

COUNTY OF OTERO, NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY COMMISSION EMERGENCY MEETING AGENDA  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS - Rm#253  
MONDAY AUGUST 7, 2006 - 9:00 a.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*

- (1) Request approval of **Resolution #08-07-06/95-05** declaring a Flood Emergency in Otero County.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

ADJOURNMENT

For Information Only:

The next scheduled Otero County Commission meeting is Tuesday August 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

# AGENDA REPORT

## Otero County Commission

Meeting Date: August 7, 2006

Report Date: August 5, 2006

Submitted By: Paul Quairol

Approved For Agenda: 

**Subject:**

Declaration of a State of Emergency for all of Otero County, including, but not limited to; the communities of Timberon and Boles Acres, due to heavy rains and severe flood damage.

**Research/Background:**

On 8/1/2006, the community of Timberon, and the surrounding areas of Otero County, received a substantial amount of rain (approx. 5 to 8 inches in 12 hours) within a short period of time. These heavy rains caused flooding, and as a result of large amounts of water runoff, has impacted infrastructure belonging to Otero County, and the Timberon Water and Sanitation District. During a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA), a minimum of 37 separate areas of damage were identified that will require moderate to extensive repair.

Items identified in the PDA include items such as debris removal from culvert pipes, grading of roadways, filling eroded roadways with material, recovering of exposed water pipes, bridge repair, and possible bridge replacement(s).

Attached to this report is a list of identified locations, and a CD-Rom of pictures taken during the event and the subsequent PDA. Estimates of cost of repair have not yet been completed, but are expected to exceed \$300,000.00.

On 8/6/2006, a substantial amount of rain, yet to be determined, was received in Alamo Canyon. These heavy rains then collected at the base of the canyon and proceeded into the Oro Vista, and Boles Acres area. The heavy flow reached the community of Boles Acres as a 4 foot high wall of water, and immediately overwhelmed the culvert system and caused flooding. Although attempts were made to deploy sand bags to protect the integrity of the ditch, it failed to contain the water running through it. As a result of these breaches, large amounts of water runoff began to flow into residential property. In an attempt to protect these properties from the flood waters, and any future flooding, the culvert pipes restricting flow in these areas were removed, and as a result has impacted infrastructure belonging to Otero County.


**Staff/Department Recommendation:**

It is recommended that a state of emergency be declared by Otero County so that assistance can be requested, and or activated from local, state, or if needed, federal resources.

Approval/Disapproval: BCC

**Reviewed By:**

Assessor \_\_\_\_\_ Building & Grounds \_\_\_\_\_ Clerks \_\_\_\_\_ Convenience Center \_\_\_\_\_

Detention \_\_\_\_\_ DWI \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Services  Fair Grounds \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Director \_\_\_\_\_ Indigent \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ Public Works \_\_\_\_\_

Rifle Range \_\_\_\_\_ Sheriff \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

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State of New Mexico  
 County of Otero

RESOLUTION NO. 08-07-06/95-05

Re: Declaration of Flood Emergency in Otero County

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Otero has determined that due to multiple flooding incidents during the period of August 1-6, 2006 Otero County suffered severe damage; and

WHEREAS, extended damage was caused to roads, homes, ditches, bridges, pipelines crossings, and other structures and infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, all local available public and private resources and forces available to mitigate and alleviate the damages are deemed insufficient to cope with the resulting situation, complete repairs, and meet restoration requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby declare an emergency due to flooding in Otero County, including but not limited to its incorporated and unincorporated communities.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby declare Otero County a disaster area for the purposes of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources, and requesting assistance and relief programs and funds available from the State of New Mexico.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
 OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ATTEST:

*Christina Niro Silva*  
 Robyn Silva, County Clerk



*Doug Moore*  
 Doug Moore, Chairman

*Clarissa McGinn*  
 Clarissa McGinn, Vice-Chairperson

*Michael Nivison*  
 Michael Nivison, Member