

ADMENDMENT TO JANUARY 27, 1983 REGULAR MEETING
Walker Field Airport Authority

The following text is a transcription from the taped record of the above meeting.

Comm. White: One thing I would like to clarify with this Board that it kind of bothers me, Barney and I both are still the active businessmen, Frank you are partially retired, and so if there is a conflict or perceived conflict it would probably end up in Barney's or my lap, Louie is pretty well retired too so one of my concerns . . . Comm. Albers: No one is interested in apples no conflict there. . . Comm. White: That's the question, is it a conflict or a perceived conflict for I or Mr. Barnett to do business with the tenants of this airport. I do quite a lot of glass work and have before, no question I have done this for many years but I want to make sure that the Board understands that I do that and I don't really guess I had thought about that circumstance but I would like to have, certainly have it brought to the front and if that is the case then I can't afford to be a member of this Board. Joe Bestgen (Avis representative): But that can go beyond the airport, I mean you are a County Commissioner . . . can't sell any glass in the city or the County. Comm. White: My first thought on that was absolutely no and then you think about it because we are subject to your contract we negotiated that contract with you, or bid it or whatever, in some ways we have some controls over your business. Comm. Albers: But George, you have absolutely no control over the decisions he makes or who he does business with. Joe Bestgen: Avis was doing business with Arrow Glass long before I ever came here. Comm. White: That is true there's no question of that and your are the only one that I do business with. I have had problems with . . . but anyway I want that brought to the front and I would like to have a Board decision on whether you can perceive that . . . and maybe Mr. Barnett writes insurance for some of the tenants out here, I don't know. Comm. Barnett: I write Mary Ann's (Harms) homeowners policy and have for many years. Comm. Albers: You can't bring everbodies personal business into this. Comm. Dunn: The tenants should have the right to do business with whoever they want. They have rights too.

Att. Pearce: The statute provides that the Board members themselves cannot do business with the Authority of the airport in a direct relationship. It does not go as far as to say the tenants of the airport can't do business with the board members. And I think it is going to have to be up to the discretion of each board member to decide, although there may not be any conflict of interest is there an appearance of a conflict. That's the crux, legally there would not be . . . Comm. Brach: Is that the State Statutes you are now quoting? Att. Pearce: That's right. For example if we are negotiating the contract, something for Avis specifically and Avis and had had their glass work with Harding Glass and they didn't put the project out for bid and they came to the Board and said we put our glass in, George might say there is no conflict of interest here but there would be the appearance there might be and therefore I am going to turn you down just because people could infer that if I take your contract you are buying my vote so I think that has got to

be up to the individual board members. However on the other hand, if it were a competitive bid and George was the low bid then there wouldn't be that appearance of conflict.

Comm. Pond: This was the point I was trying to bring up when Barney, and I'm going to bring it up, when Barney introduced me. I just wanted to tell you what I'm doing. I lease a car from National Car Rental and have for the last two to three years. I'm in the process now of buying a car from Hertz and I think it will probably be the sixth car that, mostly my kids and family have purchased from Hertz and I wanted to bring that to the front. . . . Att. Pearce: That is right and you also have a lease with Grandmet. Comm. Pond: I have a lease with Grandmet and I have a contractual agreement with the Airport Authority and I just want to . . . that's it. Comm. Barnett: While we're baring everything I bought twelve cars from Hertz and used to write their insurance, I don't currently. Att. Pearce: Again in your situation I don't think that is a conflict, there is not even the appearance of a conflict there because of the circumstance.

Comm. White: Where am I at people, I need to know. Comm. Albers: I'm not going to sell any of you any apples or give you any either. Comm. Dunn: If some of the tenants want to buy glass from you George, that is alright. Comm. White: I think that's right. Comm. Barnett: I think in the future we should all try to think of these things and go to Randy (Pearce).

Comm. Albers: Isn't there a fairly simple guideline that we can use. I think that any decision that the board makes that has anything to do with something that we have control over, I don't know if I'm saying this very well or not, where it might be perceived as somebody doing business with you is one thing but something that is outside of that realm should not be brought up. Att. Pearce: As I said that has to be at the discretion of each individual board member because you can refrain from voting on any issue for example if there is an indication maybe that you are doing business with somebody who is in front of the Board and its an entirely different subject you might refrain from voting on that issue and say that you've got an arrangement I don't want any indication that we're cozied up and you may influence my vote therefore I'm not going to vote on this. Comm. Dunn: You see, that's correct what you are saying, we're all honorable people here and if there's some question in our minds there that we're not feeling comfortable with it . . . personally I would say okay, I don't want . . . Att. Pearce: Does that answer your question Maxine, there is just no way we can write a policy. Comm. Albers: Absolutely.

Comm. Barnett: I think its pertinent in the future though, if you are going to have appointed members as you have one now and perhaps we'll change the complexion of the Board in the future, if you bring in people active, vital people in the community they are going to have alot of conflicts and I think its something you should probably, layout right in the beginning

Comm. Albers: That will be true if you go to an elected board.
Comm. Barnett: That would be true for any board but I think particularly if you bring in appointees, Maxine, like myself and I would hope that in the future you lay that out to them right in the beginning. And some of them again, are not, are politically naive, I am. Comm. Albers: We are all politically naive. Comm. White: I was worse then, I am now still am to a point but I sure as hell was two years ago. Comm. Albers: I hate politics I think its crazy, just sit down and do the job and forget all the darned games. Comm. Barnett: I think that's what we've got to bring ourselves back to here and I was trying to state in the beginning of our meeting we've got something that is vital and an important part of the community and we've got to pull together somehow.

Approved this 26 day of May, 1983.


Mary Ann Harms, Clerk


Frank Dunn, Chairman