

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in a Work Session at the Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 9:00 a.m., December 6, 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:**

Doug Moore	Chairman
Clarissa McGinn	Vice-Chair person
Michael Nivison	Member
Dr. Martin Moore	County Manager
Ray Backstrom	Assistant County Manager
Julie Bryant	County Attorney
LaDonna Perry	Department Secretary
Bill Lee Parker	Public Works Director
Lynn Estrada	Deputy Clerk

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

**1. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Minutes
- b. Bills Lists #23, #24, #25

**2. Resolutions, Contracts & Agreements:**

a. Request approval of Resolution No. 12-12-06/95-27 regarding endorsing and supporting Governor Richardson's Investment Partnership 2 (GRIP2).

Commissioner McGinn stated that the list includes the three roads that were submitted previously for Fresno Canyon, La Luz Gate Road and North Scenic project.

Becky Lane, co-chair of the Chamber Transportation Committee. Ms. Lane stated that we have been supporting GRIP2 on behalf of the City and the County. Ms. Lane invited the Commission to a luncheon with the Department of Finance Secretary who will be speaking about GRIP2.

b. Request approval of Resolution No. 12-12-06/95-28 regarding a budget increase for the Sheriff's Department/Justice Assistance Grant.

c. Request approval of Resolution No. 12-12-06/95-29 for a budget increase for the Sheriff's Department/Traffic Safety Grant.

d. Request approval of Resolution No. 12-12-06/95-30 for a standardized department numbering system for all emergency response departments in Otero County.

Dr. Moore stated that this issue is for the emergency response departments to know who they are calling and where they are calling.

Mark Klaene, High Rolls Fire Chief, stated that there are no numbering changes. Holloman AFB, Tularosa, Cloudcroft and the County Road Shop are being added.

e. Request approval of Resolution No. 12-12-06/95-31 authorizing the submission of a CDBG application to DFA.

f. Request approval of Resolution No. 12-12-06/95-32 regarding Otero County Emergency Vehicle Permit Standards.

This item was pulled from the agenda pending review from the County Attorney.

g. Request approval of Resolution No. 12-12-06/95-33 amending the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) adding additional requests for Otero County Fair Association, La Luz VFD, Red Brick School Building and Armed Forces Museum.

Ray Backstrom stated that these organizations have approached the County to request legislative funding. If they are on the County's ICIP list it improves their chances of being funded. We are asking to amend the Resolution to add these organizations.

h. Request approval of Resolution No. 12-12-06/95-34 supporting "Incentives for Jobs" Legislative agenda.

i. Consider approving an agreement between Otero County and Western New Mexico University to retain the services of Dr. Alex Thal.

j. Consider approving a professional services agreement for the County of Otero and the Regents of New Mexico State University Range Improvement Task Force.

k. Consider approving an agreement between Otero County, the State of New Mexico, and Office of the State Engineer/Interstate Stream Commission Government Project Grant #06-0138.

Commissioner McGinn stated that the Home Owners Association in Nogal Canyon along with Dan Abercrombie, put together a grant application for their flood issues. They received \$100,000.00 from the Interstate Stream Commission per instructions from the Legislators.

l. Consider approving the Capital Cooperative Agreement for the 2006 Legislative Appropriations for Otero County. To plan, design and construct improvements at the Timberon Airport in Timberon, NM.

Dr. Moore stated these funds were approved at the 2006 Legislative session. Bill Parker stated that the money will be used to purchase material to chip seal the runway at the Timberon Airport.

**3. Elected Officials, Department Heads, Committee Reports:**

- a. Dale Palkki-Consider approval of final plat for Shadow Glen Park Subdivision.
- b. Dale Palkki-Consider approval of final plat for Sundance Subdivision.
- c. Dale Palkki-request permission to pursue the purchase of property tax software for the Assessor/Treasurer offices from Manatron Inc.

Mr. Palkki stated that we have negotiated a very reasonable price with Manatron Company. We have looked all known software companies that provide the type of software needed and Manatron has it all. The 1 percent fund will be used to fund some of the project. Gonzalo Estrada asked the Commission if they had any preference upon purchase as far as the finance goes. Commissioner Nivison stated that a Lease Purchase option should be considered. Mr. Estrada stated that we want to pay them in stages to make sure the product that we are buying is what we want.

- d. Nena Garcia (County Safety Officer)-Request support for a Risk Awareness Program implemented by New Mexico Association of Counties for Otero County employees.

Dr. Moore stated that this program will be done department by department and there is no cost to the County.

- e. Martin Moore-Consider approving the 2007 Holiday schedule.
- f. Martin Moore-Consider approving the 2007 Commission Meeting schedule.

**4. Citizen Communications:**

- a. Mark Klaene-Discuss transferring the County Firenet from the Otero County Fire Fighter's Association to the office of Emergency Services Coordinator.

Mark Klaene stated that the Otero County Firefighter's Association has been the manager over the Firenet System that allows them to be in communication with the Sheriff's Office. The Association would

like to transfer the contract over to Emergency Services. Mr. Klaene is requesting is that the County enter into the agreement and it be handled through the Emergency Services Office instead of the Otero County Firefighter's Association. Commissioner Moore directed staff to pursue the contract with County Attorney Dan Bryant.

b. Tom Phillips-(Bureau of Land Management)Discuss the Tri County RMPs planning process effort and the Cooperator meeting regarding areas of critical Environmental concern.

Mr. Phillips gave a short report on the scoping projects on the land use plans that are being considered. Mr. Phillips invited the Commission to a work shop that will be held in T or C next Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00. The Board thanked Mr. Phillips for his informative report.

c. Ed Carr-(Director Economic Development Council)-Discuss and request support for the X prize Cup-Spacesport GRT election.

Tim Rabon, Kathleen Curtis and Stephanie Trawler, approached the Board to discuss the Spaceport and the X prize Cup. Mr. Carr couldn't attend today but will give a report to the Commission on Tuesday night. The council stated that a way to increase tourism would be to bring the spaceport to Holloman Air Force Base. The revenue could be generated from a half-percent gross receipt tax increase to be put before the public by an election. Mr. Rabon is asking for a letter of support from the Commission for the X prize Cup. Commissioner Moore stated that they would pledge their support. Commissioner Nivison stated that we need to draft a letter of support stating that the Commission is in support of this and when the time is right, put it before the voters of Otero County.

##### **5. Unscheduled Citizen Communications:**

a. Becky Lane, representing Z Trans Transportation, gave a brief report of where we are at with the South Central Regional Transit District. The resolution for Otero County to join needs to be on the agenda

for the Commission to pass. Commissioner Moore requested staff to have a resolution prepared for the December 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

b. Margaret Catlin, spokesperson for the residents of Dingo Road approached the Board with a request for some help. Ms. Catlin stated that Mr. Greening has created an obstruction on Dingo Road which is a private road. He has placed a concrete barrier in the middle of the private road obstructing traffic and emergency vehicles. Mr. Greening does not live on his property.

Legal council stated that they are aware of the situation and is in the process of putting together all the documentation. Commissioner Moore stated that the Board can't take any action because this topic is under unscheduled communications. Commissioner Moore stated that Ms. Catlin needs to submit her information to get on the Commission agenda in order for the Board to take any kind of action.

**6. Executive Session:**

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the items listed on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. Roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioner McGinn	yes
Commissioner Nivison	yes
Commissioner Moore	yes

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to come out of Executive Session having discussed the items listed on the agenda and made no decisions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. Roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioner McGinn	yes
Commissioner Nivison	yes
Commissioner Moore	yes

There being no further business before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Doug Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Robyn Silva, County Clerk

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