

**RUGBY CITY COUNCIL  
LEC COMMITTEE MEETING WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012 - 10 A.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Committee Members present: City Councilmen Hoffert, Geiszler, and Jacobson; County Commissioners Bohl, Christianson, and Migler. Also present were States Attorney Mack, Elaine Little, County Auditor Fursather, and City Auditor Hauck. Mayor Cichos was present by speaker phone.

Councilman Jacobson called the meeting to order at 10am.

Councilman Jacobson stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss prisoner boarding charges.

City Auditor Hauck handed out a document showing the dollars that the City has paid in 2011 for prisoner boarding that did not follow the contract. The money is requested as a refund from the County. The years 2007 through 2010 were included in a document that was presented to the County at a meeting on December 19, 2011.

Commissioner Migler stated that a motion was made at the last County Commissioners meeting to true-up 2011 and a recommendation was made for the City to forgive the 2007 to 2010 balance. County Auditor Fursather stated that she has the check for the 2011 true-up which will be mailed to the City.

Mayor Cichos questioned why the Commissioners had changed their mind from the discussions held at the December 19, 2011, meeting when they agreed that the money was owed to the City. Commissioner Migler stated some problems arose when they started to look at what the City is paying for dispatch services.

Councilman Hoffert requested a verbal agreement stating that the Commissioners feel that the contract was being followed incorrectly.

States Attorney Mack stated that the numbers presented for 2007 to the present seem accurate. The majority of prisoners being held at the jail are there for district charges not municipal charges. Thus, by the contract, the City should only pay half of the boarding for those cases.

Commissioner Christianson stated that the dispatch costs have not been paid fairly and the City should have been paying more for dispatch services. Since the Police Department receives 85% of the calls received at the dispatch center, maybe the City should pay 85% of the dispatch costs.

Discussion was held regarding dispatch costs. A document was presented by Elaine Little proposing a solution to the problem. The proposal requested the City to pay 50% of the dispatch costs, and the boarding costs would be absorbed by HACTC, except for medical costs which each entity would still be responsible for.

Councilman Geiszler stated he would like to see the County pay for the years 2007 to 2010 to get all payments caught up. Discussion was held on repayment methods. Commissioner Christianson stated the Commissioners would have to meet to discuss it further.

Councilman Jacobson stated ultimately a new contract will need to be written to handle prisoner boarding costs, medical costs, and dispatch costs between the City and the County. Jacobson also agreed that maybe the dispatch services were not compensated fairly. To address the current issue, though, an agreement was made to look at Elaine Little's document and meet again in a week.

Commissioner Chairman Bohl stated that the County has made a proposal. He would like the City to come back with a proposal.

A meeting date of January 17, 2012 at 7am was scheduled for the Committee to discuss the issues further. The Semi-Annual LEC Meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2012.

A short discussion was held on the Job Development Authority and the lease held by the County for the LEC. The County would like an agreement stating the jail will be turned over to the county once loans have been paid off.

Councilman Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 11:09am.

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Dawn Hauck, City Auditor

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Date Submitted