

Regular Meeting

August 29, 2006

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 6:00 p.m., August 29, 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:

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| Doug Moore | Chairman |
| Clarissa McGinn | Vice-Chair person |
| Michael Nivison | Member |
| Dr. Marty Moore | County Manager |
| Ray Backstrom | Assistant County Manager |
| Dan Bryant | County Attorney |
| Pamela Heltner | Department Secretary |
| Bill Lee Parker | Public Works Director |
| Lynn Estrada | Deputy Clerk |

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

1. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to add item 41I under contract ratification to the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Nivison made a motion to approve consent agenda items 1–31, 34 -37 and 41. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn.

Hans Steinhoff stated that the Minutes of August 3, 2006, page 4, needed to be changed.

Commissioner Nivison amended his motion to withdraw item 1 and approve items 2-31, 34-37 and 41 on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to approve the Minutes of Aug 2nd, Aug 3rd, Aug 6th and Aug 8th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison for discussion.

Hans Steinhoff stated that on the Aug 3rd Meeting, page 4, approve needs to be changed to disapprove.

Commissioner McGinn amended the motion to include the change on page 4 of the Aug 3rd Special Meeting to include that it should say “disapprove the preliminary plat map.” The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

2. Elected Officials, Department Heads, Committee Reports:

a. Robyn Silva- Presented information on the County HAVA compliance for the November 2006 election.

Robyn Silva thanked the employees in maintenance and the Road Shop for all their work in helping us get our polling places HAVA compliant. They are all complete and ready for the General Election in November. The invoices have been submitted to the Secretary of State’s Office for reimbursement.

b. Martin Moore-Request approval to pay the supplemental indigent demand from the New Mexico Human Services Department in the amount of \$202,064.89.

Dr. Moore stated that the \$202,064.89 being requested from Otero County will result in a return of \$700,398.22 from Medicaid to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center as a Sole Community Provider.

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to approve the supplemental indigent demand in the amount of \$202,064.89. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

3. Commission Discussion:

a. Commissioner Moore gave a report on the flood situation and the work that is being done to relieve the City and County of further flooding.

b. Commissioner Nivison would like to commend Bill Parker and Paul Quairoli and all staff for all their efforts in the clean-up.

c. Dan Abercrombie gave a brief update on the Abbott Street project and the Boles Acres project.

4. Public Hearings:

The time being 6:30 p.m. the Chairman called the Public Hearing for preliminary plat approval for Mesa Estates to order. The Chairman recessed the Public Hearing for Mesa Estates and called the Public Hearing for amending the Health Care Services/Indigent Ordinance to order. The Chairman recessed the Public Hearing for the Indigent Ordinance and called the Public Hearing for amending the Otero County Subdivision Ordinance to order. The Chairman recessed the Public Hearing for the Otero County Subdivision Ordinance and returned to the Public Hearing for Mesa Estates Subdivision.

Klad Zimmerle stated that this is a 9 lot subdivision that is located in the Tularosa area. The lots are approximately 2 acres each and the roads will be private. We have been through the review process and staff is recommending approval. The property owners will have a choice between a shared well or single well.

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to approve the preliminary plat for Mesa Estates Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. A vote was taken and the motion

passed unanimously. See pages

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing for Mesa Estates Subdivision and opened the Public Hearing for the Indigent Ordinance.

Dr. Moore stated that we have received comments from La Clinica and Presbyterian Medical representing the clinics that they operate. There were a few specific items that were requested by the Commission to be included in the ordinance. The first being Medicare, so we can deal with Medicare deductibles. The second issue was related to the clinics that we have here in the County. Specifically the Tularosa Medical Center, Sacramento Mountain Medical Facility, Presbyterian Health Services and La Clinica de Familia. Dan Bryant stated that pursuant to a discussion with representatives from the hospital last week, we considered a road block in the existing ordinance. We inserted paragraph H on page 16. The effect of this language is to cause an application to remain active for one year. Together with the financial proof of eligibility, so that patients who have more than one medical episode in a year, won't have to fill out a new application and submit new documents every time. It is thought by simplifying this process it will reduce the percentage of denials that are coming through the system currently, because paperwork isn't being completed on claims. The application process will be streamlined so it will all be done at one time at the hospital as the patient is checking out. We believe this process will eliminate some of the necessity for a separate trip to the County Offices for the purpose of submitting that documentation. This does not require a change in the ordinance only a change in practice between our Sole Community Provider and our own Indigent Health Care staff. The Medicare deductibles were changed on page 19 item M.


Commissioner McGinn made a motion to amend the Health Care Services Indigent ordinance as discussed this evening with the changes discussed during this Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing on the Indigent ordinance and opened the Public Hearing on the Otero County Subdivision Ordinance.

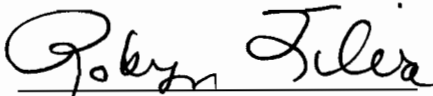
The Commissioners along with Klad Zimmerle and Hans Steinhoff reviewed the Otero County Subdivision Ordinance and made several more changes to the ordinance. Changes were made on page 6, page 7, page 8, page 10, page 11, page 12, page 13, page 14, page 15, page 16, page 17, page 24, and page 26. Please see attached document for changes made.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing and returned to Regular Session.

There being no further business before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

APPROVED

Doug Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:


Robyn Silva, County Clerk

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