFP, there was a letter of intent to respond that was supposed to be submitted by September 30 and he believes they haven't submitted one. The response he received for that was "this is a competitive RFP and all respondents will be considered and the letter of intent is not required in order to respond for the request for proposal". He also asked if no one bid on the contract to operate the senior centers, the response was "if no response has been received other considerations will be made." There are several questions asked by other entities along the same lines, what if we can't fund it or operate it and the response was the AAA has the responsibility to ensure services are provided. There was a question asking if the contract would not be awarded if there is no entity can provide service in the area, the response was "the non-metro AAA has responsibility to ensure services are provided." He is not sure on what level those services would be provided at, that would also be a concern if we chose not to bid on it. He really thinks our senior center serves a vital role in our community, we have an aging population and it's something that is needed, not only for nutrition and feeding seniors but also for the community along with the sense of involvement and keeping them active. He asked the Commission to consider allowing us to respond for Tukumcari and not for Logan or House. In doing that he would visit with Logan and House and let them know and offer them our assistance in preparing their RFP so they could respond to their grant for themselves. He has contacted Richard at the county and asked if the county would be interested in putting together a response, at their Commission meeting he presented this and the Commission is not interested in submitting a response.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield asked why the gross receipt tax from Logan and House fund their own centers. Mr. Langenegger stated that they do fund a part of it; we have asked both House and Logan to fund their entire share. House is a small municipality and they don't make much in the way of gross receipt tax and they weren't sure if they'd be able to fund the whole thing themselves, Logan may be able to. The way its set up right now is we took on the responsibility for operating all three so it's our responsibility based on the contract to operate all three.

Commissioner Mihm stated that they were elected in this municipality to represent the citizens, he doesn't want to sound cruel but it shouldn't be our liability to run another municipality's senior center. If we can assist them in getting their grants he understands that. He was elected to represent the people of Tukumcari and that's who he makes his decisions for, he doesn't think we should run House and Logan's senior centers.

Mr. Powers commented that every year since we got involved in this we have lost money. Tukumcari has stepped up and rolled along with this, but we are looking at 30% reduction per meal so it's going to be a bigger loss. Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield commented that at House they have only eight people come in and eat. She feels that Logan should take over theirs; they have a huge senior citizens center and they have a lot of people that eat there.

Mr. Langenegger commented that our staff has done an excellent job of cutting back costs and cutting corners where it's possible, making sure they're following portion sizes, making sure we get the best cost on food, ensure that everyone participating signs in to ensure we get the most reimbursement possible. It's never been a money making proposition for us but as we move forward it continues to increase the amount of loss we have.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield stated that meals from Tukumcari are being taken to House, that's the cost of gas, time and everything else. Mayor Lumpkin stated the Commission has discussed this before and he has received calls since then from the workers and Mayor of House and they are

afraid to lose their senior center, he hasn't spoken to anyone from Logan but he's sure they have the same concerns. A person asked our City Manager years ago, if we would take over House and Logan because they were going to lose their senior centers if we didn't and Tukumcari stepped up. Those two facilities are in the county and he doesn't believe they are out of line asking the county again to take this on. The county also received an addition to the gross receipt tax revenues and we could help them apply also for the grants if needed.

Mr. Langenegger stated he feels the timing of this is unfortunate he wasn't aware we submitted an RFP to operate the senior centers until the beginning of this month when Charlotte came in and said this is what we have to do to keep the funding. He researched it and looked into it and that's when he asked why Tukumcari is operating somewhere else. The response period for the RFP is at the end of October, he feels badly that there is a small window of time to apply for the grant but he also feels that knowing that we have the opportunity not to expend money for another community's benefit; as the City Manager of Tukumcari he has to look out for Tukumcari's best interest not for any other communities. We would do everything we could to help them get the same funding but not expend our citizen's tax money to run their centers.

Mayor Lumpkin stated that he thinks the Commission should very diplomatically mention this to the county that it is their responsibility but we would be glad to help them. Commissioner Haymaker brought up a point earlier that talked about doing it gradually but it's either all or nothing right now. We don't have the option to take half of our service away.

Commissioner Haymaker stated that they should keep it tied to the GRT increase that they received. Mayor Lumpkin commented that both House and Logan voted for that gross receipt tax increase. He stated that they need to be diplomatic. Commissioner Mihm stated that diplomacy is one thing but the other thing is whose responsibility is it. Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield stated that we don't want to leave them high and dry but we need help.

Mr. Langenegger stated that he would like to submit a RFP for Tukumcari; he would then call the mayor of House and Logan and set up a time to meet with them and discuss where we're at and what we are going to do, offer them our assistance in filling out the RFP for their own community. He stated that he would appreciate it if a mayor or Commissioner joined them for this meeting. It is not going to be a popular decision with them, he feels bad for House because they will see the most impact from us doing this. He feels Logan has its own capability to fund the senior center themselves. He stated that he was hired to support Tukumcari and to ensure that Tukumcari's budget stays where it's at.

Commissioner Haymaker asked if the county and city Commissions could meet and discuss this. He stated that this would be the time to do it and it would be a good excuse for these two commissions to meet. Mr. Langenegger stated that he could set up a meeting the earliest would be Friday. The county has stated they are not interested in doing an RFP they feel that they don't have the budget or man power to take it on but neither do we. Commissioner Mihm stated that the county is the representation for those two communities.

Commissioner Haymaker stated they do not have money left over from that gross tax increase. Commissioner Mihm stated that money was for dispatch. Mr. Langenegger stated whenever this goes into effect they will, the way dispatch was set up is we agreed to this first year we pay the same amount as last year and that gross receipt tax went into a pool where they'd have a cash

reserve to operate dispatch from, so if something happened such as a radio going down or something of that effect. Next year the tax is suppose to fund the operation dispatch whatever that doesn't cover will be split but we should realize a savings for both the city and the county from that tax the next fiscal year, which is when this would take effect so it is still a valid argument.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the RFP for Tucumcari and assisting Logan and House with their own and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Haymaker	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Approval of change order for Sands Dorsey project- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that the actual price for the Sands Dorsey project was lower than expected because the quantities were lower. This is simply a change order to reflect that change in cost from \$176,467 to \$110,883 excluding New Mexico gross receipt tax. This change order just needs approval in order to move forward with paying the contractor for the work that they provided.

Mayor Lumpkin stated that it is a change order to our advantage. A lot of this discount was because of the engineering company, Forsgren he feels that it would be a good opportunity for us to show our appreciation to them with a nice thank you letter for their services to us. Mr. Langenegger informed him that he will be drafting the letter soon.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield made the motion to approve the change order for the Sands Dorsey project and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll call:

Haymaker	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez	Litchfield
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Haymaker stated that Rawhide days is targeted for April 15 and 16, 2016, there has been a lot of good response from it. Ms. Alarcon has made some contacts and real progress. In the discussion he said he asked the Commission to consider supporting this in the same manner it does Rockabilly. Mayor Lumpkin stated that one aspect is that the Rockabilly applied for money from the Lodgers Tax prior to Lodgers tax making budget. The first year they received in the area of \$5,000 and that was based on an anticipated success rate of some many people coming to town and so many events that would bring people to town, so there's more than just saying the same as Rockabilly. The major problem is that the Lodgers Tax Board has made budget and at the last meeting it showed excess of \$6,000 in the budget. The Lodgers Tax Board themselves brought up the idea of putting in two more billboards with that \$6,000. Those budgets are anticipated and in the past they had more money than anticipated because of the good accounting of the staff and the frugal behavior that was behind it. There may not be any money available from Lodgers Tax, he doesn't know if there are other sources of revenue for that. If the anticipated participation was known that would be nice. Commissioner Haymaker stated that a board was put together today and as time continues we will have something on that. Mayor Lumpkin stated that there may be a source of revenue but it depends on the number and if the revenue is available our support is also available.

He thanked Karen and everyone else who is working on this event because this is the kind of thing that will help Tucumcari.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked the Commission for this special meeting; this is time again above and beyond the normal call of duty and thanked them for their time and their input.

Adjournment

Mayor Lumpkin asked for a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Mihm made the motion to adjourn and Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Haymaker
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Robert C. Lumpkin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk