

**CITY OF TUCUMCARI
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 26, 2011**

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers. Members present constituting a quorum were; Antonio Apodaca, Amiel Curnutt, Jimmy Sandoval, and Jim Witcher.

City staff members present were Bobbye Rose, City Manager; Christine Dougherty, City Clerk/Purchasing Agent; Dennis Dysart, Finance Director; Yvette Fazekas, Planning and Zoning Administrator; Clara Rey, Human Resources Director; Misty Vick, Grants Administrator; and Pete Rivera, Deputy Chief of Police.

Ms. Margot Thompson, Reverend of the Center Street United Methodist Church gave the invocation and Mr. Pete Rivera led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Changes or Deletions to the Agenda

Mr. Witcher asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

Commissioner Curnutt made a motion to approve the agenda as written and Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Commissioners

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca congratulated the recent high school graduates and wished them well in their endeavors.

Commissioner Sandoval congratulated the recent high school graduates as well especially those that have chosen to attend Mesalands after graduation.

Commissioner Curnutt thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting and thanked all who participated in the two recent cleanup days.

Mayor Witcher congratulated all high school and Mesalands graduates.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Curnutt to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2011 Commission meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Sandoval. Roll Call:

Witcher	Apodaca	Sandoval	Curnutt
Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes

Commissioner Curnutt made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2011 Special Meeting and Commissioner Sandoval seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Apodaca	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher
Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes

Approval of Vouchers

A motion was made by Commissioner Curnutt and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca to approve the City vouchers for payment. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Citizens

Mr. Tom Even of the Lodgers’ Tax Advisory Board approached the podium to address the Commission. Mr. Even stated it was with great pleasure that he present for the Commission the newest signage efforts on behalf of the Lodgers’ Tax Board. He stated that 12 signs have been purchased and will be installed by the State. The signs will direct tourists to local attractions and enhance tourism income in the City. Mr. Even brought an example for the Commission to see. Mr. Even said that the next project will be large welcome to Tucumcari signs that will be placed at either end of town. Mr. Even said the signs are of adequate thickness to hold up to the harsh winds.

Mr. Witcher asked if all the signs are identical. Mr. Even responded in the negative explaining that the signs are customized to their location with appropriate arrows to correctly direct tourists.

Mr. Richard Tally stated that he was involved in a tornado recovery effort for Joplin, Missouri. He thanked the Chamber for their help in organizing this effort and reported that there are accounts set up at both Wells Fargo Bank and Everyone’s Federal Credit Union. Mr. Tally reported that our Route 66 neighbor has suffered great loss due to this tornado and donation jars have been set up across town for collections. He asked if the Commission would allow a semi truck trailer to be parked behind the fire house to collect material donations for the effort. Ms. Rose stated that would be fine.

Mr. Apodaca asked if donations could be given at this time. Mr. Tally responded in the positive and Mr. Apodaca opened his wallet and gave a donation.

Mr. Tally then asked Mayor Witcher to draft a letter to the Mayor of Joplin in support of their recovery efforts. Mr. Witcher agreed to draft such a letter.

Mr. Pat Vanderpool then approached the podium and addressed the Commission regarding a program available to area residents. Mr. Vanderpool said that in the month of June, two events will be held in Tucumcari. On June 7 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Convention Center, a round table led by the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of the Department of Tourism will be held on Ecotourism. Also, on June 13 a USDA Rural Development forum will be held to inform residents of home ownership and renovation opportunities.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ms. Rose presented Ordinance 1091, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement. Ms. Rose explained that this is the paperwork required to refinance the Convention Center bonds. Ms. Rose went on to say that this refinance is for \$200,000 at zero percent interest and the rest of the loan is very low interest. The refinance will save the City \$19,000 per year in interest savings.

Commissioner Curnutt made a motion to approve Ordinance 1091, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement and Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Fazekas then presented Resolution 2011-26, a time extension for NMDOT Project SP-4-11(960). She explained that the project is already in place, it is the current co-op project. The resolution extends the project timeline to December 31, 2012.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-26, a time extension for NMDOT Project SP-4-11(960) and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Fazekas then presented Resolution 2011-27, a time extension for MAP project MAP-7637(903). Ms. Fazekas explained that this resolution requests a time extension through June 30, 2013 for the existing DOT MAP project.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-27, a time extension for MAP project MAP-7637(903) and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Witcher	Apodaca	Sandoval	Curnutt
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Rose then presented Resolution 2011-28, amending the Procurement Process of the City of Tucumcari. Ms. Rose explained that this resolution modifies the procurement process of the City to match that of the State of New Mexico. Ms. Rose went on to say that currently the City process requires that for purchases from \$500.01 to \$5000 three quotes must be obtained by the purchaser. And the City process currently requires that for purchases between \$5000.01 and \$20,000, three written quotes must be obtained. The State policy requires that for purchases from \$.01 to \$10,000, prices must be sought from two vendors and the lowest must be used. Ms. Rose stated that she recommends approval of this resolution to ease purchasing processes.

Mr. Apodaca asked if quotes will still be obtained. Ms. Rose responded in the positive.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-28, amending the Procurement Process of the City of Tucumcari and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Apodaca	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Rose then presented Resolution 2011-29, Certifying Compliance with the Airport Improvement Program. Ms. Rose explained that this resolution is required by the FAA, however the practice it prohibits has never been allowed by the City. Ms. Rose stated that the FAA requires that a policy be in place prohibiting aircraft from taxing from private property on to the airport property. Mr. Sandoval asked if houses would be allowed to be built on property adjacent to the airport property. Ms. Rose said houses are allowed, just no planes taxing on to the airport from private property.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-29, Certifying Compliance with the Airport Improvement Program and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mr. Dysart presented Resolution 2011-31, a budget amendment request. Mr. Dysart stated that this BAR is for internal adjustments only. He explained that this BAR has a zero budget effect.

Commissioner Curnutt made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-31, a budget amendment request and Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mr. Dysart then presented Resolution 2001-32, a budget amendment request. Mr. Dysart explained that this BAR must be approved by the DFA. He explained that this BAR

moves money that will impact the budget. Mr. Dysart went on to explain that the BAR deals with grant funds and the ambulance department.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca asked if this BAR is for the current fiscal year. Mr. Dysart responded in the positive.

Commissioner Curnutt made a motion to approve Resolution 2001-32, a budget amendment request and Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca seconded the motion in order to call the question. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes

City Manager's Report

Ms. Rose asked representatives from CDM to give a report on their progress on the Ute Lake Water project. Mr. Robert Fowlie and Ms. Kelly Collins stated that they have been working on planning for the Ute lake intake structure project with the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority in Portales. Mr. Fowlie reported that the City sent a letter of position regarding the intake structure stating support with continued evaluation of position and options. Mr. Fowlie stated that the project is still directed towards finding the best interests of the City. Mr. Fowlie said that the letter cleared up any misunderstandings with the Water Authority.

Mr. Fowlie went on to say that the pipeline for the Karma golf course has been approved and two casing locations have been approved that will accommodate about half of the City allocation from the lake.

Mr. Apodaca asked for clarification. When Mr. Fowlie says City, Mr. Apodaca wanted to clarify that he meant Tucumcari. Mr. Fowlie responded in the positive.

Mr. Fowlie reminded the Commission that in July he provided the Commission with ten alternatives for the water from Ute Lake. Mr. Fowlie stated that CDM is ready to move forward with preliminary engineering reports for the top three alternatives.

Mr. Fowlie explained that there is much concern and many questions from stakeholders regarding the Cities plans for the allocation from the lake. Mr. Fowlie stated that the plan is for some type of pipeline to the City but nothing is definitive. Mr. Fowlie said that the project is at a point where moving forward is imperative and a clearly defined plan needs to be developed. Mr. Fowlie added that a clearly defined plan is the vehicle to obtain funding for any project. Mr. Fowlie sympathized with the previous reluctance but feels it is time to move forward.

Mayor Witcher suggested that a work session be set up with CDM. Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca said that there has been some debate regarding the tax reserved for this project

and added that many communities are debating regarding water. Mr. Apodaca suggested that it will be the citizens that tell the Commission what to do with the water.

Commissioner Sandoval said that previous Mayor Calvin Litchfield fought for the City allocation of water from the lake and worked hard on this issue. Mr. Sandoval stated that since Mr. Litchfield's death, this issue has not been discussed. Mr. Sandoval said that the lapse in attention to this issue has put the City behind and we lack representation in Clovis to fight for our water. Mr. Fowlie disagreed stating that CDM has represented the City but clearly defined goals need to be formulated. Ms. Rose agreed that CDM has been working hard on behalf of the City on this issue.

Ms. Rose then called on Mr. Dysart to give a financial report. Mr. Dysart provided the Commission with financial reports and stated that they show the trends and why the numbers have changed. Mr. Dysart stated that the report shows a \$2,926,466 deficit but explained that much of this is due to grant funds yet to be received. Mr. Dysart explained that future budget amendment requests will move grant monies into the budget. He also speculated that there will be quite a bit of carryover funding.

Mr. Sandoval asked about certificates of deposit. Mr. Dysart stated that they are included in the cash accounting.

Ms. Rose then had Ms. Clara Rey give an update on insurance issues. Ms. Rey stated that she has been working to find better workers compensation rates. She explained that the current carrier's premium is anticipated to go up to \$400,000 for the next fiscal year. Ms. Rey received a quote for much less from another company and is still shopping for the best rate. She explained that in the interim budget \$275,000 is budgeted for the premium but she is still working to find other rates.

Ms. Rey said that she continues to work to secure lower health insurance premium rates and still stay within procurement guidelines. Ms. Rey gave employees two health insurance options to evaluate. The majority vote will determine which company is utilized in the next fiscal year. However, Ms. Rey stated that both options will cost less than what is budgeted in the health insurance line item in the interim budget.

Ms. Rey explained that insurance rates continue to increase while benefits decrease. She explained that the final choice will not exceed the interim budget figures.

Mr. Apodaca stated that regarding the health insurance discussion, he had a correction to the work session notes. Mr. Apodaca said that after Ms. Riddle spoke to the Commission in the May 3 work session regarding the increased insurance rates he felt he was misquoted in the notes. Mr. Apodaca said that what he tried to say was that he supported the City covering the increased insurance premiums for employees in lieu of raises when only one or the other can be afforded so employees will not experience decreases in take home pay.

Ms. Rose said that she would like to commend Ms. Rey on her work. Ms. Rose explained that some employees or their spouses have serious medical conditions and Clara has worked hard to ensure that those who need the insurance the most will not suffer with any potential changes to the plan.

Ms. Rose stated that Commissioner Apodaca asked at the last meeting for information about capital outlay. This fiscal year the budget was \$634,898 and we have expended \$222,390 to date. We have been very frugal this year on capital outlay. This year out of General Fund capital outlay, \$200 has been spent on a sign, \$19,135 for the library air conditioning emergency purchase, and \$19,919 on the phone system which will be recovered in two years through cost savings. The total capital outlay expenditures out of the general fund have been \$39,254.

Other expenses this year include \$97,030 out of EMS for an ambulance, which was an emergency purchase and grant funded.

At the Airport, expenditures include \$40,437 for a tractor, \$8,762 for a loader, and \$16,804 for a batwing mower; for a total of \$66,004 that was all grant funded.

At the Police Department, \$11,221 was used for a vehicle purchased from narcotics funds. They also have \$22,496 budgeted to be spent on another vehicle from a grant fund.

We will also be expending Capital Outlay funds prior to year end on street lights.

It is essential that we have a fleet management plan so all our vehicles do not wear out at the same time and that funds are available to replace them. This does not count the millions of dollars expended this year for capital projects that were grant funded.

Ms. Rose went on to give an overtime report. Year to date, \$193,364 was budgeted and \$146,611.99 has been used. A Police Department grant has funded \$8,446.87 in overtime pay. A large user of overtime has been EMS with a total of \$55,946.08. The EMS department has been short staffed and they also work 24 hour shifts.

In the Police Department \$28,715.98 has been expended in overtime with a budget of almost \$60,000 last year. We have had almost a full staff this year, will not fill one vacant position and have had a few officers out on workman's compensation and light duty.

In the Water Department, \$25,563.35 has been expended on overtime. This is one area in which Electronic Meters and SCADA Systems could cut expenses. We schedule overtime for this department and work a weekend shift to check wells and do emergency maintenance.

In Dispatch \$6,373.00 has been expended on overtime. We have also been short staffed in this department. Paying overtime still is less than hiring a fulltime employee.

At the Convention Center \$5,913.95 has been spent on overtime. Many of the events are after hours and on weekends. We are now working with a schedule to work their hours around events. Department Heads do not get paid for overtime.

In Animal Control \$3,892.37 has been spent on overtime. We have not been able to fill the part-time person in this department. Again, the overtime is cheaper than hiring. We have been trying to use officers more in this area.

At the Airport \$3,357.75 has been spent on overtime. We only have two employees at the airport. They work four day weeks so if one is off, they work the extra shift to cover for vacations. Overtime is still cheaper than hiring part-time.

In the Sanitation Department \$2,568.16 has been expended in overtime. On holidays we have employees pick up trash. We are working on these schedules to cut overtime.

In Wastewater \$2,431.98 has been spent in overtime. We have personnel at the plant on weekends but we are trying to use comp time and/or adjust work schedules. We recently had pumps malfunction which caused damage to the plant on several occasions. One weekend, we had personnel at the plant all night to ensure the pumps kicked on properly.

Another Commission request was regarding Airport facts. Ms. Rose reported that tracking the number of aircraft that land and fuel is difficult as many planes do not have to file a flight plan with FAA and we do not track the number of landings. This information, according to Steven Stephenson is not available.

Ms. Rose reported that at the Convention Center, a new rate schedule will be presented for your approval at the next meeting. Currently we are requiring security for all events at which alcohol is served. This is not in policy and never approved by resolution by the Commission. We found a resolution which was written but never introduced. We want to try not have police at these events but the ones on duty will be given a calendar and do periodic drive by's. Ms. Rose will approve this measure if there is no objection.

Regarding street lights, Xcel is going to install the new transformer to feed those lights on the west side, and change out the streetlight heads, at no cost to the City. It is essential that we get our lights on to let people know we are open for business and show off our City for those people who might put in a racetrack or other businesses.

Christine Dougherty is working with Ellen White at the County and the schools on redistricting issues. They will meet on June 8th. With the population decrease of 11% it looks as if we may have to adjust boundaries. We hope that we can share the cost on this project.

Ms. Rose reported receiving notice that the construction debris cells at the new landfill are complete. She said that a final survey was requested by the Department Head.

We have had numerous problems with the pool. There is a possibility we need to replace the pump and motor. The pool has been drained, cleaned and will be inspected on Friday by the Environment Department and hopefully be open on Saturday.

At the Golf Course well, a new pump and motor were installed. The wiring was not sufficient for this size motor and burned up wiring. Xcel is going to donate the wiring to fix this but we will need to install it.

At the Waste Water Treatment Plant a public meeting needs to be held to discuss the new limits on daily loads at the plant. The new guidelines will be hard to meet before we even open our plant.

Ms. Rose reported that some paperwork was asked for in 2006 from the State Engineer's Office concerning proof of beneficial use for our ground water. An extension was granted until December, 2009. During this time the City Manager changed and this fell through the cracks. In a recent meeting Ms. Rose attended, they talked about forms that needed to be completed showing beneficial use of water. Ms. Rose was in San Jon when the Quay County Communities completed their 40 year water plan and it was her understanding that this plan showed our plan for beneficial use of the water for the next 40 years.

Just to follow up on this issue, Ms. Rose contacted our water attorney, Kyle Harwood to make sure all our water rights are in order. He found these extensions had not been filed. We are working to get these issues corrected. As you recall, we had a contract with Mr. Harwood that was not to exceed \$20,000 as he is also working on the Ute Lake Water issues and the Water Reuse Agreement with NMSU. He will exceed this amount this month. The NM Procurement Code states we can go to \$50,000 for professional services without a Request for Proposals. Being such an important topic, I will immediately go out for RFP's but will also allow Mr. Harwood to proceed with this very important issue unless the Commission has problems with this decision.

We met with the Planners for the Depot project last week and they thought they could simply have placed an order to meet the mandatory June 30th deadline. According to the Procurement Code, we can not pay for something that is not on hand. We must have our request for payments in by June 30th with a copy of the cancelled checks Ms. Rose is not confident that they will be able to expend all the money in a timely manner. We have therefore set up a contingency plan for the unexpended Industrial Park Funds which are allowed to be used for infrastructure and equipment. The total amount that we could have is \$296,543.77

We have identified the following expenditures that we can utilize in this grant:

- \$62,871.60 for Landfill Scales
- \$15,611.39 Scale House for the Landfill
- \$ 4,050.00 Septic System for the Landfill

These are all expenditures we need to open the new landfill and can be used in this grant. Other possible purchases include a backhoe for \$71,427.00, two pickups totaling

\$50,601. One of the pickups is four wheel drive and both have tool boxes. They both just happened to be in stock.

Other items we are looking at are Main Street items they can get in a timely manner, street light repair, water line repairs we just did on an emergency basis, water meters and etc. Again, these are expenditures we were going to incur in the next years budget or this year as emergencies. We do not want to send any money back.

Ms. Rose went on to say that as the Commission is aware, this has been a hard year with many cuts and many proposed increases in utility and service billings that will be brought to you at the next meeting. These cuts and increases were approved in the interim budget. We have held numerous work sessions and we will need the Commission to ask for any further information they might need to make an informed decision on these issues. We must be united and be able to pass a budget. With that, I would like to disclose some information.

At the Police Department, when I first arrived the discussion was how to stabilize our Police Department. I talked to all the officers and found that one item of greatest concern for them was the ability to be promoted. We placed in this years budget funds for those promotions. Chief Braziel has tested for promotions and has made the following recommendations.

1. Peter Rivera – Deputy Chief - \$18.94 / Budgeted last year for \$21.50 but did not do. \$2.56 increase * 2080 = \$5,324.80 (budgeted this year at \$21.01)
2. Patrolman Paul Bell – Patrol Sergeant - \$16.51 / 15.75 (.76) - \$1,580.00 yr
3. Patrolman Bryan Holmes – Patrol Sergeant - \$16.51 / 14.03 (2.48) \$5,158.40 yr.
4. Patrolman Dennis Garcia – Corporal - \$15.49 / 15.03 (.46) \$956.80 yr.
5. Patrolman Clay Huffman – Corporal - \$15.49 / 15.24 (.25) \$520.00 yr.

The cost: \$13,540 year plus benefits. This is similar to a certification raise. Chief Braziel is being paid \$10,147 less than the past chief. One position will not be filled and overtime will be cut by \$30,000.

Ms. Rose explained that she realizes this may be a perception problem but she cannot make decisions based on perception. She stated she feels this is the right thing to do as these officers have worked hard to improve their skills. Ms. Rose said she will approve these advancements.

As you know we have not been filing vacant positions so we have lost the janitor for all our facilities. Ms. Rose thought we could handle this at City Hall and we can if needed, however the library services a lot of people during the day and I don't believe with reduced staff after July 1 then can handle this.

City of Santa Rosa is having a Memorial Day Ceremony and invites all veterans to attend this ceremony. The event is Saturday, May 28 at 8:30 in front of the County Court House which is located at 717 South Third.

Calendar items include the following:

May 16-17 – Meeting with Congressman Lujan – Commissioner Lumpkin attended.

May 18th – Ute Water Commission Meeting – Commissioner Curnutt attended.

May 24th - We had a work session regarding rate structures. Rural Community Assistance Corporation had been working with Tucumcari for several months on our Asset Management Plan and Rate Structure as part of a grant. We are identifying all our assets, their condition, life expectancy and a plan for replacement. This is outside eyes looking at our operation and they will be giving recommendations next week on our rate structure. Ms. Rose really appreciates all the commission coming to this meeting as we must be able to keep our not only look at today but the future and how we can provide essential services to this community long-term.

May 24 – June 6th Ms. Rose will be in Lubbock as her husband is having knee replacement and they will be getting a new grandbaby on the same day.

Mayor Pro Tem stated that he was unable to attend the last Commission meeting as he had medical appointments. He asked about the comments regarding alcohol service at the Golf Course. Mr. Apodaca indicated that he recalled a floor plan being filed with the State depicting the service area and he wondered what the floor plan included as serving area. Ms. Dougherty responded that the floor plan submitted and approved by the State Alcohol and Gaming included the entire Golf Course. However, Ms. Dougherty reminded the Commission that the Governmental Liquor License at the Golf Course is being surrendered as of June 30, 2011.

Bids and Contracts

Ms. Misty Vick presented the DOT amendment number four for the Second Street project. Ms. Vick explained that this amendment allows for engineering and observation in the project. She added that DOT has been holding the project up and additional funds will be required for construction observation. Ms. Vick added that Tony Garcia who is from Tucumcari is the inspector so that keeps costs down.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca made a motion to approve the DOT Second Street Project Contract Amendment number four and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Witcher	Apodaca	Sandoval	Curnutt
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Rose then discussed the project bid for copier leases. Ms. Rose stated that the current lease with Ricoh runs around \$75,000 per year and the City thought we were stuck in the contract. However, Ms. Dougherty discovered a loophole and is working to terminate the contract and find a more affordable solution. An RFP for copier service was released and responses were received. However, Ms. Rose suggests tabling the issue until it is decided if the City will consider moving in to a facility shared with the County.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca made a motion to table the project bid approval for copier leases. Commissioner Sandoval seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Apodaca	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Rose then presented the contract to sell treated effluent to New Mexico State University Agricultural Science Center. Ms. Rose said this contract has been reviewed by legal and approved by NMSU. The contract terms are for 300 acre feet of water per year at \$30 per acre foot plus operations and maintenance charges at \$20 per acre foot. This equates to a payment of \$15,000 per year to the City. Mr. Kirksey of NMSU thanked Ms. Rose for her hard work and said he understood that the University can make doing business difficult.

Commissioner Curnutt asked why the term of the contract was so long. Ms. Rose explained that the loan to build the infrastructure to get the water to NMSU is a 20 year loan and the funds are pledged to pay the loan back. Commissioner Sandoval asked if the contract is amendable. Mr. Kirksey explained that both sides can get out of the contract for particular circumstances.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca stated that he hopes NMSU will become a leading research center for the use of treated effluent in agriculture as Mesalands has become with wind energy. Mr. Kirksey stated that NMSU's communications department is ready with a press release regarding the unique effort to release as soon as the contract is signed.

Mayor Witcher asked how many jobs this will create. Mr. Kirksey stated it was difficult to say at this time, however he is looking for grant opportunities to help fund study efforts.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca made a motion to approve the contract to sell treated effluent to the NMSU Agricultural Science Center and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Vick then presented the bid recommendation for landfill scales. Ms. Vick stated she received three bids, two being for different types of scales from one vendor. Ms. Vick stated that there is no time to re-bid this project if we are going to use the industrial park grant funds for this purchase.

Commissioner Curnutt made a motion to approve the bid recommendation for landfill scales from Rusty's Weigh and Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Old Business

Mayor Witcher acknowledged reading the Library Advisory Board minutes of February, March, and April 2011.

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Curnutt had no comments.

Commissioner Sandoval had no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca congratulated all the area graduates and wished them well in all their endeavors. For those graduates that are still undecided about their future, Mr. Apodaca suggested that they consider Mesalands. He added that the City needs to help Mesalands to become a leading research institution.

Mayor Witcher congratulated all the graduates and welcomed Ms. Patsy Gresham as the new radio station manager.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca and seconded by Commissioner Lumpkin. Time noted 7:20 p.m. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

James L. Witcher, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Dougherty, City Clerk