

**TOMBSTONE AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022  
6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
613 E. ALLEN STREET**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Valle called the Airport Commission Meeting to order on, Wednesday August 10, 2022.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chairman Valle led the Commissioners and the general public in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL**
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| Commissioner John Jordan   | Present |
| Commissioner Steve McNeely | Present |
| Commissioner Ken Stickler  | Absent  |
| Commissioner Brent Webb    | Present |
| Chairman Daniel Valle      | Present |

Also in attendance:

Councilmember Bill Barlow	Present
Regina Duran, Board Secretary	Present
Jesse Grassman, POC	Present
Mr. Roy Jones	Present

**A QUORUM WAS DECLARED**

**IV. MINUTES**

- A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of minutes for the Tombstone Airport Commission Regular Meeting for Monday, July 19, 2022.

**MOTION** by Commissioner McNeely, **SECOND** by Commissioner Webb to approve the minutes for the Tombstone Airport Commission Regular Meeting for Monday, July 19, 2022.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**4 Yes Votes, 1 Absent, 0 No Votes**

**VOTE:** 4/1/0

**MOTION:** Carried

## V. NEW BUSINESS

- B. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW:** Proposed contract by Mr. Roy Jones to operate the Tombstone Municipal Airport for the City of Tombstone.

**DISCUSSION:** Chairman Valle; "Our new business today is to discuss and review the proposed contract by Mr. Roy Jones who is here, to operate the Tombstone Municipal Airport for the City of Tombstone."

"I think we are all very excited about this prospect! In fact, he submitted a couple of proposals, right? One is a Fixed Base Operator and Maintenance and the other is a Hanger Area (inaudible). As I understand this is being still reviewed by legal or are we good?"

Councilmember Barlow; "Yes, in theory we have basically come to an agreement with Roy but we are running it by the legal department, you know how they are, they will want to change a word or a sentence or something to earn their pay. When we get it back the Council will vote on accepting it."

Chairman Valle; "Okay, so the Council will vote on it."

Councilmember Barlow; "We have already approved last night that we are going to approve it when it is ready, the contract when it's ready!"

Chairman Valle; "So, especially with the pilots here, I would like to look at this agreement on what is being proposed for the airport and if you guys have any input this is still a chance to make some adjustments to it before it gets finalized."

"Just give us a synopsis, just a run through verbally of what you plan to do!"

Mr. Jones; "Well, first off, the Tombstone Municipal Airport has got to be the one of the most un utilized airport that I have ever seen in my life! We have a tiny little town here. A historic town, you got, what fifteen hundred residents in this town and then you have at least five hundred thousand people that come through here in a year, and you have an airport that's two or three miles away that lends its hand to be able to come and visit this place and do all sorts of stuff and it's unusable!" So, I have a different perspective on it. I was raised in St. David. I was raised in aviation and so I have a love for the area and everything about it but the prospective that I have is that I have an FBO that is based in Benson and for instance I have a courtesy vehicle. With a courtesy vehicle you come in, I let you take the car into town and whatever, probably seventy-five, to eighty-five percent of the time when somebody lands in Benson, they borrow the courtesy vehicle to come to Tombstone. So, the first thing that I am going to do is; when the ink starts to get on the paper and before it is probably dry, I will have a courtesy vehicle out here and fuel out here and security and a person living out there. His name is James Curry, he's a young man, veteran and he is excited to lend a hand to get this whole thing rolling but when I first started out in Benson, I would have a monthly fly-in breakfast. The fly-in Breakfast, I would advertise it to all of Southeastern Arizona and tell people you can fly in and I would cook breakfast on the house and I said if you can keep the food down for a half an hour, consider giving me a donation. People have good hearts. People are genuine people. They give you three times as much. If

you charged them five bucks, they will give you five bucks but if you don't charge them anything they give you twenty bucks! In the first month, probably mid-September, I am going to have a fly-in and I can promise you that it will be like flipping the light switch on at the Tombstone Airport! I will get it advertised in AirNav and Fore Flight and all of the resources that people use to plan their flights."

Commissioner Webb; "That's what I was talking about Fore Flight is key to everything. Everybody knows what's (inaudible). All the new pilots are using Fore Flight and all of the Notums, all of the remarks, everything that happens at an airport goes through Fore Flight. So, you will commit to being key on Fore Flight that is just going to benefit..."

Mr. Jones; "It benefits me which benefits you! That is just the beginning of it. I've got people that are committed to building hangers when the ink is dry! I've got an individual that does ariel survey, that is going to fly over the airport and will lay out a plot map and start advertising that there is land available and we want hangers and we are pilot friendly. The good thing for me is that I am a small-time country individual I can work with my hands. I would much prefer to shake somebody's hand and pat them on the back and tell them let's make this work but it is almost like we can't do that anymore and I've been ..."

Commissioner Webb; "Well, that's how Benson operates and I think that is some of the sour grapes of Benson and I have been there to with Benson and I am just winding my time there because I am looking for every opportunity to leave because ."

Chairman Valle; "and come here!"

Mr. Jones; "There is a lot of potential. I want to meet with local vendors, Bed and Breakfasts and advertise for a weekend. You can have a car and a discount on a bed and breakfast and come and enjoy Tombstone. Your aircraft will be tied down here and somebody that I know or myself is going to see it everyday and there is just amazing potential. I've got Medi-Vac helicopters, that are next to committed. I don't want to say any names, but are next to committed at utilizing the airport. I've got military units that are interested in doing skydiving operations out at the airport. I personally do maintenance. I don't know if to begin with if I would have a maintenance facility here but if someone knows that something happens there would be maintenance available on the airport in a hanger that's there and ready to be utilized. There is just an unlimited amount of possibilities out there."

Commissioner Webb; "Is the City going to be leasing back the land that it has?"

Councilmember Barlow; "What is the question?"

Commissioner Webb; "So, when you say that you have people wanting to build hangers what is the City leasing the land or?"

Councilmember Barlow; "Well, we have not worked out the details of how we will do this and I will tell you why because first we have to get the adjacent area that we talked, Roy and I, been out here looking and we talked about well like you can put a hanger here but we have to look at the long-range plan on the cross runway and put

something that is going to be an obstacle in the phase. So, the details of the hangers we have not worked out yet but we will!"

Commissioner Webb; "Designate the land lease area basically?"

Councilmember Barlow; "Right! We will probably end up with some type where the person, the pilot or the owner of the plane will lease an area and we will probably have a uniformed code on the size of the hanger and the type so that they all look the same and not (inaudible)."

Commissioner Webb; "You know Safford is going to turn into a Hodge podge, they have a Quonset hut and little hangers. You know what; its okay!" It is actually okay!" We just hired an airport manager which I am not really thrilled about but everybody has their RV's and travel trailers and this and that, stored there and he has really cleaned it up! Which has been a good thing but in a small rural town I wouldn't be so concerned about over regulating. I don't think that anybody is going to disrespect Tombstone if they have other types of hangers. I mean it is a small town and we ...."

Councilmember Barlow; "We will probably meet with other pilots and get their input as to what they would like to see and go from there."

Mr. Jones; "A big thing on that is like if you go to Benson right now, I am sharing this with you, you go to Benson and say you want to put in a hanger, they say we need to do an environmental study and we need to..."

Commissioner Webb; "You mean the one that was done just ten feet down the runway on the same soil. So, this is where I'm at with Benson, is I went to them wanting to build a hanger and they said that you have to have a soil sample, environmental studies, we have to put out a request for proposals. I just built a hanger up in Taylor, none of that! So, they have regulated themselves right out of business and so once the hanger is completed you have to have not just fire suppressors you have to have foam fire suppression which adds ex financially to the cost and ownership of that hanger."

Mr. Jones; "It would be totally unnecessary"

Commissioner Webb; "There all steel buildings! What I would caution the City about is don't be so eager to be iron fisted and regulate. We want this to be a country airport and I don't want to say this is the wild west but this is wild west and let people come here and camp on the field! I think that's a great thing!"

Councilmember Barlow; "We want the people coming to Tombstone to be a fun experience."

Commissioner Webb; "Enjoy the experience! That's what I am getting at! I would like to see a safe and secure (inaudible). I would caution the sole (inaudible) about over regulation where it becomes unusable, which is what has happened to Benson and that is part of Roy's frustration with Benson. When I first started flying eight years ago that land was full of airplanes! I mean completely full of airplanes and

now there's maybe four airplanes! They have a ramp that's massive! I mean it is a massive ramp! They could put sixty airplanes on it!"

Mr. Jones; "So, it was basically empty. There were five or six planes when I got there! After three or four years there was literally twenty-five (inaudible) and they kicked me off of my house, I had my house on the airport, not on the runway obviously and they kicked me off of the airport because it was the good thing to do! and it is back down to (inaudible). In the process of pulling another shenanigan with me and it's my life. That is how I provide for my wife and my children! Part of it was they saw dollar signs with only selling fuel and well, we can sell fuel. They put it in as four hundred thousand dollars fuel pump in direct competition with the guy they contracted to do...I just think they shot themselves right in the foot and then, this is the funny part are you ready? So, then they didn't make any payments, they weren't able to make any payments on that, on that system, guess who their direct competition was, and guess who got kicked off of the ramp?" It's been sour grapes lately and I am not here to talk about how bad Benson is, I just want to caution the Council cause somebody this will be dissolved (inaudible). Just make it a great place to come in and people can enjoy."

Chairman Valle; "I think what you are saying is let's take those lessons learned while the bad things have happened and not repeat that! Do something to encourage people to come?"

Mr. Jones; "Somebody gets excited to put a hanger in Tombstone, they should be able to walk into City Hall and say I would like to build a hanger and you would pull out a file and say where would you like to put it? They say right there and you say okay, here you go!

Commissioner Webb; "It is x amount of dollars the price per square foot or square whatever it is. It is already established by the City Council. It is a cost that they pay per year. That's what the City of Safford does. You pay per square foot. You know you want a hundred by a hundred acre. It is more money, more revenue for the City, right and it is on a lease. A twenty-five- or fifty-year lease or whatever is appropriate. I don't know, I have never dealt with the City of Safford so I never have even gotten that far with the City of Benson before they ran me off! I wanted to spend money on the field, which brings tax dollars and everything and I would spend money on that field! They have just made it to where I don't want to be there!"

Chairman Valle; "Good feedback!"

Mr. Jones; "Any questions for me?"

Chairman Valle; "Now going in there is a hanger there. What are you going to do immediately with the hanger?"

Mr. Jones; "Clean it! That is actually pretty useless for an aircraft. The way that it is shaped. Its very low to the ground and you can't get much in it. My idea, really that hanger has been there for a long time. Anybody that has been to Tombstone they know that hanger is there. My idea is to make that the FBO. I think that it will

serve, it is old school, I think it has a little bit of charm and when I come out in spurs and a pair chaps (inaudible).”

Commissioner Webb; “You would have the pilots lounge and refrigerator with drinks and ...”

Mr. Jones; “Absolutely, yeah! Which brings up another issue, I mean it will be resolved but electricity and water are two big things that will put our heads down and (inaudible).”

Chairman Valle; “You mentioned that there is a person that you will be bringing in. You talked before about having a mobile...”

Mr. Jones; “He’s got a travel trailer, is what is going to come in immediately. He will have to get it pumped and he will need water and the mayor had said that we can take care of that and make it work. He said that there is a generator that we’ll provide fuel for.”

Councilmember Barlow; “That is the easy part there. Doing the temporary pumping on and doing the potable water.”

Mr. Jones; “Another thing that is crucial is that you all have driven out there. As you drive past and then turn into the airport, it’s dangerous. We had talked about turning on Davis Road and then hanging a right, right there. There is already a turn off, it would be amazing! “

Commissioner Webb; “Is there a gate to the entrance there already?”

POC Grassman; “It’s fenced off right now! When they did the Wing’s N’ Spurs they had to have a point of entrance, two points of entrance so, they ended up cutting a road that cuts right about the middle of the runway!”

Commissioner Webb; “So, is there a roadway back to the, what would be the FBO then?”

POC Grassman; “We would have to create one! You know the measurements. I am not sure what the requirements is?”

Commissioner Webb; “So, most of your airports have a key controlled access where you have, I don’t know what the key is called, just a gate key...”

Mr. Jones; “It’s Gate King, It’s a card!”

Commissioner Webb; “It’s just a white card. (Shows Benson’s Gate Key), and so, I go to the City of Benson and whom ever be responsible for it (inaudible) they didn’t charge me anything for the key as a regular on the field type (inaudible) there at least two hangers and so I have access to it. They know who I am, I think they probably know when I enter based on the electronics of it but that opens the gate to get into the field. It is a tall gate with serpentine wire to protect those aircraft that are inside the gate now! To me it is not critical now because my airtime is inside the hanger (inaudible) so, security is important! Security is absolutely important

even with a manager on site. I think it's important! I don't think we have to go overboard with it but with some form of control access because right now there is no control what so ever!"

Mr. Jones; "Something that went through my mind to begin with, the area that is described in the hanger area lease, if that was fenced in and during daylight hours that was open to the public as nobody is going to be landing at night, there is no lights or anything, it doesn't have to happen all at once but we can grow quickly but we need to start small and smart and proceed from there."

Commissioner Webb; So, what are you going to have two or three airplanes on a weekend possibly, unless you have a fly in, I'd like to fly in thirty or forty but the reality is everybody is going to be there for the fly in so you really won't need security because there will be so many people there. It is the night time, those that do nights (inaudible) will shut down. My plane was here in Benson, or Tombstone and it was unnerving to me. I have to be honest with you because you have all the criminals on Highway 80. I don't mean to sound like that but the reality is it is a rough town and anybody if you understand the avionics in an airplane, one airplane could have a hundred thousand dollars' worth of avionics and those planes are real easy to get into. So, it is critical that we have something there and it will also alleviate liability for the City. We exercised our due diligence and protect; you know the general public! If you don't do that there might be some liability!"

Commissioner Jordan; "Now when he goes out, is he going to put some type of lighting up?"

Mr. Jones; "What's that?"

Commissioner Jordan; "Is he going to put solar lighting out there?"

Mr. Jones; "For the runway?"

Commissioner Jordan; "No! for the parking area."

Chairman Valle; "the hanger?"

Mr. Jones; "I don't know the answer to that! Yes!"

Commissioner Jordan; "Okay!"

Mr. Jones; "We'll do what we have to, to make it work."

Commissioner Jordan; "That will help a lot! They do have solar lighting that gets pretty bright!"

Mr. Jones; "Right!"

Commissioner Webb; "Well, they are actually getting lights that are approved by the FAA, Taxi lights, and stuff. You are not going to have this huge infrastructure built while you just pluck a light... there is no wire in between them they are just solar powered and they (inaudible). Its just barely coming down the pipe. I have no idea

on a system like that, when you have people flying in at night. Whatever flies in here at night, I don't know, when you have rocks at both ends of the runway. This is an intermediate field to fly into. You don't have the (inaudible) altitude issues but you do have rocks on both ends. (Inaudible)."

Mr. Jones; "The other thing that I can see happening is there is an association called the Arizona Pilots Association and they fly and have campouts at lots of different airports and I can see that happening!"

Commissioner Webb; "I belong to lots of pilot groups that I can gladly say hey we have a fly in; in Tombstone and they go to Roosevelt, they go to historic sites, they do the hundred-dollar hamburger things. I mean this is a good place as any for that type of stuff. Come to a historic town. They are looking for new places. I think it is exciting. Is it going to make Tombstone explode? Not really, but it's going to bring another revenue strain."

Councilmember Barlow; "It will find another market that we don't have."

Commissioner Webb; "Yeah, it's not about doing something drastic. It's about interest. You know just little changes, little tweaks here and there. Word will get out! The pilot's community is actually a pretty small community. They all talk. They have a good experience here and they will talk and they will start coming. Sedona has quite a restaurant on the field and that might be something that the City would like to look into is finding a restaurant operator that might like to put hamburger joint out there. They will come! They will come just for that! Marana has a breakfast place; Payson has a great diner on the field."

Mr. Jones; "It can be awful food and people will fly in! Just another opportunity for a restaurant (inaudible) in Tombstone but they need a facility with electric and water."

Councilmember Barlow; "I think we were fortunate with the timing with the problems that Benson is giving you and we had this opportunity for years but we have been unable to really find a Roy Jones with ...(inaudible). When I was telling him what we were looking for then he said; Well Brett knows a guy in Benson, da, da, da and one led to another but we are so fortunate that the experience and knowledge that he is bringing to the table because we put this out for bids and that's something that (inaudible). You just don't see these kinds of guys; they are not out lined up."

Mr. Jones; "There is not a lot (inaudible) fuel cells. There is not! The money is made off of turning wrenches and over time there will be some fuel cells but as you get more people coming but that's like hitting a (inaudible) ball. You just have to get the word out and get people coming. Give them a reason to come. Just a car on site, that's going to be huge! Just that they know; hey there is a car and we are not going to have to Uber in Tombstone. Do you have Uber?"

Commissioner Jordan; "No! I just go out there and bring them to town!"

Mr. Jones; "Okay, you're the John that is mentioned in AirNav!"

Commissioner Jordan; "I tell them to text me and then I call them back. We make arrangements and then I go and pick them up."



POC Grassman; "There are two planes that fly in every weekend. They will circle around town. I am not sure who is picking them up but somebody is out there picking them up."

Commissioner Webb; "How do you handle insurance on the cars?"

Mr. Jones; "What's that?"

Commissioner Webb; "How do you handle insurance when you provide a car?"

Mr. Jones; "Am I allowed to be honest with you? So, it is a personal vehicle and I am loaning it to a friend. As long as I don't loan it everyday to that friend, they have given me a thumbs up on it!"

Mr. Webb; "Tombstone may want to purchase it. Now I know that Safford owns the vehicle. They put it on their policy. It might alleviate him of some liability there!"

Mr. Jones; "So, part of the thing is though, like my 55 Dodge Corvette, that is cool in Benson, it would be cooler here!"

Mr. Webb; "So, you have an old classic car?"

Chairman Valle; "Right, exactly!"

Mr. Webb; "You would take it much further than here but (inaudible)."

Mr. Jones; "I ask people where are you driving it to and they ask why does it matter and then I say I have to know how far I have to come to pick you up!"

Chairman Valle; "I think the approach that has been taken with the Commission since we started this endeavor has been a crawl, walk, run. I think that is where we are going to continue with that! He is going to come in here, he is going to do some things, while he continues to improve on the things that he is going to bring in. You know; I don't know if we have told everybody this but the Tohono O'odham Nation sent a request out to all cities to put in for a grant! We put in for a hundred and eight- eight-thousand-dollar grant! If we get that; that would go to lighting, ...)

Councilmember Barlow; "That would be tremendous and that has been one of our hold ups all of along over the years! Something like that is a giant step once we can get it going! Guys, funding is everything! It takes two things; a great idea and money to make that idea work!"

Mr. Jones; "I have somebody ready to drill a well for you! So, a lot of things can happen fast!"

Mr. Webb; "(Inaudible)"

Chairman Valle; "We are looking at, I think Solar. Doing Solar!"

Mr. Jones; "What is the difference in getting electricity to the field?"

Councilmember Barlow; "Electricity?"

POC Grassman; "About two million! The APS lines off of Mile Post 9 on Davis, for them to come in you are looking at close to 5 million versus the closes power if you continue down Hwy 80 for them to go off mile Post 3.6 (inaudible) it would be our closes route about 2 million."

Chairman Valle; "There is another possibility here. Private investors that have been looking at the area there by the airport! They have been looking for us to annex the land towards the airport and around the airport because they want to do something there."

Commissioner Webb; "But they would still have to get electricity!"

Chairman Valle; "Well, let me tell you, if that happened and they were to buy the property and everything else then they also talked about doing solar, putting a solar farm out there and sharing that with the airport! All of this is coming at a good time because once we start showing some progress at the airport that's going to be attractive to the investors as well. The annex as I understand it is at the State now, out of the County."

Councilmember Barlow; "Yes! Our P & Z Chairman, I invited him tonight and he was busy, I am checking with him weekly as to, we are working with the County. The County is working with Tombstone, Douglas and Wilcox, I believe and as a package that is going to the State. The State sent it back stating that they needed this. Through this person at the County, we're suppling the information. It is in process but believe me guys annexation is very, very slow!"

Commissioner McNeely; "To get grants I mean I thought we had to do that? More likely anyway to get grants? We have to have it continuous?"

Chairman Valle; "let me just say; there are already grants that are in place that haven't been funded, right Jesse? What would be the next project that would be funded?"

POC Grassman; "Next project is turn arounds? We were talking about lengthen at one time. I am not sure that we are going to be able to do that because that is when we starting doing the other runway, the secondary but on this runway. So, the taxiway coming up the way it is, there would be one partially on the loop and there would be turn around down at (inaudible)."

Commissioner Webb; "Which is fine! In a small rural field where you don't have a lot of traffic just a turn out off of the field of the taxi way is just as adequate."

Chairman Valle; "So, we have several things in the works and we are just running them all together here and coordinating them. What we are looking for is the opportunity for them as they present themselves. Right now, we have this one and then we look at something else. We might get that grant! That would be phenomenal!"

POC Grassman; "There are a lot of grants out there to get. What messed us up was COVID and everything else that has happened. We are behind here. The overlay should have been last year. We should have already done the apron this year. Everything is a year to two years behind."

Commissioner Webb: "(Inaudible) resurface or are they going to level the field?"

POC Grassman; "When they did the overlay, they took it down. Its actually pretty nice and they only did like an inch and a half."

Commissioner Webb; "I though they discussed about taking that (inaudible)."

POC Grassman; "No, its still the same runway but ..."

Commissioner Webb; "You know it's the challenge. Its more interesting to land like that but another thing two that I don't know all the legalities of all of the FAA approved fields, I know we got Libby we got Duncan, Benson, subsidized, I know within fifteen miles or twenty miles of Benson, I understand that requirement has changed. They can get (inaudible) Grants. I think Roy would be the one that would know more about that than anybody else. I don't know that side of the fence at all."

Chairman Valle; "and that's what's prohibited us from going for Federal Grants versus State grants that requirement."

Commissioner Webb; "So, I think that requirement has changed or something is different now where Tombstone could actually apply for a part of that infrastructure."

POC Grassman; "There's a bunch of them that we've cannot qualify for just because of a lack of power and a lack of water. Once we have that it opens up everything."

Commissioner Webb; "So, would Solar count as power?"

POC Grassman; "They were checking on that and I don't think they ever had an answer on that. They were thinking so with Solar power it should work as long as we had consistent 220 power."

Mr. Jones; "and then we need to get the amount of operations we have at the airport up and it helps us qualify for all sorts of (inaudible)"

Chairman Valle; "There is actually a rating that is given to these types of airports and it is given by the FAA and what Jesse was saying is correct at getting that! So, in this contract, I don't know if we have all had a chance to look at that but is there anything that concerns you?"

Mr. Jones; "In the RFP one of the things that was mentioned was Charter Flight and Charter is way, way, way down the road. What I had mentioned to you guys when we had met before is that I will get touring flights and get an (LOA) Letter of Authorization that would allow us to take individuals, take off, fly over the area, show them the O.K. Corral from the air, go look at Bisbee and come back, but Charter we take off and fly to Rocky Point, that's..."

Commissioner Webb; "You have to have a 135 Operation. That 135 Operation is very expensive.

Mr. Jones; "and you have to get married to the FAA and that is something that is not a good thing right now!"

Commissioner Webb; "You are basically tied to an inspection once or twice a year of the field and of the operation. You have to have a operations manager, you have to have a pilot, there are a lot of strings attached."

Chairman Valle; "Is there something; Bill would that be something that needs to be pulled out of there?"

Councilmember Barlow; "Well, I don't think...It may be in there but, on his advice, you know just like we got done talking about, it's not going to happen! We can take it out!"

Mr. Jones; "So, the RFP, the 1 through 5, it says provides self service aviation fuel, provides air charger service, provides 24 hrs. airport security and I wanted to talk about the 24-hour airport security to! Provide flight training, provide aircraft rental. Absolutely! 24 hours security we will be as close to that as possible! It is impossible to do it 24/7 because for instance I lived on the Benson Airport and it was the most stressful thing in the world. I have to go get groceries, what am I suppose to do? So, it needs to be okay that you know that I am telling the truth when I say that I will have someone on there as much as I can. They will live there but they have to go to Sierra Vista and watch a movie sometimes but it will be taken care of. The biggest risk in that is to me actually, because someone could go steal my fuel truck or steal fuel or whatever else. So, those are the two things; Charter and 24 hr. security are..."

Commissioner Webb; "As reasonable as possible for a single individual living there and maybe they need to reword that verbiage!"

Councilmember Barlow; "We can always ask Ann to delete that on the Charter."

Chairman Valle; "I think that would be a good idea!"

Mr. Jones; "It could happen..."

Chairman Valle; "but we are not there!"

Mr. Jones; "No, it's ten years down the road if everything went perfect!"

Commissioner Webb; "You know you have five thousand residents here? How many residents here in Tombstone?"

Chairman Valle; "13 hundred!"

Commissioner Webb; "the City of Safford that draw has 55 thousand people and they are just now doing a feasibility study on bring in a Charter and it would have to be a subsidized government ... I just wanted to give the matrix!"

Chairman Valle; "This is the discussion we wanted to hear tonight to make this reasonable and logical."

Mr. Jones explains what is needed to bring a Charter service to the Airport. He also explains the process for bringing a tour and flight service to the airport.

Mr. Jon Donahue voices concerns over planes flying low over Allen Street.

The Commission members assure Mr. Donahue that this will not happen due to FAA rules and regulations.

Chairman Valle; "If you do a fly-in what is your capability of how many planes, what you could hold there?"

Mr. Jones; "There is a lot of dirt there, and I was going to talk about that next!"

Commissioner Webb; "So, a lot of those guys says you have a dirt strip and just assume land on that! Those guys like to bring a tent. They just finished the largest fly 'in in the world here this last week up in Oshkosh, WI. Who said that we couldn't do that in Tombstone! There was 27 thousand Airplanes. They fly in and camp under the wings.

The Commissioners talk at length regarding the tourism benefits that fly 'ins would create.

The Commissioners explore the use of Drones training by the U.S. Army at the Airport.

The Commissioner Members reiterate the most important factors for making the airport safe and functional for use.

There being no more discussion. Chairman Valle calls for adjournment.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Valle entertains a motion for adjournment.

**MOTION** by Commissioner (inaudible), **SECOND** by Commissioner Jordan, to adjourn the Airport Commission Meeting for Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

**VOTE:** 4/1/0

**MOTION:** Carried

The Tombstone Airport Commission Meeting for Wednesday August 10, 2022, thereby adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Daniel Valle, Chairman

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Brent Webb, Vice Chairman