

**Continuation of Budget Hearing  
Of May 1, 2001**

**May 4, 2001**

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in an Emergency Meeting at the Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 1:30 p.m., May 5, 2001; 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 L. Zierlein	Chairman
Tim Mc Ginn	Vice-Chairman
Michael Nivison	Member
Ruth Hooser	County Manager
Virginia Fletcher	Assistant Administrator
Robyn Silva	Deputy Clerk

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The Chairman reconvened the Budget Hearing that was recessed on Tuesday, May 1, 2001.

1. Discussion was held on where they left off on Tuesday. Mrs. Hooser stated that we are still \$1,640,706 short in the General Fund. She stated that she left the revenues low in the General Fund because we still do not have the statement from April. When we receive these figures we can raise that amount. Under the road fund we are \$1,027,009 short but it is figured on a lower amount of revenues. The amount from the Co-ops from the State Highway Department is up which will raise that amount. Mrs. Hooser stated that the only other department that looks like there is a problem is the Convenience Center. She stated that he is very short because he doesn't have any

revenues and he came in at \$15,000 in the hole from the last budget.

2. The Commission began looking at the Convenience Center's Budget to see where they can still cut. The Commission went down each line item and trimmed as much as possible to allow them to still operate. The Commission cut the Convenience Center's Budget down to \$413,299 which is \$172,140 less than the 585,439 that he requested.

3. Community Services/ Projects was the next fund that was looked at. Mrs. Hooser stated that they cut all of these projects as directed by the Commission but we need to put \$15,500 into the fund for the Sacramento Senior Center because their grant has been extended for their parking lot. We will receive that money back. Everything else has been taken out as requested which brings it to \$404,187 minus the \$15,500 for the Sacramento Grant. Commissioner Zierlein suggested that we pull that out and do a budget increase when we need it. That brings the budget for this department to \$388,687.

4. The Road Department originally requested \$2,036,476 for the 2001/2002 budget. The Commission cut it down as much as they felt comfortable with to \$1,910,206 which cut \$126,270.

5. The Sheriff's Department requested \$2,619,505 and the Commission cut it \$175,000 down to \$2,444,505.

6. Building and Grounds requested \$908,409 and the Commission cut \$45,500 and made it \$862,909.

7. At this point the Commission stated that there was no other place to cut. Mrs. Hooser stated that they have cut \$220,500 out of the General Fund today. Mrs. Hooser stated that she will plug in the numbers and have an updated budget for the Commission on Tuesday at the Regular Meeting. From there they can determine if they will need to cut further.

The time being 3:06 the Chairman recessed the meeting until Tuesday.

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Chairman

Attest:

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Otero County Clerk