

Emergency Meeting

March 29, 2002

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in a Emergency Meeting at the Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 4:00 PM, March 29, 2002; and he announced that reasonable notice for this meeting was given to the Alamogordo Daily News, Holloman Sunburst, Mountain Monthly, and to Radio Stations KPSA, KINN, and KYEE.

Those being present:

Tim McGinn	Vice-Chairman
Michael Nivison	Member
Robyn Silva	Deputy Clerk

The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order.

1. Commissioner McGinn opened the meeting and stated that this Emergency Meeting was called in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Otero County and the issue before us is to consider passing this Resolution which bans open flame, campfires and the use of fireworks in Otero County. Campfires are allowed in designated areas.

Commissioner Nivison made a motion to adopt the Resolution (number to be assigned according to the next consecutive one in order) because we have determined, due to the extreme drought conditions in Otero County, the present fire danger is exceedingly high, and that for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens we take emergency action to ban all open flames, campfires (except in designated areas), etc. according to the resolution. Commissioner McGinn seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Sheriff Lee stated that he highly recommends this action. He stated that in his opinion, with this being the Easter weekend, and with a high influx of tourist traffic in the Lincoln National Forest, and traditionally, this is the beginning of spring

clean up for people in their yards and their is usually quite a bit of control burns, he thinks that this is highly advisable to enact this as an emergency situation. There is no burning by permit either. If there is any special need for a permit it has to be cleared through the Sheriff's Department. A vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0. This Resolution goes in to effect immediately. SEE BOOK 108 PAGES

The time being 4:41 PM the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Otero County Clerk

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