

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., April 30, 2003; and he announced that reasonable notice for this meeting was given to the Alamogordo Daily News, Mountain Monthly, and to Radio Stations, KPSSA, KINN and KYEE.

Present:

Michael Nivison	Chairman
Clarissa McGinn	Vice-Chairman
Doug Moore	Member
Ruth Hooser	County Manager
Ray Backstrom	Assistant County Manager
LaDonna Adams	Department Assistant
Lynn Estrada	Deputy Clerk

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Commissioner Moore gave the invocation. Commissioner McGinn led the Pledge of Allegiance and LaDonna Adams led those assembled in the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

1. Elected Official Reports/Discussion – No Elected Officials present.

2. Department Head Reports – Wayne Glidden, La Luz Fire Chief, discussed renting the structure on La Luz Fire Department land to Ramona Colon to be used as a Community Service Center. This agreement will be presented for approval at the next Commission Meeting. Mr. Glidden discussed the firework situation for the County. He feels that a process should be started to get a ban ready for the 4th of

July in case we don't have any rain.

3. **Detention** – Virginia Blansett discussed a situation with a prisoner that is costing the County an astronomical amount of money. He doesn't have a trial date yet. The County will have to incur the cost of this prisoner until he is sentenced. Virginia stated that she will be asking for a budget increase.

4. **Indigent** - Gloria Sainz, Indigent Coordinator discussed the possibility of all the Counties using the same software which would permit electronic data transfers from one entity to another. Currently we do not do this due to the privacy act. If all the Counties go with this software everyone will have to be in compliance. Ms Sainz will know more after the June conference and will report to the Board on her return.

5. **Personnel** – Autumn Hacker, Personnel Technician stated that everything under personnel is for signature ratification except for 2 issues. The Sheriff's Department has a corrected inequity for 4 personnel and DWI has temporary pay increases. The pay increase is due to the budget funding. The funding will be reduced if it's not utilized to the full capacity. The Board has been asked to act on these issues.

6. **Bill Rogge** - Discussed the grant money that is available from the State Forestry Division for a possible purchase of an Air Burner to help clean up the forest waste. On May 12th there will be a field trip to Los Alamos to observe the models that are in place now. If the Board would like to go they need to sign up today in order to get clearance from Los Alamos.

7. **R.L. Posey** - Discussed an Ordinance for the Otero County Advisory Grazing Board. Mr. Posey stated that the Board will be made up of all volunteers. Commissioner Moore stated that he would like the framework of this Ordinance to mirror the language in the Taylor Grazing Act, to also include language that the County needs to make certain that it serves as a tool to do what it needs to do. Mr. Posey would like to meet with Commissioner Moore later on to go over the language in this Ordinance. 8.

Public Input – Jack Smith, a representative from pre-paid legal services, would like to be the

representative for Otero County. He resides in Cloudcroft and would better suit Otero County's needs than the other representative who resides in Los Lunas. This individual was assigned by the home office and comes to Otero County on a need basis. The Board informed Mr. Smith that no decisions can be made in a Work Session. Autumn Hacker, Personnel Technician, will contact the home office to see if they are aware of this possible change in representatives.

9. **Doug Moore** – Discussed cell phone quantity and use for the County. There will be a draft policy presented at the May 6th meeting for everyone to look over and make suggestions. The personal calls have really got out of hand. This is not what they were intended for. The Board is looking at a network plan for the County instead of each Department having their own individual plan. Commissioner Moore stated that there are a number of County employees that do not need a cell phone.

There being no further business before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Otero County Clerk

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