

Regular Meeting

March 14, 2006

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 6:00 p.m., March 14, 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:

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
Bill Lee Parker	Road Superintendent
Bobbie Reyes	Department Assistant
Lynn Estrada	Deputy Clerk

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

1. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to approve items A. Minutes, B. Bills List #35, #36, #37, E. Purchasing, Resolutions, Contracts and Agreements pulling item D.3 New Hire DWI Supervision Officer to discuss in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore.

Evelyn Trammel, Red Brick Restoration Foundation, introduced the new and current Board members for the Foundation. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

2. Elected Officials, Department Heads, Committee Reports:

a. Request approval to accept the donation of property for Hueco Bolson Realty Inc. for the purpose of establishing and operating a Solid Waste Transfer Station located across from the Otero County Prison Facility in Chaparral, NM.

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to accept the approval for donation of property for Hueco Bolson Realty for the purpose of establishing and operating a Solid Waste Transfer Station in Chaparral, NM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore. Commissioner Moore stated that we have received some legislative money to develop a transfer station for the Chaparral community. We appreciate the donation from Hueco Bolson, it is a good site and will work well for everyone. John Colquitt and several Chaparral residents were in attendance for support of passing this item. See pages

b. Request approval to prepare an agreement allowing the Timberon Development Council to utilize the Bureau of Land Management Wildland Urban Interface Community assistance funds received, to reduce fire fuels, thin trees and utilize chips for slash and small trees for a walking path in the Mary Glover Park.

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to approve an agreement allowing the Timberon Development Council to utilize the Bureau of Land Management Wildland Urban Interface Community assistance funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

c. Bobby Jones presented a report and recommendation from the Otero County Grazing

Advisory Board regarding the National Animal Identification System. Mr. Jones stated that the Grazing Board feels that this proposed Identification System would be devastating to the livestock industry in the state. In New Mexico the Brand Law has worked well for over a hundred years and we don't see any reason to change it. The Grazing Board has done a Resolution to present to the Board for their approval opposing the Animal Identification System. Commissioner McGinn thanked all the people that have brought this to the Commission's attention. Commissioner McGinn is not in favor of the Animal Identification System and looks forward to accepting the Resolution from the Grazing Board.

3. Commission Discussions/Correspondence:

a. Commissioner Moore stated that we had a meeting with the Forest Service and Congressman Pierce concerning Wildland Urban Interface and the Stewardship Program. The Forest Service is striving to begin the Stewardship Program. There were some internal delays with the Forest Service, but with the Congressman's encouragement, we are hoping the Forest Service will move forward so we can begin commercial harvest this season on the timber that is creating a fire threat.

4. Unscheduled Citizen Communications:

a. Elisa Falcon and Veronica Carmona, from the Colonius Development Council in Chaparral, approached the Board to ask for their help in either a loan or to talk to PNM Gas Company. The residents along Luna Street have gas lines going to the middle of the street. PNM told them when they put a main line in they would hook-up each line for free. Now PNM is asking \$7,896.00 for the main line to be put in. The owners do not have this money to pay PNM and this is why they are asking the County for help.

Commissioner Moore stated that we will contact PNM to see if we can help through our Franchise

Agreement or encourage them through programs of their own to try and accomplish this project.

b. Mr. Putney, a Timberon resident, would like to thank Bill Lee Parker publicly for overseeing the road base material within Timberon.

c. Sid Benson, a Board member of Timberon, stated that we have a problem with the El Dorado decision on the Water and Sanitation District, limiting our ad valorem taxes. We cannot maintain status quo in Timberon with a 10% ad valorem. The Water and Sanitation Act does not take into consideration that we are the only one with over 100 miles of roads. We are the only one with a swimming pool, golf course and other amenities in the community. We absolutely cannot maintain with a 10% ad valorem. He would like to ask the Commission if they could help in any way with DFA, the Attorney General or whoever it takes in Santa Fe to help us get this issue taken care of to maintain our status quo in Timberon. Commissioner Moore stated that we would be happy to pledge our support at DFA to help them out.

5. Executive Session:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues related to item D3 pulled from the Consent Agenda, including new hire Oscar Cereceres, Eric Arellano and Roberta Reyes. 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 made no decisions. 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 approve Eric Arellano, transfer from the Detention Center to the Sheriff's Office and Roberta Reyes transfer from Administration to Buildings and Grounds. The motion died for a lack of a second.

There being no further business before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

Doug Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robyn Silva, County Clerk

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