

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in a Public Hearing at the Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Chair person at 6:00 p.m., September 8, 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	Absent
Ruth Hooser	County Manager
Ray Backstrom	Assistant County Manager
Sue Ellen Cox	Department Secretary
Lynn Estrada	Deputy Clerk

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Commissioner McGinn stated that the purpose for the meeting tonight is to receive more public comments for the draft Comprehensive Plan. Tomorrow we will hold a Work Session to consider all the comments that we have received to date. Since the last Public Hearing of August 17th we have received additional written comments. One from Hans Steinhoff and one from John Connor. These written comments are attached.

Mr. Steinhoff approached the Board with additional comments. The Table of Contents, #10 Water, Wastewater and Other Infrastructure need to be split into different sub-headings. The same for #12, Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Services, Law Enforcement. Law Enforcement should have it's own

heading.

Item 11 Transportation Goals. Mr. Steinhoff stated that he can't imagine the County ever having the ~~money to accomplish these goals. This section is more like a wish list for the Road Department.~~ Many of the projects listed are already funded by grants and the Department of Transportation. The whole chapter is very unrealistic.

Commissioner Moore stated that this is not an action plan that will be put into place tomorrow. This plan is where we want the County to be and we are leaving the doors open for ourselves 30 to 40 years in the future. According to Santa Fe, if a project isn't in the Comprehensive Plan the State won't fund it. A lot of the goals are very big for today, but we don't want to close these opportunities to the future.

Innis Lewis approached the Board with his comments.

Item 2-9, extending the County Commission to a five member Board. He would like to keep the Board at three members.

Government Goal 2, page 2-13, Strategy C- does not like the term professional facilitator.

NR Goal 2, page 5-9 Strategy B- implement scenic beauty in the subdivision ordinance. Mr. Lewis doesn't agree with this strategy.

Commissioner McGinn thanked the people present for their comments. She announced that tomorrow morning the Board would be holding a Work Session to re-work the Plan and get it ready for approval.

There being no further business before the Board the Chair person adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

Clarissa McGinn, Chair person

ATTEST:

Robyn Silva, County Clerk

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