

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in a Work Session at the Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 9:00 a.m., January 4, 2006; 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:**

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| Doug Moore       | Chairman                 |
| Clarissa McGinn  | Vice-Chair person        |
| Michael Nivison  | Absent                   |
| Dr. Martin Moore | County Manager           |
| Ray Backstrom    | Assistant County Manager |
| Dan Bryant       | County Attorney          |
| Bobbie Reyes     | Department Assistant     |
| Lynn Estrada     | Deputy Clerk             |

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Commissioner Moore gave the invocation. Commissioner McGinn led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

**1. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Minutes
- b. Bills Lists #26, #27, #28
- c. Personnel-New hires, promotions and transfers

**2. Purchasing:**

a. Approval of Sealed Bid #06015 for the sale of unclaimed firearms to Larry's Discount Gun Shop in the amount of \$2,135.00.

**3. Resolution, Contracts and Agreements:**

a. Approval of the Agreement between Otero County and Rick Lessentine to continue well monitoring services in Boles Acres.

b. Approval of the 2006 Legislative Liaison Agreement between Otero County and Maurice Hobson. To provide lobbying services to this years legislative session. Mr. Hobson is requesting an increase from \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00

Commissioner Moore directed staff to get with Mr. Hobson to write out his objectives, goals and a format for this years session. Commissioner McGinn would like to review the contract before approving an increase. Dan Bryant stated that there is no price set in the contract until it's been approved. Commissioner Moore would like to have information on what the Coalition of County's and the Association of County's are going to lobby for. The whole purpose for Mr. Hobson was to target legislation that would be beneficial to Otero County when it wasn't strongly represented by the other Associations. Commissioner McGinn requested to have the scope of work from Mr. Hobson before next Tuesday nights meeting.

c. Approval of Resolution No. 01-10-06/94-42 Budget adjustment for Alamogordo Search and Rescue.

d. Approval of Resolution No. 01-10-06/94-43 Budget adjustment for DWI.

**4. Elected Officials/Department Heads/Committee Reports:**

a. Dale Palkki-Final Plat approval is requested for the Broken Arrow Estates Subdivision.

b. Martin D. Moore-Request approval of the Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center request

for the Sole Community Hospital payment adjustment, increasing the annual funding amount 4% for a total payment of \$1,618,801 for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

c. Martin D. Moore-Request approval of Resolution No. 01-10-06/94-44 for the Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center's request to the State of New Mexico for payment from the sole community hospital provided fund in the amount of \$1,618,801.00 for fiscal year 2006-2007 establishing Otero County's maximum payment to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center, including Federal matching funds.

Commissioner Moore stated that these 2 items address the same issue of Gerald Champion's funding as sole community provider. The request here, in no way meets the needs of the community but it is a step in the right direction. The State will determine whether or not we will get this increase.

Jim Childers, CEO from Gerald Champion, stated that the 4% increase would be used for increase of medical cost, inflation and equipment. Mr. Childers stated that he will be meeting with Gloria Sainz, Health Care Coordinator, and his staff to look at the process improvement steps to better improve the determination and approvals of claims.

**5. Executive Session:**

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and pending and threatening litigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore. Roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioner McGinn	yes
Commissioner Moore	yes

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to come out of Executive Session having discussed personnel issues and pending and threatening litigation having made no decisions. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Moore. Roll call was taken as follows:


Commissioner McGinn	yes
Commissioner Moore	yes

**6. Commission Discussion:**

Commissioner McGinn stated that staff has prepared our legislative capital outlay requests for our meeting with the Legislators on Friday. Commissioner McGinn would like to re-prioritize to reflect the entities that will be going independently before the Legislators. Our top 4 requests coming from the County will be 1. Jail Renovation, 2. Alamo West Fire Department, 3. Twin Forks Water, and 4. Sheriff Expansion.

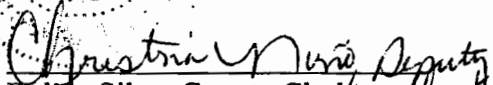
There being no further business before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

APPROVED:

  
Doug Moore, Chairman



ATTEST:

  
Robyn Silva, County Clerk

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