

AIRPORT AUTHORITY
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August 8, 1979 Noon Meeting

Members Present: Chairman Maxine Albers, Commissioners Mike Kelly, Bill O'Dwyer, Robert Holmes and Dale Hollingsworth. Airport Manager Jim Spelman, Assistant Manager Paul Bowers and Deputy Clerk Mary Ann Harms.

The meeting was called to order at noon by Chairman Albers. Chairman Albers had been to a recent meeting of the western slope county commissioners and said that according to all reports Governor Lamm was tentatively requesting \$15-\$20 Million to be appropriated to the western slope from Oil Shale Impact Funds.

Chairman Albers suggested that we send a five year matrix along with our JBC proposal outlining the airports capital construction projects and land acquisition plans. The matrix would be in three segments; the first entitled "Long Range" would list everything with an approximate \$15-\$20 Million figure; the second entitled "Essential" would include the terminal, runways and taxiway; and the third entitled "Critical" would include the basic 45,000 square foot terminal building, roads and utilities at our requested sum of \$3.96 Million.

Chairman Albers also brought up the 601 Fund with its \$20 Million which could be available to us for site development, planning, utilities and land acquisition. Mr. Bob Demos would be coming to Grand Junction to discuss this funding possibility with the airport management.

According to the most current population projections, following President Carter's speech, the population of Grand Junction could double by 1985. Through the Four Corners Regional Commission money may be provided to hire an economist to help in the pursuit

of EDA funding. The primary problem in acquiring this funding previously had been the inability to gain EDA recognition.

Chairman Albers also pointed out that so far Mesa County has received less than 1/4 of all the monies given to the western counties in the past out of the JBC and Commissioner Kelly added that of the three energy impacted counties Mesa has 33% of the population.

Chairman Albers also noted that the counties and State representatives must meet with our federal Congressmen to insure a combined and uniform effort be put forth and mutual decisions reached.

There followed a discussion of Walker Field and its basic role and capabilities and also the funding sources available to it. Chairman Albers said that in her presentation to the JBC she must show the airport's search for outside funding and also that this project of the airport represents a total community effort.

Commissioner Hollingsworth asked what projects are planned between now and the new terminal construction and the restroom remodeling in the terminal building which last year had been planned and tentatively budgeted (later cut and the funds added to the new terminal development fund) was brought up for discussion. The plan had been prepared by Architect Gary Vanderwood. Commissioner Holmes said that he first felt some determination should be made regarding the proposed use for the existing terminal after the new terminal is completed. General discussion followed regarding the existing restrooms, additional restrooms and structural limitations of the building. The formal meeting was adjourned and a walk through of the terminal building followed.