

Regular Meeting

October 10, 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., October 10, 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 |
| LaDonna Perry | Department Secretary |
| Bill Lee Parker | Public Works Director |
| Lynn Estrada | Deputy Clerk |

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LaDonna Perry gave the invocation. Commissioner Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

Presentation of a Proclamation from the House of Representatives of the State of New Mexico and Representative Gloria C. Vaughn regarding the damage done by the 2006 flooding in Otero County.

Commissioner McGinn read the Proclamation into the records.

1. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Nivison made a motion to approve item A1 thru F11 on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

2. Elected Officials, Department Heads, Committee Reports:

a. Dale Palkki-Consider approval of final plat for Mesa Estates Subdivision.

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

b. Dale Palkki-Consider approval of final plat for Ranches of Riata Subdivision.

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to approve the final plat for Ranches of Riata Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

c. Bill Lee Parker/Ray Backstrom-Presentation on the new Otero County Road Shop.

Ray Backstrom gave a brief history of the funding and site plans for the County Road Shop Project. Bill Lee stated that they are slowly moving in and have begun to chip seal around the building. Bill thanked the Commissioners and State Representatives Gloria Vaughn and Terry Marquardt for helping get the funds from the Legislature to complete this project. Bill stated that we will have a grand opening at a later date.

Commissioner Moore recognized Ruth Hooser, previous County Manager, for her perseverance in this project over the years. She worked with two Commissions as well as our Legislators to provide the bulk of the funding required to construct and bring this facility to Otero County, which will serve our needs for many years to come.

d. Martin Moore-Update report on the Community Development Planning activities in Chaparral, NM.

Dr. Moore stated that there has been several development planning meetings with the residents of Chaparral. The residents have a number of issues with health care services, solid waste and economic development in the area. The residents have asked Otero County what is the best way to get started and organized. The Community Planning effort is geared to direct them to these specific things and to have a plan of action.

Veronica Carmona, Chaparral resident, stated that she is the community organizer for Chaparral. The Dona Ana County Commissioners will be having a meeting with the residents of Chaparral October 18th and would like the Otero County Commissioners to attend if possible.

e. Martin Moore-Discuss a tour on October 26th regarding the Tribal government forest management programs in Mescalero, NM. Discuss possible funded sponsorship by Otero County.

Dr. Moore stated that representatives of the Coalition of Arizona and New Mexico Counties, working together with a group called West One will be touring Mescalero on October 26th. They will be looking at what is called model forest management and forest restoration practices. They have asked for a \$400.00 donation from the County to help with transportation.

Commissioner Nivison made a motion to support the Coalition of County's with a \$400.00 donation to offset expenses for the forest management tour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The time being 6:30 p.m. the Chairman recessed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing on Z-Trans Public Transportation Service.

Commissioner Nivison made a motion to consider approval of joining the South Central Regional Transit

District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn for discussion.

Becky Lane from Zia Therapy, Transportation Division, stated that the study that will be done is a sure thing. The study by the transit district will look at what the needs are throughout the County. Several counties have joined along with the City of Alamogordo.

Don McKinney approached the Board and is in favor of the County joining this transit district. His wife was very sick and had to be transported to Albuquerque several times. Medicaid would not pay for transporting her back and forth. Mr. McKinney encourages the Commission to join the Transit District. Commissioner Moore stated that his biggest reservation is that the plan as proposed to him, is that he has to get on board, pledge to pay for a plan that he has not seen and he has to agree to a decision that will be made by Board of which he can't have a seat or a vote.

Becky stated that you will be involved and you will have representation on the Board once we join and become members. Commissioner Moore stated that at the last presentation this was not an option. Becky stated that it may have been conveyed wrong, because you will have a seat at the table once you become a member.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

The time being 6:45 p.m. the Chairman closed the Public Hearing and returned to Regular Session.

3. Commission Discussion:

a, Michael Nivison-Consider approval of an agreement for possession and use of two offices and for placement of communications equipment in the NSO/TZEC Maun Facility.

Commissioner Nivison made a motion to approve the agreement for possession and use of two offices and for placement of communications equipment in the NSO/TZEC Maun Facility. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Unscheduled Citizen Communications:

a. Veronica Carmona, Chaparral NM resident, stated that we are planning on having a meet the candidate dinner in Chaparral October 26th at 6:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for the candidates to meet the voters of Chaparral. The invitation was extended to the Dona Ana County candidates also.

b. United Way of Otero County-Discuss endorsement of United Way of Otero County's annual campaign.

Commissioner Nivison made a motion to endorse United Way of Otero County campaign for funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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There being no further business before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVED:

Doug Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robyn Silva, County Clerk

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