

Special Meeting

May 14, 2001

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in a Regular Meeting at the Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 8:00 a.m., May 14, 2001; and he announced that reasonable notice for this meeting was given to the Alamogordo Daily News, Mountain Monthly, and to Radio Stations, KPSA, KINN and KYEE.

Present:

Richard Zierlein	Chairman
Michael Nivison	Member
Ruth Hooser	County Administrator
Virginia Fletcher	Assistant County Administrator
Kim Chavez	Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Zierlein gave the invocation, Commissioner Nivison led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and Kim Chavez led the Salute to the Flag of New Mexico.

**I. The Commission cut the following budget line items:**

1. Commissioner Zierlein requested that the Health Reserve be taken down to \$310,000.
2. Corrections - Cut \$40,000 from transportation of prisoners.
3. Purchasing - Cut \$2,000 from overtime salaries; Cut the telephone line item down to \$3500; Cut software to \$2500.
4. Buildings & Grounds - Cut \$4,000 from overtime salaries.
5. Fairgrounds - Cut \$1,000 from overtime salaries.

6. Rifle Range - Cut \$1000 from Electricity; Cut \$2500 from site preparation/development.

7. Data Processing - Cut \$500 from per diem; Cut software down to \$2,000.

8. Road Department - Cut software down to \$2500.

Commissioner Nivison made a motion to approve the preliminary budget with Corrections made today. Commissioner Zierlein seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**II. Agenda Items:**

**III. Ratify Proclamation for "Toots Green Day" in Otero County, New Mexico - (May 1st, 2001)**

**IV. Inter-Departmental Items:**

1. Purchasing Department:

A. Award Sealed Bid #01-031 for Water Heaters and Water Condition system.

B. Approve and Award Request for Proposal #01-037 for Auditing services-county wide.

C. Consider to Renew contract for Professional Legal Services with Daniel Bryant.

D. Consider to Renew Lease for District Attorney's office with S. Thomas Overstreet, 213 10th Street.

2. Personnel Items:

E. Promotion:

Kristin Davis - DWI

3. Administrator's Report

F. Request Approval from the County Commission to change regular closing times and holiday schedule for the Rifle Range.

G. Consider Approval for Resolution NO. 05-14-01/89-46

Re; Budget Transfer from General Fund (10) to Environmental/Convenience Center (72) and Line Item Increase. Commissioner Zierlein made a motion to approve all agenda items except for item F and that item F is put on the next Regular Meeting agenda. Commissioner Nivison seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages\_\_\_\_\_.

**X. Commission Discussion/Correspondence:**

A. Richard L. Zierlein:

1. Discuss Oro Grande water situation.

Commissioner Zierlein stated that it is getting to be very expensive for the County to be hauling water to Oro Grande. Commissioner Zierlein stated that he found out that one thing that is hurting the water situation is the Road Construction people that are staying at a mobile home park in Oro Grande. Commissioner Zierlein stated that the residents are not using the water to do outside watering. Commissioner Nivison stated that the BLM has turned down their water valves in hopes of having more water flow into Oro Grande. Commissioner Zierlein stated that the County can't keep on hauling the water. Commissioner Nivison stated that the County needs to make sure that no water is used in Oro Grande for construction purposes. Commissioner Zierlein made a motion to approve that the County haul water to Oro Grande subject to the approval of the County Administrator or Assistant County Administrator. Commissioner Nivison seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business before the Commission, the Chairman adjourned the meeting  
at 8:50 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Mary D. Quintana  
Otero County Clerk**

**Emergency Meeting**

**May 21, 2001**

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in a Regular Meeting at the Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m., May 21, 2001; and he announced that reasonable notice for this meeting was given to the Alamogordo Daily News, Mountain Monthly, and to Radio Stations, KPSA, KINN and KYEE.

Present:

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| Richard Zierlein  | Chairman                       |
| Timothy McGinn    | Vice-Chairman                  |
| Michael Nivison   | Member                         |
| Ruth Hooser       | County Administrator           |
| Virginia Fletcher | Assistant County Administrator |
| Kim Chavez        | Deputy Clerk                   |

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Commissioner Zierlein gave the invocation, Commissioner McGinn led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Nivison led the Salute to the Flag of New Mexico.

**I. Request to pass Resolution Number 05-21-01/89-47** Re: Correction of Precinct Boundaries for Precincts 2,4,5,6,7,8,9,35 and 37. Commissioner Zierlein stated that the changes are physical corrections to those boundaries. Mary Quintana, Otero County Clerk stated that the corrections were not made just because of last years population recount, but also to correct other problem areas. Mrs. Quintana stated that there are a couple of areas that have imaginary boundary lines. Mrs. Quintana also stated she does not expect boundaries to have to be changed for another

10 years. Commissioner McGinn made a motion to approve Resolution #05-21-01/89-47 concerning the correction of precinct boundaries for precincts 2,4,5,6,7,8,9,35 and 37. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages\_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Eduardo Tovar asked to be heard by the Commission** – Commissioner Zierlein informed Mr. Tovar that the Commission can't take any action on his matter today because it was not on the agenda. Mr. Tovar stated that Otero County is experiencing a water crisis and they should get involved in solving the problem. Commissioner Zierlein stated that the County has been addressing the problem for several years and that it's a problem all over the County. Commissioner Zierlein stated that the County's efforts crystallized last year with it's emergency resolution that, this year, evolved into Senate Bill 1 (SB-1). The legislation signed into law by Governor Gary Johnson permits counties to clean up and thin out national forests in the state. In Otero County, that is the Lincoln National Forest. Mike Shinaberry, an employee of the Alamogordo Daily News, stated that these Commissioners have been involved with the water problems for at least the last six years. Mr. Tovar stated the County has not been making the citizens aware of what the County has been doing. Commissioner Nivison stated that it has been in the paper and the Commission has spent the last 3 or 4 years trying to let everyone know what is going on. Mr. Tovar informed the Commission that the City of Alamogordo is presently putting in a 1500 cubic foot well with a 20' casing. Mr. Tovar stated that if the City puts in the well it will affect the water tables in the area. No action was taken.

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There being no further business before the Commission, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:20

a.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Mary D. Quintana**  
**Otero County Clerk**