

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 17, 2007; 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
Dr. Martin Moore	County Manager
Ray Backstrom	Assistant County Manager
Julie Bryant	County Attorney
La Donna Perry	Department Secretary
Bill Lee Parker	Public Works Director
Lynn Estrada	Deputy Clerk

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

County Manager, Marty Moore introduced the new County Engineer, Adel Mabrouk to everyone present.

**1. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Minutes

b. Bills Lists #29, #30, #31, #32

c. Health Care Services, sole provider monthly report claims through January 10, 2007.

d. Personnel- Consider approving a recommendation for a transfer of Pamela Heltner from the position of Payroll Technician to the newly created position of Commission Liaison with a salary increase to \$28,000.00 effective 1/28/07.

LaDonna Perry inquired of the Commission what the difference is between a Commission Liaison and what she is currently doing for the Commission. Commissioner Moore stated that we created this position to aid the Commission in background research, information or communication with other associations or agencies without interfering with their normal duties. Commissioner Moore stated that you LaDonna will work for administration in developing the agenda and working for Marty Moore and Pamela will work with the Commission to help with phone calls, research or any kind of contacts for the Commission.

Commissioner McGinn stated that we have told several departments over time to not come to the Commission with new positions outside of the budget. The more appropriate thing to do, would be to consider this new position while we are doing the budget. This item has not been budgeted for.

## **2. Resolutions, Contracts & Agreements:**

a. Ratify Resolution No. 01-02-07/95-40 regarding authorizing the County to submit an application to the Department of Finance and Administration, local government division to participate in the local DWI Grant and Distribution Program.

b. Consider approving Resolution No. 01-23-07/95-41 regarding the 2007 Compliance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

c. Consider approving Resolution No. 01-23-07/95-42 regarding the execution and delivery of a loan and intercept agreement authorizing the Alamo West VFD to submit a completed application for financial assistance in the amount of \$160,000.00 from the New Mexico Finance Authority for renovations to the Alamo West Fire Station.

Donna Brandon, Financial Director, stated that Alamo West is looking to secure a loan through the New Mexico Authority to complete this project. They will pledge a portion of the regular fire funds to repay the loan.

d. Consider approving Resolution No. 01-23-07/95-43 regarding urging the Legislature to pass the New Mexico Health Security Act.

Commissioner Nivison stated that this act is to provide health care for all New Mexicans at a reasonable price. Commissioner McGinn stated that at our last meeting when we reviewed the act we had some specific questions about what this plan would comprise. We have requested more information but Commissioner Nivison stated that we won't get the information until the study is done. The money that is being asked for will go for the study to be done.

### **3. Elected Officials, Department Heads, Committee Reports:**

a. Consider approval of Sealed Bid #07-010 for a 2007/2008 Chevrolet 550 4x4 brush truck for the High Rolls VFD in the amount of \$128,612.00.

b. Requesting an amendment to the Detention property warranty deed between Michael Shyne and Otero County regarding the chain link fence that will be used in the Detention containment yard.

Marty Moore, County Manager, stated that we have worked out an agreement with Mr. Shyne allowing the chain link fence along the portion of the containment yard that faces the Detention Center. We are

waiting for Mr. Shyne's approval of the language and signature on the agreement.

c. Mid-Year Budget review.

Donna Brandon, Financial Director, gave a report of where our expenditures and revenues are at this time.

**4. Commission Discussions/Correspondence:**

a. Commissioner Moore gave a brief report on the Tri-County Commission Meeting in Dona Ana on Monday. Sierra County, Dona Ana County and Otero County met to discuss a potential GRT Tax increase to be put on a Special Election ballot for the construction of the spaceport.

b. Commissioner McGinn requested a progress report from Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority for the Convenience Center to be ready by the Tuesday night meeting. Commissioner McGinn also requested an update on the Purchasing Store.

c. Commissioner Nivison gave a report of his conversation with Dr. Fauler from the Range Improvement Task Force.

**5. Executive Session:**

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending threatening litigation and the protest regarding the Flickinger Center bid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. Roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioner McGinn	yes
Commissioner Nivison	yes
Commissioner Moore	yes

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to come out of Executive Session having discussed pending threatening litigation and the protest regarding the Flickinger Center and no decisions were made. The

motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. Roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioner McGinn	yes
Commissioner Nivison	yes
Commissioner Moore	yes

There being no further business before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Doug Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Robyn Silva, County Clerk

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