

# NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE

## BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Zia Room - Library

4:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

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| A. Welcome  | Guy Kesner     |
| B. Adoption of Agenda                               | Guy Kesner     |
| C. Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2011         | Guy Kesner     |
| D. President's Report                               | Steve McCleery |
| E. New Business                                     |                |
| 1. Monthly Expenditures Report                      | Dan Hardin     |
| 2. Monthly Revenue Report                           | Dan Hardin     |
| 3. Oil and Gas Revenue Report                       | Dan Hardin     |
| 4. Schedule of Investments                          | Dan Hardin     |
| 5. Consideration of Bid #1048 – Purchase of Vehicle | Regina Choate  |
| 6. Consideration of Dedication of the Derrick       | Calvin Smith   |
| 7. Consideration of Naming of Facilities            | Steve McCleery |
| 8. Consideration of Tuition and Fee Increases       | Steve McCleery |
| F. Public Comments                                  | Guy Kesner     |
| G. Announcement of Next Meeting                     | Guy Kesner     |
| H. Closure of Open Meeting                          | Guy Kesner     |
| I. Adjournment                                      | Guy Kesner     |

# NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE

## BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2011

### MINUTES

The New Mexico Junior College Board met on Friday, February 11, 2011, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Zia Room of Pannell Library. The following members were present: Mr. Guy Kesner, Chairman; Ms. Patricia Chappelle, Secretary; Mr. Phillip Jones; Mr. Ron Black; and Mr. Hector Baeza. Not present was Mrs. Mary Lou Vinson and Mrs. Yvonne Williams.

Mr. Kesner called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors and guests present: Beth Hahn, News-Sun.

Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Black, the agenda was unanimously adopted.

Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Baeza, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of January 13, 2011.

*Under President's Report*, Delores Thompson gave an update on the nursing self study. Charley Carroll and Bill Morrill reported on the water damage sustained last week. Larry Sanderson gave the State of the College Report.

*Under New Business*, Dan Hardin presented the January financial reports and with a motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Baeza, the Board unanimously approved the expenditures for January, 2011. Upon a motion by Ms. Chappelle, seconded by Mr. Black, the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Watch Reports.

Calvin Smith recommended Mrs. Elaine McVay as a new member of the Western Heritage Museum Advisory Board. Upon a motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Ms. Chappelle, the board unanimously approved the recommendation.

Ms. Chappelle moved the board go into closed session for the discussion of limited personnel matters under the provisions of section 10-15-1-H (2) of the New



Mexico Statutes Annotated 1078. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Jones - yes; Ms. Chappelle - yes; Mr. Black - yes; Mr. Kesner - yes; and Mr. Baeza – yes.

Upon re-convening in open meeting, Mr. Kesner stated that the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure.

Mr. Black made a motion that the contract of Gholamreza Sadeghmohaddam be non renewed unless he timely accepts, in writing, the first option set forth in the letter to him dated January 24, 2011 from Dr. Steve McCleery and the appropriate releases, resignation, and other documents associated therewith are timely executed, delivered, and are not revoked, as allowed by law. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regular board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2011, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Ms. Chappelle, seconded by Mr. Jones, the board meeting adjourned.

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# NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE

Vice President for Finance

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To: **New Mexico Junior College Board Members**  
From: Dan Hardin  
Date: March 10, 2011  
RE: Expenditure and Revenue Reports for February 2011

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February is the eighth month of the fiscal year or 67% of the 2010/2011 budget. The expenditure report represents expenditure totals that include funds expended and encumbered. The total year-to-date funds expended and/or encumbered through the month of February is \$31,576,105.00.

The total current unrestricted fund expenditures for Instruction & General through February are \$12,164,241.00, which is 66% of the projected budget. The expenditures in Instruction and General are normal with most departments within reasonable percentage of expenditures for this time of year. You will see there is a credit in operation & maintenance for the month due to moving expenditures out of utilities. The College is receiving stimulus funds and they are requiring that we keep the expenses and the revenues separate from the College I & G funds. The College is using stimulus funds for utility costs. So, we moved the expenditures to a fund that is specific to the ARRA or stimulus funds. In the other Current Unrestricted Funds, most funds are over the 67% for the budget year. All of these funds either have large expenditures at the beginning of each semester or they have large encumbrances for maintenance agreements. Each month there is a charge to Instruction, Academic Support, Student Services, and Institutional Support for the support from Computer Services. The credit goes to Computer Services in the Internal Services area. As you can see the expenditures have caught up to the charge outs. Student Aid is over the 100% budget level due to the waivers placed on student accounts at the beginning of the spring semester.

The expenditures for the Current Restricted Funds are \$6,599,521.00. Most of the expenditures are in the Student Aid from the Pell and Direct Loans at the start of the spring semester. Restricted Student Aid is greater that it was in 2010. Grants have expended about 71% of the projected budget. Most of the Grants have several more months in their fiscal year.

Plant funds have expended or encumbered \$9,779,504.00, which consists mostly of expenditures and encumbrances for the completion of the Central Plant remodel,

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electrical service upgrade, Pannell Library remodel, and the old Cowboy Hall of Fame remodel in Caster. Also, the College has expended funds from the STB for the roofing project.

Expenditures and encumbrances through February 2011 were \$31,576,105.00, or 67% of the projected budget.

Revenue received in February 2011 was \$1,619,837.00. In unrestricted revenue the institution received \$1,395,622,080.00 during the month of February. This was generated mostly from the monthly allocation from the state of \$501,059.00, and oil and gas revenue of \$590,254.00, oil and gas equipment tax income of \$12,576.00, property tax revenue of \$156,955.00.

Restricted funds had revenue of \$222,403.00 from draw downs in February for Grants and from restricted financial aid.

Plant revenue was received from interest income on LGIP funds.

Total revenue for February 2011 is \$1,619,837.00, with year-to-date revenue of \$26,408,334.00 or 80% of projected budget.

Oil and Gas revenue remains steady, with the actual revenue received for December in the amount of \$590,254.00, the total year-to-date Oil & Gas and Oil & Gas Equipment is \$5,664,089.00. Oil & Gas is ahead of budgeted revenue by \$83,186.00 and Oil & Gas Equipment revenue is \$80,911.00 over budgeted projections for the first six months of the year.

The investment report shows an ending balance of \$9,625,000.00 in the LGIP fund. There was no correspondence received from the LGIP concerning the Reserve Contingency Fund in February. At the end of February there was \$9,217,437.70 in designated institutional capital projects.

This concludes the Financial Report for February 2011

# NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE

## Expenditure Report

### February 2011

67% of Year Completed

Fund	2009-10			2010-11			
	Final Budget	Year-to-Date Expended or Encumbered	Percentage of Budget Expended	Budget	Current Expended or Encumbered	Expended or Encumbered	Percentage of Budget Expended
<b>CURRENT UNRESTRICTED FUND</b>							
<b>Instruction and General:</b>							
Instruction	7,045,649	5,819,890	83%	8,549,845	770,528	5,760,317	67%
Academic Support	3,312,145	1,698,805	51%	2,235,263	220,603	1,609,064	72%
Student Services	1,621,766	1,090,730	67%	1,681,893	137,178	1,090,874	65%
Institutional Support	4,162,778	2,152,154	52%	3,067,761	241,420	2,080,635	68%
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	2,983,937	1,906,179	64%	3,023,475	(183,752)	1,623,351	54%
<b>Subtotal - Instruction &amp; General</b>	<b>19,126,275</b>	<b>12,667,758</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>18,558,237</b>	<b>1,185,977</b>	<b>12,164,241</b>	<b>66%</b>
Student Activities	0	0	0%	0	0		0%
Research	0	0	0%	0	0		0%
Public Service	0	0	0%	0	0		0%
Internal Service Departments	221,223	87,383	39%	24,000	41,099	172,933	721%
Student Aid	628,094	626,690	100%	469,785	8,060	561,006	119%
Auxiliary Enterprises	1,676,004	1,492,592	89%	1,696,058	176,879	1,387,385	82%
Athletics	1,009,547	872,511	86%	974,729	57,123	911,515	94%
<b>Total Current Unrestricted Fund</b>	<b>22,661,143</b>	<b>15,746,934</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>21,722,809</b>	<b>1,469,138</b>	<b>15,197,080</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>CURRENT RESTRICTED FUND</b>							
Grants	1,848,907	962,950	52%	1,417,549	100,533	999,509	71%
Student Aid	4,050,000	5,433,210	134%	5,237,174	296,964	5,600,012	107%
<b>Total Current Restricted Fund</b>	<b>5,898,907</b>	<b>6,396,160</b>	<b>108%</b>	<b>6,654,723</b>	<b>397,497</b>	<b>6,599,521</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>PLANT FUNDS</b>							
<b>Capital Outlay / Bldg. Renewal &amp; Repl.</b>							
Projects from Institutional Funds	12,746,856	7,184,017	56%	12,913,969	721,447	5,360,712	42%
Projects from State GOB Funds	4,007,556	3,784,968	94%	334,542	11,956	91,387	27%
Projects from State STB Funds	1,790,668	1,706,667	95%	3,000,000	960,555	3,000,000	100%
Projects from General Fund	108,281	43,950	41%	226,847	30,814	199,500	88%
Projects from Private Funds	176,487	60,567	34%	183,383	2,682	95,958	52%
Projects from State ER&R	340,024	144,370	42%	318,919	12,291	175,984	55%
Projects from State BR&R	1,268,966	4,953	0%	1,830,699	578,840	855,963	47%
Projects from Auxiliary BR&R	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
<b>Subtotal - Capital and BR&amp;R</b>	<b>20,438,838</b>	<b>12,929,492</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>18,808,359</b>	<b>2,318,585</b>	<b>9,779,504</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>							
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
<b>Total Plant Funds</b>	<b>20,438,838</b>	<b>12,929,492</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>18,808,359</b>	<b>2,318,585</b>	<b>9,779,504</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>48,998,888</b>	<b>35,072,586</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>47,185,891</b>	<b>4,185,220</b>	<b>31,576,105</b>	<b>67%</b>

**NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
**Revenue Report**  
**February 2011**

67% of Year Completed

Fund	2009-10			2010-11			
	Final Budget	Year-to-date Revenue	Percentage of Budget Received	Budget	Current Revenue	Year-to-date Revenue	Percentage of Budget Received
<b>CURRENT UNRESTRICTED FUND</b>							
Instruction and General:							
Tuition and Fees	3,354,500	3,415,995	102%	3,523,000	72,864	3,697,148	105%
State Appropriations	7,676,400	4,927,131	64%	6,290,500	501,059	4,228,351	67%
Advalorem Taxes - Oil and Gas	5,200,000	6,559,011	126%	5,500,000	602,831	5,664,089	103%
Advalorem Taxes - Property	3,504,278	3,456,127	99%	4,129,578	156,955	3,423,409	83%
Interest Income	287,000	16,316	6%	20,000	123	7,433	37%
Other Revenues	524,363	201,172	38%	323,308	6,575	520,668	161%
Subtotal - Instruction & General	20,546,541	18,575,752	90%	19,786,386	1,340,407	17,541,098	89%
Student Activities	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Public Service	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Internal Service Departments	0	0	0%	24,000	1,137	14,315	0%
Auxiliary Enterprises	2,298,000	2,164,163	94%	2,202,000	31,670	2,215,004	101%
Athletics	310,400	198,403	64%	428,100	22,408	180,604	42%
Total Current Unrestricted	23,154,941	20,938,318	90%	22,440,486	1,395,622	19,951,021	89%
<b>CURRENT RESTRICTED FUND</b>							
Grants	1,848,907	1,063,395	58%	1,417,549	218,315	1,281,032	90%
Student Aid	4,050,000	4,190,056	103%	5,237,179	4,088	5,161,688	99%
Total Current Restricted	5,898,907	5,253,451	89%	6,654,728	222,403	6,442,720	97%
<b>PLANT FUNDS</b>							
Capital Outlay / Bldg. Renewal & Repl.							
Projects from State GOB Funds	4,007,556	2,380,025	59%	334,542	0	0	0%
Projects from State STB Funds	1,790,668	830,678	46%	3,000,000	0	0	0%
Projects from General Fund	140,621	132,446	94%	226,847	0	0	0%
Projects from Private Funds	118,987	0	0%	183,383	0	0	0%
Interest Income (LGIP)	0	0	0%	80,000	1,812	14,593	0%
Total Plant Funds	6,057,832	3,343,149	55%	3,824,772	1,812	14,593	0%
<b>GRAND TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>35,111,680</b>	<b>29,534,918</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>32,919,986</b>	<b>1,619,837</b>	<b>26,408,334</b>	<b>80%</b>

# February 2011

67% of Year Completed

		OIL		GAS		COMBINED		
Month of	Sales Distribution	Price per BBL	Lea County BBLs sold	Price per MCF	Lea County MCF sold	Monthly Revenue	2009-10 Original Budget	Variance Over (Under) Budget
Actual	July	\$78.04	2,838,769	\$5.07	16,763,074	580,468	366,666	213,802
Actual	August	\$70.38	2,777,074	\$6.15	16,195,702	640,098	366,666	273,432
Actual	September	\$70.35	2,782,699	\$5.57	15,856,565	675,875	366,666	309,209
Actual	October	\$71.79	2,853,169	\$4.34	15,026,148	582,732	366,666	216,066
Actual	November	\$73.88	2,845,013	\$5.78	15,732,662	680,419	366,666	313,753
Actual	December	\$75.69	2,743,341	\$5.69	14,691,744	590,254	366,666	223,588
Accrual	January	\$80.27	2,688,602	\$5.82	14,664,434	366,666	366,666	0
Accrual	February					366,666	366,666	0
Accrual	March						366,666	(366,666)
Accrual	April						366,666	(366,666)
Accrual	May						366,666	(366,666)
Accrual	June						366,666	(366,666)
Y.T.D. Production Tax Revenue						4,483,178	4,399,992	83,186
Y.T.D. Equipment Tax Revenue						1,180,911	1,100,000	80,911
Total Year-to-Date Oil & Gas and Equipment Tax Revenue						<u>5,664,089</u>	<u>5,499,992</u>	<u>164,097</u>

Source: New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department

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## Schedule of Investments

### February 2011

67% of Year Completed

Financial Institution	Amount Invested	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Period of Investment (Days)	Account Number	Interest Rate	Interest Earned
State of New Mexico Local Government Investment Pool	9,625,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	7102-1348	0.238%	1,812
<b>Total investments</b>	<u><u>9,625,000</u></u>						<u><u>1,812</u></u>

Summary of Current Month's Activity	
Beginning amount	9,625,000
Plus: deposits	0
Less: withdrawals	0
Capital Projects	9,217,438
Reserves Invested	407,562
<b>Total LGIP Investment</b>	<b>9,625,000</b>

Capital Projects	2/28/2011
Vehicles	0.00
Drawings & Master Plan	8,059.52
Technology Upgrade	200,302.33
JASI	89,368.10
Museum Landscaping	300,000.00
Baseball Field	201,377.94
Rodeo Arena	69,169.86
Front Entrance/Turn/Landscape	300,000.00
Equestrian Center	1,816,210.88
Student Housing Construction	552,601.59
Library Remodel	12,655.78
Frame & Door Replacement	103,433.91
Luminis Software	11,568.00
Landscaping	448,022.98
Facility Painting	900.87
Electrical Upgrade	448,757.15
Campus Signage	84,993.82
Campus Paving	207,561.17
Roof Replacement	546,070.75
Interior Lighting-Energy Retrofit	52,346.52
Old Dorms Renovation	193,346.23
Millen Dr. Sewer & Water	150,000.00
Concrete Upgrade	18,383.49
Campus Construction	72,019.78
Oil & Gas Training Center	500,000.00
Public Sector	1,826.53
Campus Security	151,297.10
Caster Old CHOF Remodel	59,625.51
Track/Arena Area Enhancement	65,044.46
Roadway Entrance-Rodeo/CDL	60,000.00
Lumens Software-Distance Learnig	5,000.00
Welding Lab	41,246.53
Copier Replacement	13,967.00
Non-Recurring Compensation	434,800.00
Athletics	626,016.57
Student Life Programming	2,440.37
Title V (Institutional)	118,611.47
Warehouse/Cont Ed Remodel	793,217.23
Radiological Control	18,198.38
Central Plant Upgrade	414,393.26
Workforce Training Contingency	2,407.25
Banner 8	22,195.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,217,437.70</b>

NOTE: Capital projects total does not include encumbered funds

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Invitation to Bid # 1048

Purchase of Vehicle

BOARD DOCUMENTS

Date: March 16, 2011  
Prepared by: Regina Choate  
Coordinator of Purchasing



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BOARD DOCUMENTS

General Information

1. On Thursday, February 24, 2011, a legal notice was sent to the following newspaper requesting sealed bids for the purchase of a vehicle for the college:
  - 1) Hobbs News Sun
2. Bid packets were sent to four potential bidders.
3. Two bids were submitted within the time frame specified by the bid package. No bidders were present at the opening.
4. The Business Office and Charley Carroll have evaluated the bids received. Their recommendation is shown on Page 3.

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BOARD DOCUMENTS

Evaluation and Recommendation

The bidders responding to Invitation to Bid #1048 were Tate Branch of Hobbs, NM, and Watson Truck & Supply of Hobbs, NM.

The Administration recommends acceptance of the bid from Watson Truck & Supply for the following vehicle:

2011 Chevrolet Silverado: 1500, 4WD, Short Crew          \$31,531.26

**Source of Funding:** - FY 2010/2011 Equipment Renewal and Replacement Fund  
Account #: 93114-4002-77001-921

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Invitation to Bid #1048

Specifications & Bid Price Form

New Mexico Junior College contemplates purchasing one (1) vehicle. No minimum quantity is guaranteed. New Mexico Junior College reserves the right to reject any and all bids on any or all item(s).

**Please note: The college has been mandated by the Alternative Fuels Acquisition Act to have 75% of all light duty vehicles operating on alternative fuel; therefore, if you have these types of vehicles available please indicate that the vehicle is an alternative fuel item and quote accordingly. Alternative fuel vehicles will be given priority over non-alternative fuel vehicles. (See attachment of the Legislative and Executive recommendation and Executive Order No. 2004-019.)**

**PLEASE INDICATE "Y" YES OR "N" NO FOR EACH SPECIFICATION FOR THE VEHICLE.**

The college desires (1) 2011 – ½ ton, 4WD, short bed, 4 Door Truck with the following specifications:

**Specifications for ½ ton Truck:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ White Exterior Color
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cloth Interior Trim
- \_\_\_\_\_ Engine: V-8, Alternative fuel capability required
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transmission, 6 Speed Auto
- \_\_\_\_\_ Seat Adjuster (Driver's Side)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Glass: Deep Tinted
- \_\_\_\_\_ Power Door Locks
- \_\_\_\_\_ Uplevel Bench Seats
- \_\_\_\_\_ Floor Covering: Color Keyed Carpet with Floor Mats
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spare Tire Lock
- \_\_\_\_\_ Floor Mats, Front
- \_\_\_\_\_ Floor Mats, Rear
- \_\_\_\_\_ GVW Rating 7000 lbs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Climate Control, Electronic – Multi-zone
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mirrors, O/S, Power, Heated
- \_\_\_\_\_ Radio, AM/FM Stereo, Auto Tone, CD/MP3
- \_\_\_\_\_ Body, Fleetside
- \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Emissions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Locking Differential, Rear
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rear Axle, 3.42 Ratio
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cruise Control
- \_\_\_\_\_ Heavy-Duty Cooling Equipment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transmission Cooling System
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wheels: 17x7.5 Aluminum Bright
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tires: P265/70R17 ALS BW
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spare Tire Lock
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fog Lamps, Front
- \_\_\_\_\_ Trailering Package

**Is the ½ ton truck an alternative fuel vehicle?      Yes                  No**





Western Heritage Museum and  
Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame

Where oil, water, and cowboys do mix!

Dear Dr. McCleery,

**Our suggestion for the dedication of the derrick is, Mr. Larry Milberger, President of Scarbrough, Inc. here in Hobbs. He is a genuine pioneer in the petroleum industry, HIGHLY respected and maybe most importantly, is very good friends with just about everyone in the field in Southeastern New Mexico and West Texas. He is 90 years old and is, “too busy to come out and see our new exhibit”. He is a treasure trove of information about the history of the oil fields and has helped numerous individuals and firms in the region for well over half a century, including George and Mack Chase.**

**He was born in Russell, Kansas and started working on cable tool rigs in 1937. He started his advanced schooling at the University of Arkansas in 1942 but was called to the war effort serving in the US Army Air Corps and served in low level bombers throughout the Pacific in the 5<sup>th</sup> Air Force under General George Kenney.**

**After he got too many “points” he was called back to the U. S. and helped train others for service in the B26 at Frederick, OK and the C47 in San Marcos, TX. He was mustered out at Fort Smith, AR but was called back to duty during the German Air Lift in 1947 and 1948.**

**He began his lengthy and successful career in the petroleum industry with Champlan as a driller working in KA, NB, ND, CO, OK, TX and NM where he went to work for Bill Gotshall’s Rental Pipe and Supply in Artesia. He started his own companies 51 years ago which included Safety Test, Clemco, BOP Testing, HOLCO and is still running Scarbrough, Inc.**

**This celebration will draw a number of very important leaders for the day and enhance the already impressive events on campus. This should help identify us as a regional museum preserving and presenting this part of our past.**

**Thank you and the Board for your consideration in honoring Mr. Milberger for his continuing contributions to Lea County and the Permian Basin.**

Sincerely,

**Calvin B. Smith  
Executive Director**

## **MEMO**

**Date:** March 9, 2011  
**To:** New Mexico Junior College Board Members  
**From:** Steve McCleery  
**Subject:** Naming of Facilities

As we prepare for the upcoming May 19, 2011 open house and facility dedication ceremonies, I am recommending that New Mexico Junior College name the following facilities for the following individuals. These people provided considerable leadership and support for the establishment and development New Mexico Junior College.

Based on Historical information and feedback from various sources, I am recommending we place C.M. Burk's name on the University Center, remove C.M. Burk's name off Thunderbird Hall, and place Glenn and Rosemary Houston on Thunderbird Hall. C. M. Burk is considered the father of NMJC, and his name should be placed on a more prominent NMJC Facility. Glen Houston served on the original fifteen member committee for the formation of the college. Rosemary Houston (Glen's wife) provided the original suggestion for naming "New Mexico junior College". Glen and Rosemary, have been ardent supporters of NMJC and Glen continues to support many of the NMJC functions. (The appended historical account is taken from Jim Harris' book *Building Community Through Education: New Mexico Junior College Since 1965.*)

**C.M. Burk**  
**University Center**

**Glenn and Rosemary Houston Thunderbird Hall**

Thank you for your consideration!

## C. M. BURK, Father of New Mexico Junior College

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In the early 1950s, after a half-century of permanent settlements in extreme southeast New Mexico, and after more than three decades of the existence of Lea County, citizens of the isolated region began to discuss the possibility of having a post-secondary school in the county.

The first earnest discussions seemed to revolve around one Hobbs man, Carl Martin Burk, an accountant who had been born and educated in Kansas and who had moved to New Mexico in hopes of improving his health. For some residents who lived in Lea in the 1950s, Burk was thought of as the father of New Mexico Junior College.

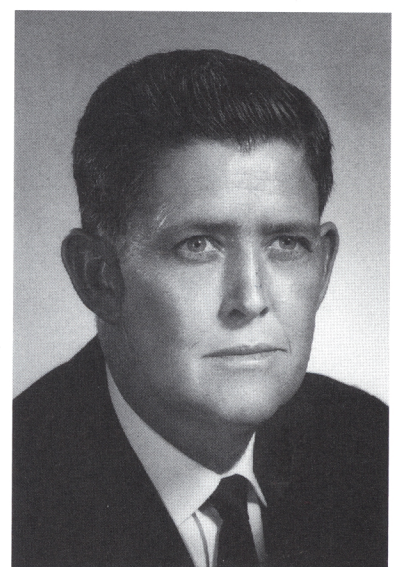
Burk had tuberculosis. He was what people in those days called a “lunger,” and like many others with the disease, he was told he should move to the dry Southwest.



Dr. Jack Rogers



C. M. Burk



Ben B. Alexander

Burk first lived in northern New Mexico, in the small town of Cuba, then in Albuquerque where he was part of the accounting firm of Linder, Burk, and Stephenson, now Johnson, Miller, and Company, CPAs. When the company opened an office in Hobbs, Burk moved to southeast New Mexico to manage the firm in this corner of the state.

Burk’s home state of Kansas operated a highly regarded junior college system, and Burk had attended junior college before he transferred to the University of Kansas. He felt that junior colleges were an important part of his home state’s educational system, and he began to tell friends, neighbors, and colleagues that Lea County would profit from having a community college, especially since Lea students were so far from any college.

Burk had many clients and friends who were prominent citizens in Lea, not the least of which was Finn Watson, the owner of Watson Truck and Supply in Hobbs. He also worked for or was associated with just about every other successful businessman and businesswoman in this corner of the state. More than one of them would later attribute much of their success in business to Burk’s financial advice.

To anyone who would listen, Burk started talking about the advantages of having a local junior college. In addition, he started doing some homework on the impact of junior colleges on communities around the country. Burk collected much data, and he corresponded with educators in New Mexico and other states, educators who were experts in junior college education.



With the personal knowledge he brought from Kansas, and with the knowledge he gained from his research, he led the fight to get a junior college act passed in the state legislature, and he led the fight to create a junior college in Lea County. One of his converts was businessman Ben Alexander whom Burk recruited to give speeches advocating the establishment of a junior college.

## OPPOSITION to the Junior College Act

Over a ten-year period, Burk and his local allies waged many battles with a number of adversaries over the passage of a junior college act by the state legislature. For instance, New Mexico State University and the City of Las Cruces, where the university is located, were opposed to the creation of locally controlled junior colleges. New Mexico State University had the ability under a 1957 legislative act to create branch campuses, and school administrators opposed the idea of local school districts establishing colleges, their thoughts being that junior colleges would lower the enrollment at all of the state universities.

That opposition prompted a February 15, 1961, letter written by Jack Daniels and John M. Watson who represented the Educational Committee of the Hobbs Chamber of Commerce. The letter was written to the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. Here is how the letter begins:

“We are disturbed to read in the public press that your Chamber goes publicly against and in opposition to House Bill 55, the Junior College Bill. Certainly the Chambers in Clovis, Farmington, Hobbs, and Roswell plus innumerable other organizations, have gone on record in favor of such enabling legislation. However, the motivation of your group obviously is diametrically opposite from that of the proponents of this legislation.”

Watson and Daniels were part of the Lea County team of junior college supporters who served on one of the two steering committees that guided Lea residents in the early stages of creating the college. Both of them were influential businessmen, locally and statewide. Although the letter they wrote is businesslike and professional, its tone shows the intensity of the

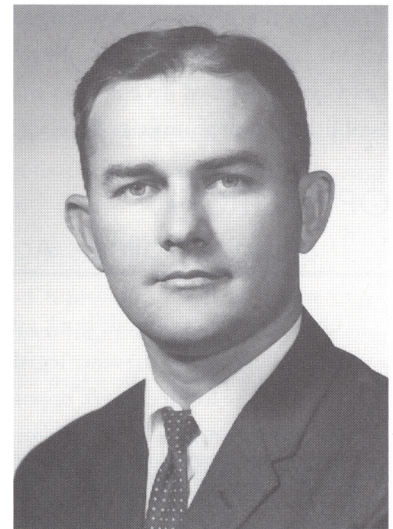


First Board. George Mansur, Finis Heidel, Finn Watson, Ferrell Caster, and Roy McLean (left to right).



emotions in Lea County concerning the creation of a Lea County junior college and concerning any opposition from other institutions or organizations around the state.

Later in the letter, Watson and Daniels go on to write, "Please do not think that we are unaware of the fact that Las Cruces and your college have led the fight against Junior Colleges for some eighteen or twenty years." They outline in some detail how much the oil and gas industry and the various mines in southeast New Mexico contribute in taxes to NMSU and all of the universities.



Governor Jack Campbell ——— Glen Houston

The letter ends, "We would like to see your Chamber reconsider this so that we could all make a cooperative effort to better the educational program of New Mexico."

There had been opposition from various quarters to having a junior college act throughout the 1950s, but the movement picked up momentum in the 1959 legislature, the 24th State Legislature, when Senate Joint Resolution 13 passed both houses and established an interim committee to study the junior college question.

In the next legislative session, 1961, House Bill 55 passed both houses, but it was vetoed by Governor Edwin L. Mechem who was from Las Cruces and who was influenced in his decision by his hometown and administrators at NMSU in addition to other opposing forces from around the state.

## THE JUNIOR COLLEGE ACT and Lea County Response

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However, New Mexico finally had the enabling legislation with the twenty-sixth Legislature, in 1963, when House Bill 130 and Senate Bill 132 were passed by both houses and were signed by Governor Jack M. Campbell.

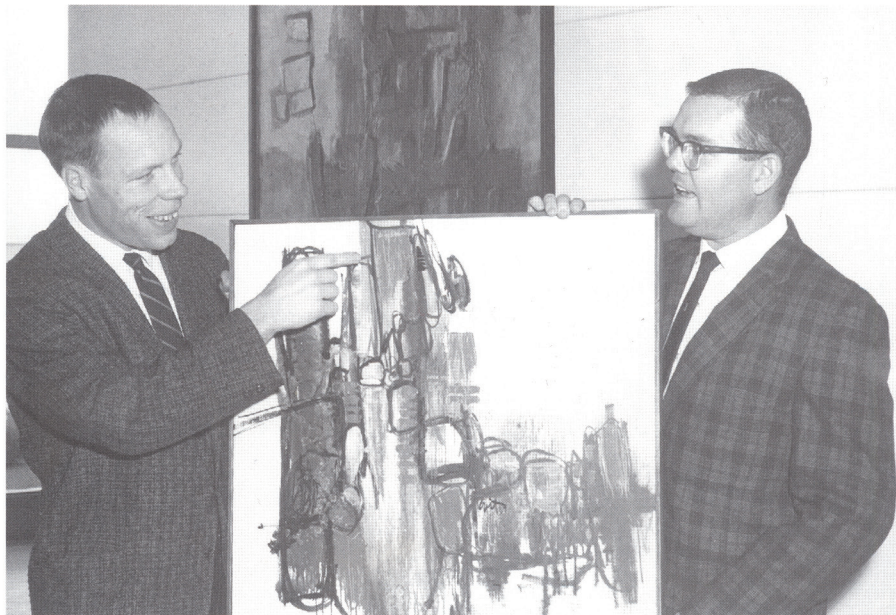
In Lea County a fifteen-member Steering Committee was formed to come up with a plan for organizing a junior college. The chairman of that committee was Ben Alexander, a prominent businessman and an oil well servicing contractor in Hobbs. The other members represented the other public school districts in Lea County. Their names, occupations, and towns are listed below:

1. Ben Alexander
2. Allen Church, banker, Tatum
3. Hobdy Gann, investments, county commissioner, Lovington
4. Dr. L. P. Clark, veterinarian, Lovington
5. Randall Montgomery, geologist, mayor, Hobbs
6. J. M. Murray Jr., investments, Hobbs
7. Glen Houston, attorney, Hobbs
8. John Watson, Watson Truck & Supply, Hobbs





Campus, 1968.



Grant Lund, Art (left), Emmet Cohagen, Music.





— TUG-O-WAR.





Mary Hagelstein.

9. Mack Easley, attorney, lieutenant governor of New Mexico, Hobbs
10. Guy Jameson, Continental Oil Company, Hobbs
11. Forrest Spry, Humble Oil Company, Hobbs
12. J. W. Caton, superintendent of Eunice Public Schools
13. R. L. McLean, oil field contactor, Eunice
14. John Uxer, superintendent of Jal Public Schools
15. Olen Brown, Texas New Mexico Pipeline, Jal

Alexander had been approached by C. M. Burk to lead the Lea County efforts to get the enabling legislation passed in Santa Fe, and he worked hundreds of hours to help in the accomplishment of that, over the years spending many days and weeks driving to and staying in the state capitol.

Then when it was time to form a local steering committee, Alexander took on the task and spent many more days and weeks guiding that group. His work in creating NMJC cannot be

overestimated. If Burk is the father of the college, then Alexander could rightly be called the hardworking son of the father. A modest man, Alexander has continued over the years to downplay his role. Excerpts from a 2008 interview with him recalling those years can be read in an appendix to this book.

The steering committee members met many times with Lea residents to discuss the prospects for a junior college. In addition, they met with Dr. Marvin Baker, president of South Plains Junior College in Levelland, Texas, and they met several times with Dr. Jack Rogers, president of Odessa College in Odessa, Texas. Baker and Rogers appeared before groups of Lea citizens, and they advised the steering committee members.

In the years of work that went into the development of the college, another important contributor was W. G. Donley. A former superintendent of the Hobbs Schools, Donley worked as a consultant and a lobbyist for the effort in Santa Fe. In addition to his legislative work, it was through Donley's efforts that historic materials of the junior college movement were preserved in the NMJC Archives in Pannell Library. As a footnote, Donley is the grandfather of New Mexico Lieutenant Governor Diane Denish, her father being Jack Daniels.

In Lea County the superintendents of Hobbs, Lovington, and Tatum Schools attended many of the steering committee meetings. They were Nelson Tydings from Hobbs; H. C. Pannell from Lovington; and Roy Hollingsworth from Tatum.

After much discussion, the committee hired Dr. C. C. Colvert as a consultant to the group. Colvert was professor in junior college education at the University of Texas at Austin, and he had worked as a consultant in the establishment of most of the junior colleges in Texas, and in the establishment of many junior colleges in Colorado, Mississippi, and Florida.

Colvert produced a document entitled *A Study of the Junior College Financial and Building Needs of Lea County, New Mexico*, which he submitted to the Steering Committee on January 3, 1964. The report, which like the other documents cited in this book is preserved in the Pannell Library Archives, states that "the Lea County junior college has a four-fold function to perform: 1. To offer technical curriculums to high school graduates.... 2. To offer vocational curriculums to high school graduates as well as to non-high school graduates who are at least eighteen years of age.... 3. To offer pre-professional and liberal arts courses.... 4. To offer adult education courses and other community services."

In the weeks and months following Colvert's report, Steering Committee members met with citizens in all of Lea's towns talking with them about the importance of having a junior college in the county. The members felt good about the receptions they received in all of the towns except Jal, and they made special efforts to talk publicly and privately with Jal residents.





James Murray Jr.



John Watson.



Lieutenant Governor Mack Easley.



Hobbs School Alumni Booklet, 1958.

overwhelmingly to approve the issuance of \$3 million in general obligation bonds to build the junior college three miles north of Hobbs on the Lovington Highway.

## Naming the New College

At one of their meetings, the Steering Committee met to discuss the naming of the college. There were several suggestions as to what the future college should be called. The committee was very much aware of the work of C. M. Burk, and one

The date of October 28, 1964, was set for the election, and on that date the voters in Eunice, Hobbs, Lovington, and Tatum voted overwhelmingly to form a junior college district. However, the voters in Jal rejected the idea.

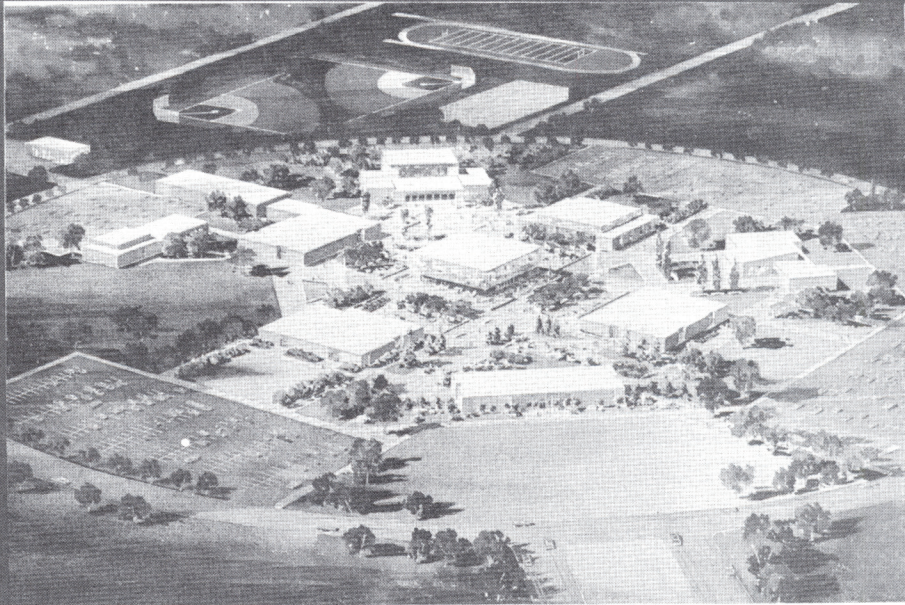
The Steering Committee went right back to work immediately after the defeat, and this time Chairman Alexander reorganized and enlarged the Steering Committee by having separate committees in each of the towns. Each town committee had a chair, or co-chairs, with numerous members who would campaign for the establishment of the college before the next election.

The town chairs were Allen Church, Tatum; L. P. Clarke and Hobdy Gann, Lovington; Glen Houston and John Watson, Hobbs; and J. W. Caton and R. L. McLean, Eunice.

Just three months after the defeat in the first election, on January 20, 1965, a second election was held for the establishment of a junior college district to be made up of the school districts in Eunice, Hobbs, Lovington, and Tatum. It passed overwhelmingly.

In June 1965, citizens voted to establish an operational tax levy for the new college. And in August of that year, they voted





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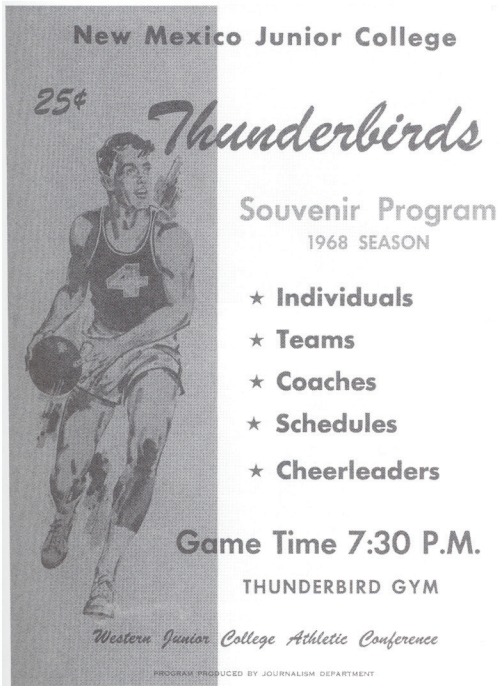


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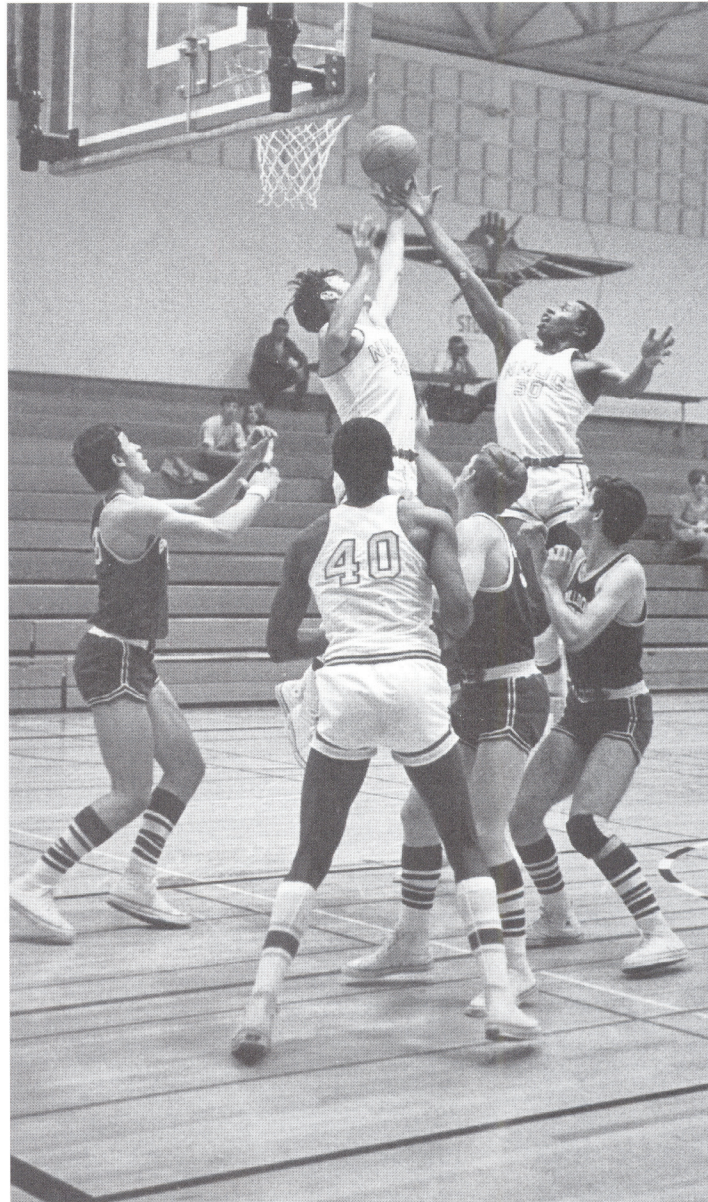
NMJC Thunderbirds Basketball Souvenir Program 1968 Season.

of its members suggested calling the school Burk Junior College. Of course, many had thought the college was going to be a countywide institution, and it can be assumed some had planned to call it Lea County Junior College.

Given the fact that Jal had rejected being part of a college district and only part of the county made up the district, the idea of calling it Lea County Junior College was rejected early in the discussion. Attending the meeting with other interested citizens was Rosemary Houston, a teacher in the Hobbs schools and wife of Glen Houston, an original member of the Steering Committee.

Rosemary suggested the name “New Mexico Junior College,” and reasoning that the school would be the first of its kind in the state, members of the committee voted to call the new college as Rosemary had recommended.

Since the maternal parent usually figures in the naming of a child, perhaps Rosemary Houston ought to be called the “Mother of New Mexico Junior College,” especially since Rosemary’s husband Glen had been husbanding the creation of the college since the steering committee was formed. *~*



NMJC versus Clarendon, 1970.



## MEMO

**Date:** March 9, 2011  
**To:** New Mexico Junior College Board Members  
**From:** Steve McCleery  
**Subject:** Tuition and Fee Increases

As you are aware, 2011 Summer School tuition and fee revenues are expensed in the 2011-2012 budget year, and registration for Summer School begins April 11, 2011. In order to account for the recommended tuition increase in the appropriate budget year, the Administration recommends that we increase tuition by \$1.00 per credit hour for In-District tuition, \$1.00 increase for Out-of-District tuition, and a \$4.00 increase for Out-of-State tuition.

Current In-District tuition per credit hour is \$32.00, the Out-of-District is \$51.00, and the Out-of-State tuition is \$56.00. Additionally, the Administration recommends a \$1.00 increase to the "General Usage Fee".

In keeping with the NMJC Tuition and Fee Policy, Vice Presidents Hardin and Organ met with students to discuss the potential increases.

Thank you for your consideration.