

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 8:30 a.m., December 6, 1999; and he announced that reasonable notice for this meeting was given to the Alamogordo Daily News, Mountain Monthly, and to Radio Stations, KPSA, KINN and KYEE.

Present:

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| Ronny Rardin      | Chairman                       |
| Richard Zierlein  | Chairman                       |
| Tim McGinn        | Member                         |
| Ruth Hooser       | County Administrator           |
| Virginia Fletcher | Assistant County Administrator |
| Dan Bryant        | County Attorney                |
| Frank Portillo    | Road Superintendent            |
| Kim Chavez        | Deputy Clerk                   |

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Commissioner Rardin gave the invocation, Commissioner McGinn led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Zierlein led the salute to the flag of New Mexico.

**I. Executive Session:**

a) Commissioner Zierlein made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining, personnel items, pending litigation, land acquisition, roads, the Detention Center and the Audit/Exit Conference. Commissioner McGinn seconded the motion. Roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioner Rardin                    yes  
Commissioner Zierlein                yes  
Commissioner McGinn                yes

**II.    The Board recessed from Executive Session.**

**III.   Consent Agenda:**

A.    Minutes

October 25, 1999

November 15, 1999

B.    Bills Lists

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C.    Personnel Items:

a.    New Hires:

1.    Gaynelle Smith            Assessor
2.    Tembra Mills                Sheriff

b.    Longevity:

1.    Erwin Chatfield            Road
2.    Phillip Meadows            Assessor

c.    End of Probation:

1.    Mary Bowman                Sheriff

d.    Other:

1. Sandra Pinkey Sheriff
2. Amanda Wertz Sheriff

Commissioner Zierlein made a motion to approve items B and C on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner McGinn seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. Consider approving the Commission Meeting Schedule for the Year 2000:**

Commissioner Zierlein made a motion to approve the tentative meeting schedule for the Year 2000 as presented. Commissioner McGinn seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages \_\_\_\_\_.

**V. Inter-Departmental Items:**

1. Consider approving the DWI Grant Agreement No. 99-D-I-G-20.

Commissioner Zierlein made a motion to approve the DWI Grant Agreement No. 99-D-I-G-20. Commissioner McGinn seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages \_\_\_\_\_.

**VI. Commission Discussion/Correspondence:**

1. Commissioner Zierlein requested that the Commission send a letter to Congress regarding the support of HR 2655 "The Separation of Powers Restoration Act". Commissioner Rardin stated he would like to read Executive Order 13132 from Congress before he makes a decision. No action was taken. See pages \_\_\_\_\_.

**VII. Bill Hornback thanked the Commission for their work with the flood control project.**

**IX. Minutes**

October 25, 1999

November 15, 1999

The Commission held the minutes of October 25, 1999 till the December 27, 1999 meeting. Commissioner McGinn made a motion to approve the minutes of November 15, 1999. Commissioner Zierlein seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**X. The Board returned to Executive Session.**

**XI. The Board recessed from Executive Session.**

**XII. Mary McGee with Blue Cross/Blue Shield:**

Commissioner Rardin stated he has received complaints from County employees regarding the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Co-Pay. Commissioner Rardin stated that one problem he had was that he had gone to two different doctors the same day and Blue Cross would only allow the \$15.00 co-pay once per day. Ms. McGee stated that in this case it might have been because the two doctors have the same provider number and it may have been a mistake. Commissioner Rardin also expressed a concern with the cost for prescription to be filled. Ms. McGee informed the Commission that Blue Cross has what is called an open formulary. Blue Cross has a list of prescription drugs if your prescription is on the formulary list then the cost is the co-pay. If the prescription is not on the list it is going to be a higher dollar. No action was taken.

**XIII. The Board returned to Executive Session.**

Commissioner Zierlein made a motion to return to Regular Session and stated all that was discussed was collective bargaining, personnel items, pending litigation, land acquisition, roads, the Detention Center and the Audit/Exit Conference. Commissioner McGinn seconded the motion. Roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioner Rardin            yes

Commissioner Zierlein                      yes

Commissioner McGinn                      yes

There being no further business before the Commission, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Mary D. Quintana  
Otero County Clerk**