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## Memo to file

Re: Meeting with Judge Ben Cross on August 6, 2019

Judge Cross and I were informally talking prior to August 6<sup>th</sup> and he stated he wanted to visit with me regarding some ideas for the Russellville School District in the event a casino entity came to our community.

We settled on August 6<sup>th</sup> at approximately 3:15 as both of us were available at that time. I agreed to meet in his office at the Pope County Court House. When I arrived, his secretary welcomed me and told me to go into his office and that he was expecting me. As I entered his office, another meeting was wrapping up. Persons present were Judge Cross, Doug Skelton, Caleb Moore, and Ernie Enchelmayer.

A conversation began about some possible opportunities for the students of the Russellville SD that a casino entity might be able to offer. Topics included were; possible funds that could benefit the Center for the Arts foundation, purchase of school buses, non-profit opportunities that we could apply for, and possible capital improvement projects. This conversation lasted approximately 10-15 minutes before all left except for Judge Cross and me.

For the next 45 minutes, Judge Cross and I discussed in greater detail possible financial benefits for the students of the Russellville SD. We also discussed all of the casino entities that he had visited with over the last several months and some of the offers that they had discussed that would benefit our county.

Furthermore, we discussed some of the challenges we both have faced in the last several months and how this divisive topic has affected us both personally and professionally.

The meeting ended approximately 4:15 and I returned to my office at the Russellville School District Administration Building.