

**COUNTY OF OTERO, NEW MEXICO
COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
COMMISSION CHAMBERS - Rm#253
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Commission Chairman: Doug Moore, Commission District 1
Commission Vice-Chairperson: Clarissa McGinn, Commission District 2
Commission Member: Michael Nivison, Commission District 3**

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF NEW MEXICO

“I salute the flag of the state of New Mexico, the zia symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures.”

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA

All items marked “CA” will be approved by a single motion, these items on the “Consent Agenda” are considered routine and should not require further discussion. Items can be removed at the request of a Commissioner, County staff, or a member of the public, removed items will be heard in the order of the numbered sequence.

- CA **A. Approval of Bills Lists:**
 (1) #48, #49, #50

- CA **B. Approval of Minutes:**
 (2) Work Session, April 11, 2007
 Budget Work Session, April 11, 2007

- CA **C. Purchasing:**
 (3) Consider approving sealed bid #07-025 for the purchase of two (2) generators, transfer switch, and a Tow-able light tower, in the amount of (\$38,241.00) to Uptown Rentals, Alamogordo, and (\$30,200.00) to Action Rental, Las Cruces. This purchase is made by Emergency Services utilizing grant money from a Homeland Security Grant. Submitted by: Ginger Herndon/Paul Quairoli

- CA (4) Consider approving sealed bid #07-027 for re-roofing of the Weed gymnasium in the amount of (\$79,305.00 plus all applicable taxes) to Jack Wayte Construction, Alamogordo, per attached architects recommendation and bid tab. Available funding (\$175,000.00) from a Legislative Grant. Submitted by: Ginger Herndon
- D. Resolutions, Contracts, & Agreements:**
- CA (5) Consider approving **Resolution No. 05-08-07/95-63** requesting a budget decrease of \$60,000 in General Fund/Fairgrounds and a budget increase in the same amount in the Road Fund for the purpose of conducting repairs to the Fairgrounds parking lot. Submitted by: Donna Brandon
- CA (6) Consider approving **Resolution No. 05-08-07/95-64** for the Fresno Canyon Rd. improvement project request for GRIP2. The GRIP2 amount is \$423,000 and a County 10% match of \$47,000 is required to see this project through. This will chip-seal the remaining 2.3 miles of Fresno Canyon Rd. Submitted by: Bill Lee Parker
- CA (7) Consider approving **Resolution No. 05-08-07/95-65** requesting a burn ban in Otero County. Due to continued dry conditions, defoliation of the forest, significant growth of light/flashy fuels during the rain events of 2006, there is a potential for catastrophic loss (life, property and economic). The present fire danger is very high and it is recommended that this resolution be approved. Submitted by: Paul Quairoli
- CA (8) Consider approving **Resolution No. 05-08-07/95-66** requesting the adoption of the interim operating budget for fiscal year 2007/2008. Submitted by: Donna Brandon
- CA (9) Consider approving agreement #2007-2364 between Otero County, acting as fiscal agent on behalf of the Sacramento Mountains Senior Services, and the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department for a grant in the amount of \$7,500. These funds will be used to perform the needed improvements or purchase the necessary equipment in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Submitted by: Donna Brandon
- CA (10) Consider approving a grant agreement between Otero County and the New Mexico Department of Finance & Administration/Local Government Division in consideration of thirteen (13) projects totaling \$2,065,800 for General Fund appropriations funded during the 1st Session of the 48th Legislature, 2007. Submitted by: Donna Brandon
- CA (11) Request approval of an agreement between Otero County and the City of Alamogordo for the housing of city prisoners, which includes a daily rate of \$80 per prisoner. This rate is being changed for all non-state entities holding inmates at the Otero County Detention Center. Submitted by: Dr. Martin Moore

- CA (12) Request approval of an agreement between Otero County and the law firm of Daniel A. Bryant, P.A. The agreed upon cost for retaining the services of the firm, including the lead attorney, back-up legal council and staff is in the amount of \$12,633.00 per month, plus applicable taxes. The agreement also includes a requirement that lead council establish office hours for himself one day per week and either himself or staff for an additional two days per week.
Submitted by: Dr. Martin Moore

- E. **Elected Officials, Department Heads, Committee Reports:**
CA (13) Request approval to amend the Otero County Commission Meeting Schedule for the remainder of calendar year 2007. Submitted by: Dr. Martin Moore

F. **Public Hearing(s):**
6:30 p.m.

- (14) **Dale Palkki** – Consider approval to vacate an easement located in Lots 13 & 14 of Government Subdivision of Section 18, Township 17 South, Range 9 East, Otero County, New Mexico. (Approximately four miles south of Alamogordo on Highway 70, located on the property formerly known as Emporium Furniture) Approval has been recommended by the Otero County Planning Commission.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- (15) Request from Charles Walker for Otero County to notify the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the NM Game & Fish Department that county property owners and public land ranchers are experiencing excessive elk damage and need to be compensated.

COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

A. **Doug Moore - (District 1)**

B. **Clarissa McGinn - (District 2)**

C. **Michael Nivison - (District 3)**

- 1) Request to utilize county funds to address Ecosystem Health Emergencies in areas of county jurisdiction.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: *(Limited to 3 minutes)*

The issues raised during "Unscheduled Citizen Communications" are not action items and shall not be entitled to decision making by the Otero County Commission at the meeting where they are first raised.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Collective Bargaining
- B. Pending/Threatened Litigation
- C. Personnel
 - 1) Organizational Restructuring
 - 2) Request approval of an employment contract for Ray Backstrom
- D. Land
 - 1) Disposal & Acquisition of Land
 - 2) Aces School
- E. Roads
- F. Detention Center
- G. Contracts

ADJOURNMENT**For Information Only:**

The next scheduled Otero County Commission meeting is Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.