

Special Meeting

March 16, 2000

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in a Special Meeting at the Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 4:10 p.m., March 16, 2000; and he announced that reasonable notice for this meeting was given to the Alamogordo Daily News, Holloman Sunburst, El Paso Times, Mountain Monthly, and to Radio Stations, KPSA, KINN, and KYEE.

Present:

Richard Zierlein	Chairman
Ronny Rardin	Member
Ruth Hooser	County Manager
Virginia Fletcher	Assistant Administrator
Christina Nuno	Deputy Clerk

1. Commissioner Rardin give the invocation, Commissioner Zierlein led those assembled in the pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of New Mexico.

2. Commissioner Rardin made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Zeirlein seconded the motion. Roll call was taken as follows:

3. Commissioner Rardin yes

4. Commissioner Zierlein yes

5. Commissioner Rardin made a motion to return to Regular Session and stated that the only thing discussed were items pertaining to the Forest Service and the Sacramento allotment. The commission is going to do a resolution where the commission is going to work with the Sacramento allotment.

6. Commissioner Rardin stated the reason they are going to work so closely with Sacramento is because they feel if they let the Forest Service continue to close down roads and grazing allotments, there will be no moines for the county and this county will not survive. The commission cannot stand still and allow this. He stated as an elected official he feels this is best suited for the County.

7. Commissioner Rardin made a motion to the allow the county attorney to file an Administrative Appeal "Stay" on the EIS that is out there presently to the permitie on the Sacramento

allotment and this stay should allow a stay long enough to let the appeal on the Dry canyon and the Davis allotment to be decided, until that is decided the stay is pledged. The second part of the motion is that the county attorney perceive to remind the Forest Service that the county is a cooperative agency and that under a cooperating agency the county is also insisting that a stay happen with the Sacramento allotment and with the Dry canyon and Davis allotment. The county commission also directed the county manager that in the resolution that it insists that the Forest Service to withdraw their statements made in the letter of intent to EIS any statements that do not include any type of scientific evidence. This three part resolution will be worded by the county attorney.

8. Cliff Nichols, a member of the audience, stated that it be clarify for his purpose that the county would be requesting that the Dry Canyon and Davis allotment be considered as an alternative included within the EIS and that any unscientific base statements be withdrawn or retracted publicly. Commissioner Zierlein stated that is the intent of the Commission. The motion

was seconded by Commissioner Zeirlein. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9. There being no further business before the Commission, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED

Chairman

ATTESTED

Mary D. Quintana,
Otero County Clerk