

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 Chair person at 6:00 p.m., August 16, 2005; 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:**

Clarissa McGinn	Chair person
Doug Moore	Vice-Chairman
Michael Nivison	Member
Ruth Hooser	County Manager
Ray Backstrom	Assistant County Manager
Dan Bryant	County Attorney
Bobbie Reyes	Department Assistant
Bill Lee Parker	Road Superintendent
Lynn Estrada	Deputy Clerk

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Michael Shinaberry gave the invocation. Commissioner McGinn led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

**1. Presentation:**

The Commission presented a Safety Award to the main Road Shop, Pinon Road Shop and the La Luz Convenience Center.

**2. Introduction:**

Commissioner McGinn introduced Dr. Martin D. Moore, the new selected County Administrator. Mr. Moore is currently the CEO for the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization, where he has been employed since 1996. Mr. Moore will join Otero County in October working with Ruth Hooser, who will be retiring in December. Mr. Moore introduced himself to the audience and gave a brief background summary of his work and family.

### **3. Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve by consent, items A. Minutes, B. Bills List #3, #4, #5, C. Health Care Services monthly report for August, D. Personnel, E. Purchasing, F. 6-13, Resolutions, Contracts and Agreements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

### **3. Elected Officials/Department Heads:**

- a. Consider approval of employment contract for Dr. Martin D. Moore, County Manager.

Commissioner Nivison made a motion to approve the employment contract for Dr. Martin D. Moore, County Manager. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

- b. Consider a final plat approval for the Olga Acres Subdivision.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the final plat for Olga Acres Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

### **4. Citizen Communications:**

Ray Valdez, President of the Chaparral Community Health Council, approached the Board for an update on the proposed clinic for the Chaparral community and an update on the solid waste transfer station. The Supreme Court has ordered another Public Hearing concerning the solid waste transfer station in Chaparral.

Commissioner Moore stated that by this fall we are hoping to move the Health Department mobile office into Chaparral. We have been speaking with several operators to secure operational funding. We have some legislative capital outlay money that will possibly be enough to build the clinic. We now have to put in place the funding to operate it and a contractual obligation with an operator.

Mr. Valdez stated that the solid waste projects name is Rhino and was going to be implemented in Otero County. This case was taken to the Supreme Court. There will be one more Public Hearing in Chaparral to determine whether or not the permit will be granted. Commissioner Moore stated that he had heard this issue had been defeated. Dan Bryant, County Attorney, also understood that this issue had been defeated. He will contact the courts tomorrow and inform the Commission of his findings.

a. Shawn Sales, Assistant Warden from the Otero County Prison Facility approached the Board to present the MTC Award to Ruth Hooser. The award is presented every year to a community supporter for the facility. Ruth Hooser was voted for to receive the award this year.

##### **5. Public Hearing:**

The time being 6:30 p.m. the Chair person called the Public Hearing to order for the approval of the preliminary plat for Rhino Acres Subdivision in Chaparral, New Mexico.

Dale Palkki, Planning Coordinator and Marvin McGee approached the Board. Dale stated that the Planning Commission reviewed this subdivision at their last meeting. There were several minor concerns and Mr. McGee was able to address the concerns at the meeting. Many of the concerns were clerical. Mr. McGee stated, for the record, that he did not pick the name for this subdivision.

Commissioner Nivison made a motion to approve the preliminary plat for Rhino Acres Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

The time being 6:50 p.m. the Chair closed the Public Hearing for Rhino Acres Subdivision.

**6. Executive Session:**

Commissioner Moore made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining, pending and threatening litigation, Personnel, Land, Roads, and Detention Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. Roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioner Moore	yes
Commissioner McGinn	yes
Commissioner Nivison	yes

Commissioner Moore made a motion to come out of Executive Session having discussed personnel issues, land, roads, Detention Center, pending and threatening litigation, Detention Center and made no decisions.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. Roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioner Moore	yes
Commissioner McGinn	yes
Commissioner Nivison	yes

There being no further business before the Board the Chair person adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Clarissa McGinn, Chair person

ATTEST:

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Robyn Silva, County Clerk

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