

AIRPORT BOARD MEETING, JUNE 16, 1969

2:30 P.M.

Those Present: County Commissioners Edwin Lamm, Jack Wadlow, Lawrence Aubert, City Councilmen Ray Meacham, Richard Youngerman, Stanley Anderson, Airport Manager Gus Byrom, City-County Attorney Gerald Ashby, and City Manager Richard Gray.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. O. L. Halvorsen (Hertz Licensee) appeared before the Board regarding leasing about one acre of ground from the airport on which to store and resell his rental cars. He stated that he had been conducting this business from a service station, but it was not zoned for this type of business. He thought he would like at least an acre or some part thereof where he could store at least one hundred and fifty cars. He said he would be glad to enter into an agreement such as was given Avis Rent-A-Car Agency and that he was not too particular as to the location of the site. There would be no signs advertising it as a used car lot, etc.

A motion was made by Ray Meacham, seconded by Richard Youngerman, that the applicant sign a lease for one acre or any part thereof for \$50 per month for three years. The motion was amended to read that any car rental agency doing business at Walker Field be granted the same privilege of leasing land at \$50 per month for three years. The motion as amended was seconded by Jack Wadlow and carried. Attorney Ashby is to draw up a lease on the acreage rental.

Mr. Gus Byrom brought up the matter of short term financing of the airport runway and asked for a report from Ray Meacham. Mr. Meacham reported that he had contacted Mr. Bacon of the United States Bank of Grand Junction and that Mr. Bacon said that there was not sufficient money today. Also, the uncertainty of the interest rate would make short term financing uncertain.

The matter of bond issues was discussed as well as a mill levy by the County. However, it was felt that a mill levy would never pass on vote by the people. It was felt that revenue bonds by the City would be about the only way to finance the airport runway at this time. Mr. Stanley Anderson proposed that Mr. Byrom make a projected budget for a five-year period showing expected revenue and disbursements, and at that time there would be some figures on which to base the charges for Frontier and other companies using the landing field.

It was decided not to charge landing fees for the Forest Service while fighting fires. The only question was any damage to the field while landing and taking off. But it was brought out that none of the planes would be larger than the 727's now landing.

The Airport Board will meet again June 23 at 11 o'clock.

Helen Pifer, Secretary for T. M. Ford