

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 1:30 p.m., May 10, 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	Member
Dr. Martin Moore	County Manager
Ray Backstrom	Assistant County Manager
Lynn Estrada	Deputy Clerk

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Commissioner Moore called the Budget Work Session to order at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Moore stated that at our last Budget Hearing we directed staff to bring us a new consolidated re-capp, which incorporated the operational changes, capital outlay and proposals for wage and compensation which was projected at \$1.15 for cola.

Donna Brandon, Financial Director, went through the changes that she has made to the re-capp. She has created a special projects fund for the start up money for the grants. As instructed by the Commission, Donna has put one million into the emergency reserve. The million came from transferring all the money that we currently have on loan to the grant funds.

Commissioner Moore made a list of issues to look at today in order to finish the budget.

1. County Attorney increase
2. Administration, 2 new positions
3. Purchasing, part-time position to full time
4. Buildings and grounds new position
6. Evidence Tech for Sheriff's Office
7. Community Services
8. Detention, 2 Corporals

Tony Rogers, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, would like to give Doug Bourbon some kind of bonus for taking over Tony's job while he was gone. He is more than deserving of a bonus for the 3 months that he was in charge.

The Board discussed the Community Services that they are considering increasing. The amount came to \$70,500.00 in new money for Community Services.

Commissioner Moore stated that we have directed staff to incorporate some new positions and promotions and to incorporate \$70,500.00 increase for Community Services into the interim budget.

Commissioner Moore stated that at the last meeting staff was directed to look at the fiscal impact of giving \$1.15 per hour and \$1.00 per hour for all full time employees.

Donna Brandon stated that the fiscal impact for \$1.15 per hour for cola would be 506,094.00 and a \$1.00 per hour for cola would be 440,072.00.

Commissioner Nivison stated that over the years we have increased our revenues. This is an exceptional year as far as giving our employees raises along with the re-organizational. He is in favor of giving the \$1.15 per hour cola increase for the employees. Commissioner Moore and Commissioner McGinn are in favor of giving a \$1.00 per hour cola increase. John Blansett and Gonzalo Estrada stated that they would

like to see \$1.08 an hour increase in cola if the Commission is not in agreement with the \$1.15 increase. Commissioner Moore instructed Donna to figure a \$1.08 and \$1.15 increase into the new re-capp sheet for Tuesday night's meeting. With the new figures for Community Services, new positions and promotions figured into the re-capp, the Commission will determine on Tuesday night what they can give for the cola increase. Donna will insert the new figures and have the interim budget ready for review for Tuesday night's meeting.

There being no further business before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

Doug Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robyn Silva, County Clerk

Budget Hearing May 10, 2006