

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in a Joint Session with the City of Alamogordo at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Chair person at 2:00 p.m., November 1, 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
Dr. Martin Moore	County Manager
Ray Backstrom	Assistant County Manager
Dan Bryant	County Attorney
Lynn Estrada	Deputy Clerk
Don Carroll	Mayor
Ron Griggs	Mayor Pro-Tem
Inez Moncada	City Commissioner
Ed Cole	City Commissioner
Don Cooper	City Commissioner
John Robertson	City Commissioner
Marion Ledford	City Commissioner

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Commissioner McGinn called the County Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and introduced Dr. Martin Moore, who was hired to replace Ruth Hooser as County Manager, who is retiring in December. Mayor Don Carroll called the City Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Agenda:**

**1. Relief Route Connectors ( county item)**

Commissioner McGinn stated that we have received the money for the relief route connectors improvements. Pat McCourt stated that the City is ready to go out to bid for the First Street connector improvements. We are working on some volunteer annexation issues with property owners in that area. They were going to donate the additional right-of-way that we wanted, to construct all of First Street. Two weeks ago the property owners changed their minds and didn't want to be part of the annexation. Mr. McCourt hasn't been able to address this problem as of yet.

Commissioner McGinn stated that on the part of Otero County we have the money to do the first 3/10 of First Street. Commissioner Moore stated that we have concerns that the 2003 grant money may be in jeopardy if we don't encumber part of it. Commissioner Moore would like to start limited activity on our 3/10 so we don't lose those funds. We would like to stake it, flag and survey it for a start.

**2. Community Service Funding, Dual Funding & Consolidated Services ( county item)**

Commissioner McGinn stated this item was placed on the agenda for information purposes for the City showing the different items that the County funds under community services and items that are funded between the City and County. The Library being one that is dual funded.

Commissioner Moore stated that he would like to work together with the City to compare our lists of services that are dual funded and verify that we are not funding a duplication of services in the community.

**3. Funding for Library services; Retired & Senior Volunteer Programs; transportation of seniors and La Luz home delivered meals. (city item)**

Mayor Carroll stated that this issue has been raised over the years by the City, in that these are services that the City is providing the County residents. We requested reimbursement from the County to offset the cost of these services. In the past years the County has been unable to fund at the level that we have requested. Commissioner Moore has had several meetings with City staff about the La Luz Meals on Wheels and the transport of the seniors. We looked at it monetarily, are we providing enough support to this program via our funding of your program. We are looking at several solutions to help more that won't hurt the City with their funding sources. We know that the large portion of the expense to the City is that the services have to be accomplished by paid staff not volunteers.

Commissioner Robertson stated that we are spending money on these food projects and the County's portion keeps mounting up and up and he would like to know what the County is going to do to make up for the funding. Commissioner McGinn stated that we are paying several programs within the City and the City doesn't fund any of the social programs in the City. When we go through our budget each year we make an effort to keep the funding constant and have a balanced budget.

Commissioner Griggs stated that maybe it's not the County's responsibility to fund the Library. He would support the County funding their share outside the City. It doesn't look good to the residents of the City when we spend their money outside of town. Commissioner Griggs stated that if we can come to the conclusion that the County needs to step up more with the La Luz Senior Center and Meals on Wheels, he would support the County taking that money from support of the Library and put it towards La Luz.

**4. Alamogordo Senior Center. (county item)**

Commissioner McGinn stated that this is an informational item to show where the City and County came together to construct the Senior Center.

**5. Dog Canyon Landfill Closure (county item)**

Commissioner McGinn stated that there had been some closure issues with the Environmental Department inspection that need to be corrected before the 30 year oversight of the closure of that landfill can continue.

Mr. Joe Lewdosky will be coming to Otero County to provide us with the information on the things that need to be changed and corrected before we can move forward with the closure.

**6. Flood Control Storm Drainage System (county item)**

Commissioner Moore stated that we have had many requests from the citizens of Otero County to have some help with drainage problems around the County. Pat McCourt, City Manager, stated that the City is also trying to improve the drainage systems for the City.

**7. Code enforcement in ETZ. (extra territorial zones) ( county item)**

Commissioner Moore stated that this again is an area where we will continue to interface with the City. Mr. McCourt stated that the ETZ is a separate area where we do building codes. In the building codes area, that's all we are doing. There are no inspections on subdivisions, roads, drainage or anything like that. The ETZ is actually where we can do some types of subdivision regulations

**8. HIDTA (county item)**

Commissioner McGinn stated that HIDTA, (high intensity drug trafficking area), was on the agenda to discuss why the City doesn't participate. Commissioner Moore stated that this is a very important program.

The City exited the program several months ago and the County wanted clarification of the issues and why they quit the program. Mr. McCourt stated that this is a Federal Program. The Federal money comes with strings, the strings indicate that the activity involved in working these cases has to be tied back to a major drug cartel. This inhibits us from utilizing those peoples and forces in our local drug enforcement activities. The amount of requirements seemed to be increasing and the funding did not increase, actually it seemed to be decreasing.

**8. Emergency Response Coordinator (county item)**

County is now the lead agency for this position. The City will continue to work with the County and the Emergency Coordinator, Gus Marker. The City and County have an agreement in place for emergency response, but Sam Trujillo, DPS Captain, stated that there needs to be another agreement between the City and County on how we are going to operate if an emergency should occur. Gus Marker is working with Mr. Riley, the City Emergency Coordinator on this agreement.

**9. PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) Consolidation (city item)**

Discussion was held on the denial for exemption and other alternatives. Representative Gloria Vaughn will be in Santa Fe next week for Committee Meetings and will approach the Legislators to set up a meeting with the Governor and both City and County Commissioners to discuss the PSAP in Otero County.

**10. Dog ordinance and the chip program (county item)**

Commissioner Moore would like to implement this program in the future. He is still gathering information on the cost and how the technology works.

**11. Annexation City standards imposed in the County (county item)**

Informational only

**12. Extra-Territorial Planning and Platting Jurisdiction (city item)**

City Manager, Pat McCourt stated the City Subdivision Regulations are being updated and this item will be further addressed.

**12. AICUZ (air installation compatible use zone) (city item)**

This item has to do with protection of Holloman Air Force Base. Development around the base has created a factor that was considered in the latest BRAC. Mr. McCourt stated that we have had meetings with Holloman about AICUZ. Their interest is in controlling the ends of the runways. Commissioner Moore

stated that we are without the tools to stop property owners from building near the base because the County has no zoning requirements. Mr. McCourt stated that he would like to put in the building codes for this particular area, perhaps requiring extra sound proofing and double pane windows in these AICUZ areas. This might discourage development in this area. Commissioner Moore stated that the military has told us their desire with the AICUZ and the County has attached it to our Comprehensive Plan

**13. Subdivision ordinances consistency, transition zones (county item)**

Mayor Don Carroll stated that we have proposed an item where we have subdivision approval outside the City. We are looking at requiring these subdivisions to have an infrastructure that would be compatible with the City infrastructure. It would allow them to hook up with the City water sewer system if they choose or provide a water system that has sewer treatment capabilities. We anticipate with City growth people are going to want to be part of the City or we will make them part of the City. At this point we want them compatible with City standards at the time of development. We don't want to rush this issue but we want to make sure we have this ability.

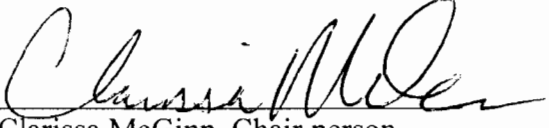
**14. Legislative submissions (city and county item)**

Mayor Carroll stated that their three main priorities as requested are 1) the continuation of South Florida, 2) the first street connection to the relief route and 3) North Scenic-4 lanes.

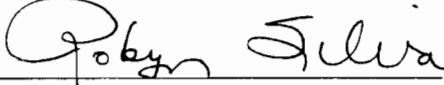
Commissioner Moore stated that the County's three priorities are 1) the old jail renovations, 2) La Luz waste water improvement district and 3) the Timberon Airport.

There being no further business before the Commissioners the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Clarissa McGinn, Chair person

ATTEST:

  
Robyn Silva, County Clerk

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