

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 pm, November 29, 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:**

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| Clarissa McGinn  | Chair person         |
| Doug Moore       | Vice-Chairman        |
| Michael Nivison  | Absent               |
| Ruth Hooser      | County Manager       |
| Dr. Martin Moore | County Manager       |
| Dan Bryant       | County Attorney      |
| Bobby 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. Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve by consent items A, Minutes, B, Bills List #19, #20, #21, #22 C, Health Care Services monthly report, D, Personnel, E, Purchasing, and Resolutions & Agreements.

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. Consider approval of Final Inspection acceptance of NM PFH 45-1, Sacramento River Road. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the final inspection acceptance of NM PFH 45-1, Sacramento Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

b. Consider approval of the 2006 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the 2006 Holiday Schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

c. Consider approval to proceed with the process to execute transfer of property to aid the expansion of the existing facility for the Sacramento/Weed VF and Rescue Department. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the process to execute transfer of property to aid the expansion of the existing facility for the Sacramento/Weed VF and Rescue Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. Mr. Moore, County Manager, stated we have reviewed all the information provided. We are asking for a approval to proceed with the transfer subject to review of the deeds. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

3. Commissioner McGinn announced that a Declaration of Emergency, Resolution No. 11-29-05/94-36 was just given to her and a motion will have to be made in order to add this item to the agenda. Commissioner Moore made a motion to add to the agenda for approval Resolution No. 11-29-05/94-36, declaring the existence of a State of Emergency within the Community of Twin Forks due to severe water loss in line breaks which are draining the available water from the community storage tanks. The motion

was seconded by Commissioner McGinn for discussion.

Mr. Moore stated that we have talked with the president of the Water Company in Twin Forks. Approximately 206 homes out of the 446 that they serve are without water. There has been additional line breaks from the freezing temperatures. We are making arrangements to have water hauled up there, not repairing the leaks. The Resolution calls for the Board of County Commissioners willing to commit County resources up to \$25,000 in an effort to provide water to the community on a short term emergency basis. Dan Bryant stated that we have spoke with Evelyn Schultz, President of Twin Forks, and essentially they are running out of options. The water hauling services that they are using they can't afford. The County is going to investigate using water buffalo's. There is also an available potable water trailer at the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico, they we might be able to get for free. That's why we use the term "County Resources." We are going to put people to work, find out what we can do and how best to do it. With the terrain you can get a large tank into one location that can serve a significant piece of the area, but there is another area that they need a smaller, more agile vehicle in order to get water to and hold there for citizens to come get water to drink and bath in. We are leaving these options open and in the hands of Mr. Parker, Mr. Moore and Mrs. Hooser in Administration. We have limited ourselves to a total expenditure in resources to \$25,000.00. It's set up in this resolution to come back before the Board at the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting for a status report and determination of whether we need to do something different or new. Commissioner Moore is concerned with the anti donation clause for the County. Dan stated that DFA has put in about \$46,000.00 prior to today for repairs. There is also an emergency request before the Governor as of today and Commissioner Nivison is going to get with the Governor tomorrow to follow up on the status of that. We don't have a anti donation clause problem because this is a life, health, safety issue. Mr. Moore stated that we aren't trying to keep their water system going or trying to repair it. Dan stated that the

simple thing that we are trying to do is put potable water in trucks or trailers for the next 25 days or so while they look for some answers to get their water lines repaired. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

**3. Public Hearing:**

- a. Liquor license transfer of location only. Brewer Oil Company doing business as Stone Corner.
- b. Liquor license transfer of ownership only. J & J Investments Ltd.
- c. Liquor license transfer of ownership only. J&J Investments.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to recess items 19 and 20 until the conclusion of item 18. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the liquor license transfer of location only. Brewer Oil Company doing business as Stone Corner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

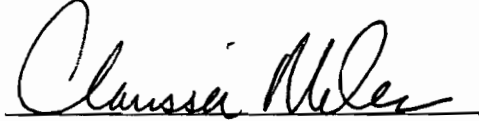
Commissioner McGinn closed the Public Hearing on item 18 and opened the Public Hearing on item 19. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve a liquor license transfer of ownership only. J&J Investments Ltd. Doing business as J&J Mini Markets. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

Commissioner McGinn closed the Public Hearing on item 19 and opened the Public Hearing on item 20. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve a liquor license transfer of ownership only, J&J Investments Ltd. Doing business as J&J Mini Markets. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGinn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages

Commissioner McGinn closed the Public Hearing and returned to Regular Session.

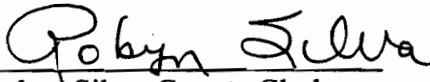
There being no further business before the Board the Chair person adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVED:



Clarissa McGinn, Chair person

ATTEST:



Robyn Silva, County Clerk

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