

**CITY OF TUCUMCARI
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2011**

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers. Members present constituting a quorum were; Antonio Apodaca, Amiel Curnutt, Robert Lumpkin, Jimmy Sandoval, and Jim Witcher.

City staff members present were Bobbye Rose, City Manager; Christine Dougherty, City Clerk/Purchasing Agent; Dennis Dysart, Finance Director; Clara Rey, Human Resources Director; Doug Powers, Community Development Director, and Pete Rivera, Deputy Chief of Police.

Mr. Brian Haines, Preacher of the Church of Christ gave the invocation and Mr. Essex led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Changes or Deletions to the Agenda

Mr. Witcher stated that he would like to have Resolutions 2011-40 and 2011-42 taken off the agenda as well as item A under New Business, the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) as there has not been sufficient time to review these items. He added that he would like to move the presentation by Xcel to immediately following Consideration of the Agenda.

Mr. Warren Frost asked to address the Commission. Mr. Frost stated that an important meeting is coming up on July 20 with the Interstate Streams Commission. Mr. Frost stated that he was under the impression that Resolution 2011-40 was worked out with all the entities involved. Mr. Frost asked that the Commission please consider the resolution tonight and added that the City Attorney, Mr. Knudson had approved the resolution. Mr. Witcher stated that the changes he proposed to the agenda are up to the Commission.

Mr. Apodaca stated that he concurred with the Mayor feeling that there has not been time to study these items. Mr. Apodaca explained that he feels those with less interest in the proposed project are telling the City what to do and he does not feel that is how this should be handled.

Mr. Frost stated that he understands why the Commission might not want to consider the JPA this evening. However, the resolution says that Tucumcari, Logan and San Jon are not going to use the intake structure at the lake and is completely separate from the JPA. Mr. Apodaca stated that it ties the City's hands for the next year.

Mr. Lumpkin stated that he would like Resolution 2011-40 considered tonight. Mr. Lumpkin went on to say that he understands the City does not intend to use the intake structure at this time but he does not want to tie our hands. Mr. Lumpkin added that the City Commission has an agreement with a housing development at Ute Lake that should also be considered.

Mr. Frost reiterated that the resolution and the JPA are not the same thing and he would like to see the resolution considered this evening. Mr. Lumpkin stated that the resolution says there is no plan to use the intake structure. Mr. Frost stated that he felt it had been represented to Quay County, Logan and San Jon that Tucumcari would address this resolution this evening.

Mr. Lumpkin made a motion to delete Resolution 2011-42 and move the Xcel presentation. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Curnutt made a motion to remove Resolution 2011-40, Resolution 2011-42, and move the Xcel presentation to immediately follow Consideration of the Agenda and Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

Xcel Presentation

Mr. Davidson began by explaining that Xcel has owned the old Tucumcari power plant which is inoperable for some time. Mr. Davidson said that Xcel has investigated many options for the building. Additionally, the company has been concerned about how to provide power in times of heavy usage and/or complete outages in Tucumcari.

Xcel has decided after reviewing 13 different options, that a gas turbine from the Riverview plant in Borger, Texas will be moved to Tucumcari. Xcel has purchased land north of Tucumcari with plans to locate the turbine there to provide additional power resources for the City. Xcel is in the process of obtaining the proper permits to begin this project. The plan for locating the turbine in Tucumcari includes installing a diesel tank on the site with capability of holding enough fuel to power the turbine for several days if needed.

Mr. Davidson went on to describe the project schedule. Permits are expected to be applied for within a month and received by March of 2012. Construction is slated to begin in March 2012. Dismantle of the turbine in Borger is planned to begin in September 2012. The turbine will then be moved to Tucumcari and reassembled in October 2012. The turbine and plant are expected to be complete and operational by May 2013. The project is expected to employ 50 construction workers. When operational, however, the plant will be run remotely from Amarillo. Once per month, Amarillo personnel will perform site visits to the Tucumcari plant.

Mr. Davidson explained that the old power plant will be demolished. The land will remain fenced and monitoring wells will still be operational at the site.

The turbine will be capable of starting, running and maintaining the voltage for the City. Mr. Davidson explained that the entire City cannot be put on this power source at once.

The City will have to be divided into chunks for the load process. If power is lost City-wide, it will take about one hour to restore power to all customers using this source. When regular power is restored, the transfer back will be seamless. This turbine will not only be used for emergency situations, it will operate as a backup system during peak load times.

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Sandoval stated that he plans to discuss the problems with the City and is going to try to make changes in the way we do things. He said he knows people are angry and he will try to help.

Commissioner Curnutt had no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca had no comments.

Commissioner Lumpkin congratulated Kathleen E. Lopez for recently being elected the State President of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Mr. Lumpkin added that the last time a lady from our area served in this capacity was 1952. Mr. Lumpkin said that Ms. Lopez is already working on a project for fallen veterans and he thanked her for her work.

Mr. Lumpkin went on to say that he attended a Cemetery Advisory Board meeting recently where concerns with the Cemetery were discussed with the Department Head who listened intently and said he will address the issues. Some of those issues were; watering issues, dirt on graves and tombstones, and employee training. Mr. Lumpkin also explained that the Advisory Board is reviewing the Cemetery Ordinance. Mr. Lumpkin added that Ms. Betty Coslett who is here this evening, serves on the Cemetery Advisory Board and would be happy to take calls from any concerned citizens. Mr. Lumpkin wanted those present to know that the concerns were received graciously and addressed. Mr. Lumpkin added that automation of the sprinkler system was discussed, however there are costs associated with doing that project.

Mr. Lumpkin thanked all those in attendance for coming to the meeting. He said that citizens concerns, questions, and petitions are a valuable process in government and are always welcome. He added that this type of participation shows passion.

Mayor Witcher thanked all those in attendance for coming to the meeting and added that citizens are welcome and encouraged to call anytime.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Lumpkin to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2011 Commission meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Curnutt. Roll Call:

Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Approval of Vouchers

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

Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Citizens

Mayor Witcher asked if any citizens cared to address the Commission. He added that public comments regarding the petition presentation will be heard at that time.

Mr. Michael Mulligan approached the podium and asked the Commissioners to speak into the microphones as it is difficult to hear what they are saying.

Mr. Ron Wilmot approached the podium and inquired if Xcel Energy has proposed purchasing the Del Norte Center that is owned by the City and adjacent to the property where their proposed project will be going. Mr. Witcher responded that he did not know if that had been discussed.

Ms. Sue Dowell approached the podium and asked if public comments and questions will be allowed when she presents her petition. Mr. Witcher responded in the positive.

Proclamations, Memorials, or Petitions

Ms. Sue Dowell presented a petition which states that citizens are not in favor of the City and County purchasing the Wells Fargo Building. Ms. Dowell stated that she will be collecting signatures until July 28 and will then present the petition at the July 29 County Commission meeting. She stated that she understands this has already been an agenda item considered by the City. Ms. Dowell pointed out that the City has decreased benefits for employees, decreased positions, increased taxes and increased fees. Due to these budgetary issues, Ms. Dowell and those signing the petition do not feel purchasing a City/County building is a wise decision.

Ms. Dowell stated that when she went to the Quay County Commission meeting she had 267 signatures at the time on her petition and was told by one Commissioner that number was insignificant. She went on to say that the County Commission voted unanimously to approve submission of the non-binding letter of intent regarding the Wells Fargo Building. Ms. Dowell stated that at this point the petition has 633 signatures and she wondered how many signatures would be considered significant. Ms. Dowell said she has spoken to many people and requested that the Commission consider voting tonight to end the negotiation with the bank.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca stated that he signed the petition.

Mayor Witcher stated that the City Commission signed a revocable letter of intent which was required to even investigate the option of purchasing the building. Mr. Witcher added that Wells Fargo is not leaving the community but will stay in a portion of the building if it is sold. He added that Wells Fargo intends to keep the same number of employees. Mr. Witcher explained that the building appears to be a good deal and the City and County are just looking at the options. Mr. Witcher explained that there will be lots of steps if this is even considered and there are many questions to be answered. Mr. Witcher added that every citizen is important and if the vote were tonight on purchasing the building he would vote no as there is not enough information known yet.

Ms. Dowell asked if grant money would be used for this purchase and if there is a limit on the amount of grant money the City can obtain. Mr. Witcher explained that there is not a limit on grant dollars but each grant is assigned to a specific project. Ms. Dowell stated that she felt the City jumped on this project too quickly and the purchase does not have to be done now. Mr. Witcher said that it would not be prudent to stop now without gathering all the information. Ms. Dowell said that this investigation is costing staff time that could be used to do other important projects.

Mr. Warren Frost approached the podium to address the Commission stating he is in favor of the City and County looking into the Wells Fargo Building. Mr. Frost stated that he feels the focus of the petition is that the buildings the City and County have at this time are good enough. Mr. Frost said that the intent of the City and County has been misconstrued to be simply officials wanting fancier offices. Mr. Frost said the point is public perception of outside entities and people. Mr. Frost said the City and County need to demonstrate that we are not a backwater community and that we are cutting edge. Mr. Frost stated that perception is important to economic development. Mr. Frost explained that the letter of intent only says the City and County are looking for the facts. Mr. Frost stated that he thinks Tukumcari will get the last racing license in the State and a track will be built here. If this happens, Mr. Frost speculated that will generate \$200,000 per year for the City in taxes. He finished by saying he does not agree that the Commissions do not care about the public ideas and encouraged the City to press on.

Mr. Michael Mulligan stated that he feels the focus is not on employees getting better offices. He feels the problem is that City and County infrastructure is not being maintained. Mr. Mulligan said he is impressed with the City and County buildings but there are revenue problems. He added that if the City and County purchase the building, it will take it off the tax rolls which will result in more revenue loss.

Mr. Nick LeCompt said he is a small business owner and city property owner. Mr. LeCompt said he opposed the City and County each investing half a million dollars in the property and then spending money to refurbish the building. Mr. LeCompt added that taking the building off the tax rolls will result in loss of \$17,563.70 in property taxes annually. Mr. LeCompt said the building is a 35,000 square foot building and the bank

will keep 3000 square feet. Mr. Witcher stated that the County is out of room in their facility but the City has not run out of room.

Mr. LeCompt suggested that the City sell the building they own on Whitmore to the County for new office space. Mr. LeCompt said the Whitmore building is 17,000 square feet. Mr. LeCompt stated this transaction will result in no increased rates or taxes for citizens and asked that the City forego consideration of the building purchase.

Ms. Earlene Shep stated that if the City is worried about impressions, the empty building around town should be addressed. Ms. Shep suggested filling up the vacant buildings will make it look like we are concerned about our town. Ms. Shep wondered what will happen to City and County buildings that may end up vacated if the bank building is purchased.

Mr. John Gilbertson introduced himself as a tax payer and said that some good points have been brought out in this discussion. Mr. Gilbertson asked if grant money could be sought to purchase and maintain the building. Mr. Gilbertson also asked what would happen if the bank ceases to pay their taxes and the City ends up with the building anyway.

Ms. Margaret Young stated that she does not think the building purchase should be considered. She added that if a race track comes to Tucumcari, it will use more power than the new power plant can generate.

Ms. Dowell asked if the issue could be voted on this evening. Mr. Witcher responded that an item must appear on the agenda in order to be voted on. Ms. Dowell asked if a Commissioner can request that something be placed on the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca responded in the positive and requested that Ms. Rose place the item on the next agenda for consideration. Ms. Rose responded that she will place the item on the August 11, 2011 agenda for consideration.

Ms. Betty Coslett approached the podium and requested that if the building is purchased, please water the cemetery more and fix the pot holes in front of her house.

Mayor Witcher asked if there were any other citizens wishing to address the Commission. As there were none, Mr. Witcher recessed the meeting for a ten minute break. Time noted was 7:12 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order by Mayor Witcher at 7:26 p.m.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ms. Rose presented the first reading of Ordinance 1092, Amending City Code Pertaining to Public Services for Water. Ms. Rose explained that this ordinance will enact the water rates suggested as a result of the Rural Community Assistance Corporation's (RCAC) study on utility rates. Ms. Rose went on to say that at the Tuesday work session these

rates were presented and tonight the ordinance to modify the rates is presented for the first time.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1092 Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 13.04 of the Tukumcari Municipal Code Pertaining to Public Services for Water and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No

Ms. Rose presented the first reading of Ordinance 1093. She explained that this ordinance is the rate increase proposed by the RCAC for sewer rates.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1093, Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 13.04 of the Tukumcari Municipal Code Pertaining to Public Services for Water and Sewers and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin
No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Ms. Rose then presented the first reading of Ordinance 1094. She explained that this ordinance will enact the RCAC proposed rates for garbage collection and tire disposal. Ms. Rose said that a recycling study is being completed. She added that the new landfill is not complete and the monitoring at the old landfill will cost \$25,000 annually. The first cell at the new landfill had to be down sized due to the high costs. Ms. Rose said that this ordinance will increase trash pickup fees by \$4 per dumpster.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1094, Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 13.16 of the Tukumcari Municipal Code Pertaining to Public Services for Garbage Collection fees and Tire Disposal and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No

Ms. Rose then presented Resolution 2011-39, Authorizing Submission of a grant to the FAA for Airport Improvements. Ms. Rose explained that the grant agreement was approved at the last Commission meeting. The grant will be used for Airport improvements and the City has to contribute only 2.5% of the cost.

Mr. Lumpkin mentioned that in this grant, the City only has to provide 2.5% of the cost of the project and the rest comes in the form of a grant to the City. Mr. Apodaca asked if the match will come from the EDC tax. Ms. Rose responded that she believes so.

Commissioner Curnutt made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-39, Authorizing Submission of a grant to the FAA for Airport Improvements and Commissioner Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Rose then presented Resolution 2011-41, A Resolution Supporting Joint Purchasing and Cooperative Purchasing. Ms. Rose explained that this cooperative was organized by the Eastern Plains Council of Governments so that cities and counties can purchase together with each other and the state to get cheaper prices.

Commissioner Curnutt made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-41, A Resolution Supporting Joint Purchasing and Cooperative Purchasing and Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mr. Dysart then presented Resolution 2011-43, A Budget Amendment Request for the DFA. Mr. Dysart explained that this BAR takes care of year end grant adjustments and is a book keeping measure. He added that this also takes care of where any carry over funds are to be placed in the budget.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-43, A Budget Amendment Request for the DFA and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

City Manager's Report

Ms. Rose began by explaining that she has received many complaints about the City water looking milky. She spoke to Mr. Charlie Sandoval, Water Superintendent and he explained that due to the work that is being done of late, there is more oxygen in the water than usual. There is no harm in additional oxygen being in the water and if people will allow their water to settle for a few moments after dispensing, they will see that it quickly becomes clear again.

Ms. Rose said she would like to draw everyone's attention to the Dispatch report. There were 943 calls last month with 89 being animal calls, 150 ambulance calls which average 5 per day, 103 fire calls, 33 theft calls, and 20 calls for suspicious activity. We appreciate the citizens keeping their eyes open and reporting when something does not seem right.

Ms. Rose further reported that there are 18 projects being worked on at Community Development with only one project not being funded. Total grants awarded for these 18

projects was about \$13,863,219 with City share being \$475,000 of which much is in-kind services. We have a balance of \$5,369,206 to complete these projects. Community Development continues to look for funding and these are successes for Tukumcari.

Commissioner Apodaca requested information concerning the Golf Course subsidy. The past fiscal year we budgeted \$118,917 to subsidize the Golf Course. This year with the rate increase and a decrease in expenditures we plan to subsidize at \$106,301.

Commissioner Sandoval asked for maintenance reports for the EMS and those were provided in your packets.

Commissioner Curnutt asked at the last meeting if we could advise the downtown businesses on the status of the Sands Dorsey. Since I was not at the meeting and only yesterday read the minutes, I will ensure that this happens. I also received a call from Judy Aragon who stated that the black glass tiles were falling off the Princess Theatre. Mike Cherry and Chris Gries have looked at the situation and we do need to take some actions. Mike will visit with Mark Lake on the Main Street Project and come up with a solution to happen very soon.

Senator Tom Udall announced that nine airports across the state will receive a total of \$2.4 million in federal grants from the Department of Transportation for improvements and maintenance. The Tukumcari Municipal airport will receive \$416,680 of those funds to conduct an Airport Master Plan Study and taxiway rehabilitation.

Ms. Rose read from a prepared statement regarding the Wells Fargo building which said: As you recall at the last meeting you gave me authority to sign the Letter of Intent to look into the possible purchase of a joint City/County facility. The county's attorney drew up this document; our attorney reviewed and had no legal issues with this. The letter is non-binding and just gives us the right to look into the matter. As you know, the city has been raising fees, we have cut some employees, cut the benefit package for employees, and had no raises in order to balance our budget. I feel we have done our due diligence in looking at our City and finding ways to cut costs and be more efficient. We have looked at what are essential and non-essential services and tried to determine the level of service the community wants and how to pay for it. To think about purchasing this facility at first glance certainly may seem irresponsible and this was my first reaction.

However, I feel we owe it to the public to look at every option to cut our costs and provide the best services we can. We looked at our phone system and found ways to save \$25,000 per year. We cut off some street lights that we have paid over \$10,000 per year and they have not worked for years. The goal is to save enough money to adequately light up our town. We looked at our current loans and found we could refinance and save \$19,000 per year. Our Workers Compensation Insurance went from \$186,000 to over \$400,000. Staff immediately looked at alternatives and we secured a no deductible policy for \$203,000 per year. Staff found a loop hole in our copy machine contract and we cut our expenses in half. We have cut the Risk Managers position, not filled three positions at dispatch, not filled one vacant position at PD, not filled one vacant position at

Wastewater, cut one part time position at Library, the vacant Purchasing Officer job was not filled, the court Clerk is now half time with other duties, one City Hall position was not filled, the janitors position has not been filled so staff is doing the floors and toilets and other housekeeping duties. When I say staff, I mean all staff, Dainetta at the Library cleans toilets before she starts work and yes, I have mopped, vacuumed, carried trash and cleaned toilets after I get through with my work. Police Officers, Dispatchers, Fire Chief, Community Development staff, Museum staff and others are also cleaning. Everyone is working harder for less.

We certainly could have done business as usual and continued to do the same old thing in the same old way. As you know, we looked at outsourcing the Convention Center, we found that was not practical but we looked. We are looking at privatizing our Ambulance Service; this may or may not save money but it is worth investigating how we can provide the best possible service to our area at the most affordable price. If we keep the Ambulance Service we are considering an alternative billing source. We are looking into both issues at the same time in order that the Commission can make a well informed decision. We would not know if this is an option until we investigated the matter.

The current Ambulance facility is leaking; when it rains you can take a shower without turning on any water. We have attempted to fix the roof but if we do any work outside of patching the roof it is my understanding that we would need to bring the entire building up to code. We know this building has lead based paint and asbestos that would be required to be remediated. We know the cost to tear down the Sands Dorsey is \$500,000. Do we build at \$100.00 per square foot, or do we repair the existing facility and bring the entire building up to code? The County needs additional space and has some issues regarding security at the current building. The City would be more efficient in the same facility, we are trying to work with the County and find ways that we can provide services for the public at lower cost and better service. The City, County and Village of San Jon must by law all have a floodplain manager, would it not be more cost effective to share that employee?

I would like the opportunity to look at the cost of operations at the Wells Fargo building and compare those to our existing costs. We might find that it costs no more to share the facility with the County than it is currently by having City Hall, Fire office, Community Development, Main Street and EDC all in separate facilities with separate phones, power, copiers, insurance and other costs. Yes, this will leave vacant buildings but if the race track comes to Tucumcari, I can assure you that we will need space. We should know about the track prior to any commitment to this facility. This is all the letter of intent is for due diligence and to look at our options.

I have strived to be as transparent as possible in my tenure as Manager. I hope the public will trust the City and County Commissions and staff to look into the matter and report the findings back to the people. This may be a great idea and it may be a money pit. We just will not know until we investigate it. A \$35.00 per square foot, furnished building just does not come along very often. We will also be looking into grants and negotiating

this price. I just ask you give us a chance to look. I certainly don't want more expense as I don't want to continue cleaning toilets either.

This letter has been approved at the last Commission meeting and is ready for the Mayor's signature.

Mayor Witcher commented that at a recent meeting, the Commission approved the participation in the Blue Star Museum program which allows military personnel to tour our museum at no charge. Recently, a 23 year old man about to go on his second tour of duty in the Middle East and his wife toured our museum. The young man donated the boots he wore during his first tour of duty to our Historic Museum.

Mr. Apodaca stated that he is in favor of protecting the historical value of buildings. For the 14 years he has been on the Commission, he has worried about the building the EMS is now housed in. Mr. Apodaca said that if he has been listened to ten years ago, the building might be nice at this time. He added that the rock wall in front of City Hall has had a stone missing for years. Additionally, Mr. Apodaca says that he has been promoting Tukumcari Lake for economic development. Mr. Apodaca said that perhaps someone will pick up his causes for the building and the lake.

Mr. Sandoval stated that he has been to several meetings about Tukumcari Lake in the past but hasn't attended recently. Mr. Sandoval said he thinks no one cares about the lake and it is not discussed anymore. He added that with some water and the animals that are attracted to the area it is great for tourism. Ms. Rose stated that it is not true that Tukumcari Lake is discussed and cared about.

Bids and Contracts

Ms. Clara Rey presented the contract with the Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging for Senior Programs. Ms. Rey explained that this grant is for the 2011-2012 year and is for \$287,246. The funds pay for congregate meals, home delivered meals and transportation. Mr. Lumpkin asked if this program is 100% grant. Ms. Rey responded in the positive.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca made a motion to approve the contract with the Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging for Senior Programs and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Christine Dougherty explained that the Convention Center, Museum and Main Street have been sharing the cost of a billboard with the Elks Lodge for several years. Apparently a lease has not been in place. Tonight, Ms. Dougherty asked for approval of the lease which is for the board in front of the Elks Lodge at a cost of \$500 per year. Ms. Dougherty explained that the Museum and Convention Center plan to split the cost of the

board as the Main Street Program no longer wishes to advertise on the board. The two programs will split the cost to repaint the board in the near future as well.

Commissioner Curnutt made a motion to approve the lease for a billboard with the Elks Lodge and Commissioner Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Rose presented the State Aviation Grant for Airport Projects for approval. Ms. Rose explained that this grant is for consumable items. Ms. Rose stated that \$15,000 was available and our Airport Manager looked carefully and found he only needed \$9900. The City match for these funds is 10%.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve the State Aviation Grant for Airport Projects for consumable items and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Rose then presented the State Aviation Grant for Airport Projects for equipment. She explained that due to our unselfishness in requesting less that was available for consumable items, the State offered this grant to purchase a tractor blade.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve the State Aviation Grant for Airport Projects for equipment and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Clara Rey presented the Senior Companion Grant for approval. Ms. Rey explained that this grant provides the funds to hire seniors to assist other seniors. The grant is in the amount of \$50,045.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca made a motion to approve the Senior Companion Grant. Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Clara Rey then presented the Foster Grandparent Grant for approval. Ms. Rey explained that this grant provides the funds to hire seniors to work in the schools and at the Head Start Program reading to children and providing the extra attention teachers may not be able to give. Ms. Rey went on to say that this grant is in the amount of \$30,535.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca made a motion to approve the Foster Grandparent Grant. Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Old Business

Ms. Rose presented the request to pay SRIRIT dues. SPIRIT is an organization working to expand Highway 54 to four lanes. She explained that the EDC has been paying dues and representing Tukumcari and she did not recommend paying the dues. Mr. Witcher went on to add that dues are \$5000.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion not to pay the SPIRIT dues and Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

New Business

As there were two openings on the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board and two applicants, Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Skylar Kaye and Mr. Kevin Mueller to the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board. Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Dougherty stated that there are two openings on the Museum Advisory Board and two applicants.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to appoint Ms. Vicki Watson and Ms. Barbara Cast to the Museum Advisory Board and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Rose explained that a property owner would like to donate a piece of vacant land to the City. The property is located at 1313 S. Sixth Street. Ms. Rose explained that there is some mesquite bushes growing on the property and some weeds, but the cost to remediate that situation is expected to be \$500 or less.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to accept the property donation of the property at 1313 S. Sixth Street provided there are no liens against the property and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call;

Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Rey presented the memorandums of understanding with both the Eastern Plains Early Head Start Program and the Tucumcari Public Schools for the Foster Grandparent Program. Ms. Rey explained that in order for the grant programs to operate in these facilities, memorandums are required.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Eastern Plains Early Head Start for the Foster Grandparent Program and Commissioner Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Tucumcari Public Schools for the Foster Grandparent Program and Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Lumpkin thanked those in attendance and stated that the Commission has to do a lot of decision making and community input helps with that. He said he appreciates the passion of those who spoke and suggested that everyone continue attending meetings. He suggested that people listen to the radio and watch the paper for advertisements of the Commission meetings and work sessions.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca stated that on July 7 the college held workshops on alternative energy and he would like to commend them on their work in the alternative energy field. Mr. Apodaca said he was astonished by the amount of support from elected officials for the alternative energy projects. Mr. Apodaca said he would also like to comment that he was in attendance at recent Little League games and the fields were beautiful. He added that participants were there from Clovis and Portales.

Commissioner Curnutt thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting and said the Commission and staff have their hearts in the right place. He added that every citizen voice counts.

Ms. Dowell stated that she appreciates the fact that each Commissioner said her voice and the voices of other citizens are significant.

Commissioner Sandoval thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting. He encouraged citizens to attend the Commission meetings even when they don't have a problem to address.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca stated he would like to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Jared Langanegger. Commissioner Lumpkin added that all the Commissioners received a copy of the letter.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Curnutt and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca. Time noted 8:12 p.m. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

James L. Witcher, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Dougherty, City Clerk