

Emergency Meeting

June 23, 2006

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 Vice-Chair person at 10:00 a.m., June 23, 2006; and she announced that reasonable notice for this meeting was given to the Alamogordo Daily News, and to Radio Stations, KPSA, KINN and KYEE.

Present:

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| Clarissa McGinn | Vice-Chair person |
| Doug Moore | Chairman, present by phone |
| Michael Nivison | Member |
| Dr. Martin Moore | County Manager, present by phone |
| Dan Bryant | County Attorney, present by phone |
| Ray Backstrom | Assistant County Manager |
| Pamela Heltner | Department Secretary |
| Lynn Estrada | Deputy Clerk |

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1. Consent Agenda:

a. Request approval of a resolution to declare a State of Emergency for the Village of Cloudcroft.

This request is due to a severe water shortage in the Village of Cloudcroft.

Commissioner Nivison made a motion to approve the Resolution No. 06-23-06-94-89 to declare a State of Emergency for the Village of Cloudcroft. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn for

discussion.

Commissioner Nivison stated that about 68 families outside the Village have run out of water as well as the constituents inside the Village. We have also been helping Twin Forks with their water problems. We are at a point where we just aren't making enough water as we are using even with the forest closed. It has dropped approximately 20 thousand gallons of production over the last week. It is now necessary to haul water like the situation 2 years ago.

Commissioner McGinn stated that the resolution states that the water sources from the Village of Cloudcroft are at a low level and that there will be a necessity to haul water to meet the critical needs of the Village and 68 Otero County families.

Dan Bryant, County Attorney, had staff do a few phrase corrections on the resolutions.

Commissioner Nivison amended his motion to strike "by" and add "that" to Resolution No. 06-23-94-89. The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

b. Consider declaring a State of Emergency due to the flooding in Alamogordo and Otero County on June 22, 2006.

Commissioner Nivison made a motion to declare a State of Emergency due to the flooding in Alamogordo and Otero County on June 22, 2006. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn for discussion.

Paul Quairoli, Emergency Management, stated that yesterday evening a severe thunderstorm came through Otero County and settled over Alamo Canyon and Marble Canyon. This created severe flooding within the City of Alamogordo, destroying gas lines, roadways, houses and vehicles. The City of Alamogordo also declared a State of Emergency to receive disaster relief assistance. Commissioner

McGinn stated that we also did note that there was some damage done outside the City of Alamogordo.

Paul stated that there was some flooding in Boles Acres, South Florida and Canyon Road. South Canyon and Alamo Canyon were temporarily closed due to large amounts of debris on the roads. The wells in Boles Acres were not over run by this flooding.

Tom Thomson, Boles Acres resident, stated that his place was flooded again. His home has lost thousands of dollars in the last 2 storms.

Commissioner McGinn stated that one of the things that they looked at last night out in Boles Acres was the ditch. The County had gone out and done some ditch work and it did help to some degree. But where we saw some breaches in that ditch at Becky Lane were where the culverts were holding it on side but not the other. This is one solution where we will work with the Road Department in seeing what we can do there, so the water flows through there better and isn't getting backed up with those culverts. Commissioner Nivison asked when the Environment Department will be lifting the ban on the water. Paul stated that they will be lifting the boil water ban after some improvements have been done on the Boles Acres Water System.

Commissioner McGinn stated that she had spoke with a Otero Soil and Water Conservation District South Central RC & D. Their new Director and Dan Ambercrombe are going to meet with the Commission on Monday to go out into the Boles Acres and also the Nogal Canyon area and take a look at any projects that can be done to alleviate some of the flow and flooding. Commissioner Nivison stated that the nice thing about the Conservation District is that they can work on private land. They have been so helpful with the fires and floods.

Mrs. Thomason stated that she just wants to have some answers of what's happening with the water in Boles Acres. They are still having to buy bottled water for drinking and they are still boiling water.

She would just like to be kept posted on the water situation.

Jerry Harold stated that as he was driving into town he took a look under the railroad bridges. They haven't been cleaned since they flooded Boles Acres in 1978. Somebody needs to talk to the railroad and have it done. The US Air Force property over there has a ditch that is overgrown and I don't know why they can't clean it out. I believe they would if someone asked them.

Commissioner Moore stated that he has a couple of word changes in the resolution. Dan came on the phone and read the changes that he would like to be made.

Commissioner Nivison amended his motion to make the language changes in Resolution No.06-23-06-94. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

There being no further business before the Board the Chair person adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

Clarissa McGinn, Vice-Chair person

ATTEST:

Robyn Silva, County Clerk

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