



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 26, 2018

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Pecos League Litigation to Recover Unpaid Stadium Service Fees**

At the January 26, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting a discussion arose regarding the due diligence the County has used to try collecting funds owed the County from the Pecos League.

The attached January 25, 2018 memorandum from Chief Deputy County Administrator Jan Leshar highlights the efforts made to recover those funds due the Stadium. The costs incurred primarily relate to security and law enforcement for a July 4, 2017 special event. The County has made every effort to try to collect these funds, but have received no response from the Pecos League. Recently, we were notified by the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department that the Pecos League was now contracting with the City for the use of Reid Park. Funds are due the County and the County will take all actions authorized by the Board to collect.

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Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Maureen Ochoa, Director, Stadium District



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 25, 2018

To: C. H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

From: Jan Leshner 
Chief Deputy County Administrator

Re: Pecos League Reconciliation

At the January 16, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board discussed a potential lawsuit against the Pecos League of Professional Baseball Clubs, L.L.C. for payment of stadium service fees.

The following information summarizes the process used to reconcile final statements with all teams post-event and used with the Pecos League.

- County staff compiles a ledger that notes any variances from the original estimated amount. These notes may include additional items such as light hours used, concessions revenue and ticket surcharge. Decreases from the original estimate are also noted, relating primarily to items such as a decrease in participants or inclement weather.
- The ledger sheet (reconciliation) is then sent to the event organizer to review via email and/or in person until an agreement regarding the charges is reached.
- Following this approved reconciliation, the amount due is then paid to Pima County.

The final dispute with the Pecos League primarily involves the July 4th event and issues related to security and law enforcement; the requirements delineated in the agreement and subsequent addendums.

The event organizer did not wish to adhere to requirements of the contract. In the best interest of community safety and pursuant to the agreement, the County made appropriate security arrangements and passed the cost to the event coordinator, as stipulated in the contract. Such costs were included in the draft reconciliation sent to the Pecos League. Representatives of the Pecos League ceased communication with Pima County at that time. They did not respond to calls and emails, including an offer of a payment plan for the balance due.

The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department notified Kino Stadium District leadership that the Pecos League was inquiring about and contracting with the City for the use of Reid Park. At that time, staff concluded the Pecos League did not plan to return for the 2018 season or pay the outstanding amount due.

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c: Reenie Ochoa, Director, Director, Pima County Stadium District