

COUNTY OF OTERO, NEW MEXICO
COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
COMMISSION CHAMBERS - Rm#253
THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 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:

Presentation: Timberon Development Council on the progress of tree thinning and improvements to parks and airstrip.

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.

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| | A. | <u>Approval of Bills Lists:</u> | |
| CA | (1) | #55, #56, #57 | |
| | B. | <u>Approval of Minutes:</u> | |
| CA | (2) | Regular Meeting, May 8, 2007 | |
| | | Worksession, May 23, 2007 | |
| | | Special Meeting, May 23, 2007 | |

- C. Health Care Services:**
- CA (3) Consider approving or denying claims for all providers through June 2007, closing out the 2006/2007 fiscal year. This includes our Sole Provider, Gerald Champion Regional Medical and all other providers.
- Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center
 - 85 claims recommended for approval totaling \$196,788.52
 - 23 claims recommended for denial totaling \$113,118.37 (claimants failed to complete review process)
 - Memorial Medical Center, Las Cruces, NM
 - 26 claims recommended for approval totaling \$74,013.98
 - American Medical Response
 - 17 claims recommended for approval totaling \$6,612.94
 - 2 claims recommended for denial totaling \$572.99 (claimants failed to complete paper work)
 - Southwest Ambulance
 - 2 claims recommended for approval totaling \$1,000.00
 - Alamogordo Home Care
 - 1 claim recommended for approval totaling \$362.36
 - Presbyterian Medical Center, Albuquerque, NM
 - 1 claim recommended for approval totaling \$10,000.00
- Submitted by: Gloria Sainz
- D. Purchasing:**
- CA (4) Consider approving RFP 07-028 Engineer/Architect Services contract for Otero County to ASA, Las Cruces; Bohannon Huston, Las Cruces; Engineers Inc., Las Cruces. (miscellaneous amounts). Ginger Herndon and the evaluation board are recommending awarding the RFP to all three bidders. These will be a one (1) year contracts with the option to renew on an additional three (3) years, not to exceed a total of four (4) years. Submitted by: Ginger Herndon
- E. Resolutions, Contracts, & Agreements:**
- CA (5) Consider approval of **Resolution No. 06-21-07/95-70** for a budget adjustment of \$7,371 to reflect the receipt of additional 2005 H.I.D.T.A. grant monies.
Submitted by: Donna Brandon
- CA (6) Consider approval of **Resolution No. 06-21-07/95-71** for a budget adjustment of \$149,760 to reflect the award of a Homeland Security/Border Security Operations grant. The purpose of this grant award is to fund personnel overtime costs incurred in the performance of border security operations.
Submitted by: Donna Brandon
- CA (7) Consider approval of **Resolution No. 06-21-07/95-72** for a budget adjustment of \$5,000 to reflect the award of a Selected Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant. The purpose of this grant is to fund personnel overtime costs incurred in the effort to reduce traffic related injuries and fatalities.
Submitted by: Donna Brandon

- CA (8) Consider approval of **Resolution No. 06-21-07/95-73** for a budget adjustment of \$120,000 to reflect the award of a 2007 General Fund legislative appropriation for the construction of the new La Luz Fire Station.
Submitted by: Donna Brandon
- CA (9) Consider approval of **Resolution No. 06-21-07/95-76**, which requests the U.S. Forest Service to grant Otero County a 50 ft. easement on Fresnal Canyon Rd.
Submitted by: Bill Lee Parker
- CA (10) Consider approval of **Resolution No. 06-21-07/95-77** for fiscal-year-end budget adjustments for the General Fund. These budget adjustments will increase revenues by \$217,000 and increase expenditures by \$194,000.
Submitted by: Donna Brandon
- CA (11) Consider approval of **Resolution No. 06-21-07/95-78** for fiscal-year-end budget adjustments for the Corrections Fund. These budget adjustments will increase revenues by \$114,000 and increase expenditures by \$275,000.
Submitted by: Donna Brandon
- CA (12) Consider approval of **Resolution No. 06-21-07/95-79** for fiscal-year-end budget adjustments for the H.I.D.T.A. Fund. This is a contingency appropriation for a cash transfer of \$20,000 to the H.I.D.T.A. Fund from the General Fund in the event the 3rd quarter reimbursement is not received prior to the fiscal year end.
Submitted by: Donna Brandon
- CA (13) Consider approval of **Resolution No. 06-21-07/95-80** for the fiscal-year-end budget increases totaling \$232,000 for the Indigent Fund. This budget increase makes additional appropriations for Supplemental Distribution (\$124,000), Indigent Other Providers (\$98,000) and Indigent Prisoner Services (\$10,000).
Submitted by: Donna Brandon
- CA (14) Consider approval of **Resolution No. 06-21-07/95-81** for fiscal-year-end budget adjustments to the Environmental Fund. Increasing revenues by \$20,000, expenditures by \$70,000, making an additional cash transfer from General Fund of \$50,000. Submitted by: Donna Brandon
- CA (15) Consider approval of **Resolution No. 06-21-07/95-82** for a fiscal-year-end budget increase of \$20,000 to the Dog Canyon Landfill Closure/Post Closure Fund. Due to unanticipated costs incurred in the closure efforts, a budget increase is necessary to insure an adequate appropriation for the remainder of fiscal year 2006/2007. Submitted by: Donna Brandon
- CA (16) Consider approval of **Resolution No. 06-21-07/95-83** for a fiscal-year-end budget increase to make an additional cash transfer of \$100,000 from General Fund to Legislative Grant Funds. These projects include construction of the La Luz Fire Station and the remodel of the Flickinger Center.
Submitted by: Donna Brandon

- CA (17)** Consider approval to charge \$1,532.40 in expenses related to the insect infestation in the Lincoln National Forest against the \$100,000 restricted appropriation made for emergency declarations. Submitted by: Donna Brandon
- CA (18)** Consider approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Dona Ana County Board of Commissioners and the Otero County Board of Commissioners for ambulance service for the citizens of the community of Chaparral, NM. Dona Ana County contracts with American Medical Response the amount of \$200,000, of which Otero County is responsible for 37% (no more than \$72,000). Submitted by: Dr. Martin Moore/Ray Backstrom
- CA (19)** Consider approving an agreement between Otero County and Bernalillo County Juvenile Detention and Youth Services Center to house Otero County juvenile offenders. Currently we are paying 125.00 per day per juvenile for the housing cost. The new contract proposes an increase of \$10.00 per juvenile per day, for a total cost of \$135.00 per juvenile per day. Submitted by: Virginia Blansett
- CA (20)** Consider approving an agreement between Otero County and Dona Ana County for the housing of Otero County Juveniles. Currently we are paying \$108.41 per day per juvenile for the housing cost. The new contract proposes an increase of \$3.09 per day, for a total cost of \$111.50 per juvenile per day. Submitted by: Virginia Blansett
- CA (21)** Consider approving Grant Agreement No. 08-D-J-G-20 between Otero County and the Department of Finance and Administration in the amount of \$45,000 for the DWI program. Submitted by: H.R. Prather
- CA (22)** Consider an agreement between Otero County and Diane Romo to fill the vacant position of Planning Coordinator. The contract will be effective July 1, 2007 in the amount of \$20,000 a year. Submitted by: Dale Palkki
- CA (23)** Consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Twelfth Judicial District Attorney's Office and the Otero County Sheriff's Office. The New Mexico Legislature awarded the 12th D.A. \$56,200 to fund a County position, which the 12th D.A. will reimburse Otero County up to \$56,200 over the fiscal year for salary and benefit costs of maintaining the domestic violence investigator with the Sheriff's Office. Submitted by: Dr. Martin Moore
- CA (24)** Consider approval of an employment agreement between Otero County and Ray Backstrom, Assistant County Manager. There is no salary increase above the cost of living adjustment approved in the 2007/2008 budget. Submitted by: Dr. Martin Moore
- CA (25)** Consider approving the renewal of a CO-OP agreement between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and Otero County to continue county road maintenance on 122.27 miles of U.S. Forest Service roads. Submitted by: Bill Lee Parker

F. Elected Officials, Department Heads, Committee Reports:

- CA (26) Consider re-appointing Jerry Johnson and Bill Lee Parker as representatives to the Southeast Regional Planning Organization for both the Policy and Technical Committees. Annually, the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments provides the county an opportunity to appoint or confirm designated representatives to the Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO). Submitted by: Martin D. Moore
- CA (27) Consider the appointment of two planning commission members to the Otero County Planning Commission Board. An advertisement for the positions ran in the Alamogordo Daily News for four successive weeks. Two of the four applicants need to be selected to fill the current vacancies on the board. Submitted by: Dale Palkki
- CA (28) Consider approving the acceptance of a Special Warranty Deed for 0.258 acres donated by the Sacramento Mountain Methodist Assembly Camp to be used as a site for a rural volunteer fire station. This tract of land is located on the corner of Assembly and Point of Silence in the Sacramento/Weed Fire District. Submitted by: Paul Quairoli
- CA (29) Consider final plat approval for Creekside Estates, Unit 1 Subdivision. This 11 lot subdivision is located approximately 5 miles northeast of Tularosa, between Highway 70 (on the south) and the Tularosa Creek (on the north). Submitted by: Dale Palkki

G. Public Hearing(s):

6:30 p.m.

- (30) **Martin Moore** – Hear public comments on the creation of a Wildlife Management Criteria Ordinance, focusing on introduced wildlife species (e.g. Elk, Oryx, etc.)

COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Doug Moore - (District 1)**
B. Clarissa McGinn - (District 2)
C. Michael Nivison - (District 3)

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
- D. Land
- E. Roads
- F. Detention Center
- G. Contracts

ADJOURNMENT**For Information Only:**

The next scheduled Otero County Commission
meeting is Thursday,
July 19, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.