

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 2, 2007

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in a Regular Meeting at the Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 2:15 p.m., and he announced that reasonable notice for this meeting was given to the Alamogordo Daily News, and to Radio Stations, KPSA, KINN AND KYEE.

Present:

Doug Moore	Chairman
Clarissa McGinn	Vice-Chair person
Michael Nivison	Member
Ray Backstrom	Assistant County Manager
Dan Bryant	County Attorney
Bill Lee Parker	Public Works Director
LaDonna Perry	Department Secretary
Denise Reliford	Elections Coordinator

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Richard Coltharp gave the invocation. Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) **Proclamation Presentation:** Commissioner McGinn read the Proclamation for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday 2007. The day observed will be January 13, 2007.
- B.) **Presentation:** Mary Feldblum, Ph.D. Executive Director for the Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign gave a presentation. She explained a Health Security Plan Proposal that they have been working on for 12 years. She explained how the benefit package will guarantee access to comprehensive, quality health care coverage regardless of income or health and employment status. The Legislative proposal will allow most New Mexican residents

guaranteed health care coverage, and the coverage must be at least as comprehensive as the state employees' health plan. Residents could choose their health care provider, physician and hospital. The plan would be funded by existing money. This is a three year process. The commission wished her much success in the program. Stephanie Dubois from the audience backed her up on the program.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item A1- Commissioner Moore held this item until after the executive session.

COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

The only discussion held was the Legislative Capital Outlay breakfast announcement. The breakfast will be held on Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. at the Alamogordo Senior Center and at 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse.

UNSCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

No discussion was made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Item C. Personnel Issues to discuss limited personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. Roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioner McGinn	Yes
Commissioner Moore	Yes
Commissioner Nivison	Yes

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to return from Executive Session having discussed the items above with no decisions made. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. Roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioner McGinn	Yes
Commissioner Moore	Yes
Commissioner Nivison	Yes

Consent Agenda Item A1 – Consider approving a draft employment agreement contract to hire Adel M. Mabrouk, P.E. for a newly created position regarding the Otero County Engineer. Commissioner Nivison made a motion subject to approval of some minor details worked out between the engineer and the county attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See page

There being no further business before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

Doug Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robyn Silva, County Clerk

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