

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 Chair person at 9:00 a.m., December 14, 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	Member
Ruth Hooser	County Manager
Ray Backstrom	Assistant County Manager
Dan Bryant	County Attorney
Bobbie Reyes	Department Assistant
Bill Lee Parker	Road Superintendent
Christina Nuno	Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Nivison 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:

- a. Approval of Minutes
- b. Bills Lists #23, #24, #25
- c. Health Care Services for December 2005

d. Personnel-New hires, promotions and transfers.

2.Purchasing:

a.Otero County Fixed Assets inventory and Financial Reconciliation as of June 30, 2005

b.Contract for Cooperative Purchasing with H-GAC(Houston-Galveston Area Council) per State Statute 13-1-135 Cooperative Procurement Authorized.

c. Approval for Otero County Auction schedule for February 4, 2006.

3. Resolution, Contracts and Agreements:

a. Resolution No. 12-20-05//94-35 budget increase for Boles Acres EMS.

b. Resolution No. 12-20-05/94-37 new changes to the New Mexico State Procurement Statutes.

c. Resolution No. 12-20-05/94-38 budget adjustment for Road Shop.

d. Resolution No. 12-20-05/94-39 budget adjustment for General Fund/Law Enforcement.

e. Resolution No. 12-20-05/94-40 designating the Low Mesa Mutual Domestic Water Association A Colonia within Otero County.

Sharon Livingston was present representing the Low Mesa Mutual Domestic Water. The Environmental study and Engineering report are completed with the first grant that was received. We are looking for the funds to upgrade the system. The resolution will enable Low Mesa to apply for Federal and State Grants. Staff recommendation is to pass this resolution.

f. Resolution No. 12-20-05/94-41 supporting “Incentives for Jobs” Legislative Agenda

g. Sub-Grant Agreement between Otero County DWI Supervision Program and Department of Public Safety/New Mexico State Police.

4. Elected Officials/Department Heads/Committee Reports:

a. Robyn Silva-request notification of State Mandate improvements to Otero County polling

sites to make them compliant with the American Disabilities Act and request approval to seek bids to prepare and conduct required upgrades.

Commissioner Moore stated that Tony Rogers is working on the polling places. There are some access issues at some of the polling places and in order to comply with the requirements, Ms Silva is working with Building and Grounds to determine what enhancements are required for the county buildings.

Ginger stated that the County owned buildings will be no problem, but there are several churches and schools that are used for polling places. This will present a problem of using county funds to upgrade a non county building. Ms. Silva will be present at the meeting on December 20th to discuss this issue and give the Board a report on the progress being made.

b. Dan Bryant-request permission to advertise for a Public hearing for Amending the Subdivision Ordinance

Commissioner McGinn stated that we have been working on a draft ordinance with our Planning Commission, who have brought suggestions for any required and requested changes in the ordinance. This will allow us to begin Public Hearings to discuss any changes in the Subdivision Ordinance.

c. Martin D. Moore-Request approval of the 2006 Holiday Schedule for Otero County.

d. Martin D. Moore-Request approval of the 2006 Commission Meeting Schedule.

e. Martin D. Moore-Update report regarding the Twin Forks Water Emergency.

f. Ruth Hooser-Presentation by Steve Kopleman from Risk Management.

g. Establish Chairman, Vice-Chairman and member for the Board of Commissioners.

5. Public Hearing:

Dale Palkki-Preliminary Plat for Broken Arrow Estates Subdivision. A 16 lot residential subdivision.

6. Unscheduled Citizen Communications:

Commissioner McGinn stated that Gerald Champion Hospital is here to discuss matching Indigent Funds for 2006-2007.

a. Jim Childress and Sue Johnson approached the Board to present the information to the Board for the annual Indigent funding request. The request this year is a 4% increase over the current year. The amount requested is 1,618,801.00. Ruth Hooser stated that the state sets the percentage and they will not let us go over it. If the hospital asks for 4% and the state only allows 2 or 3%, that's what they will send to us. This item will be on the January 10, 2007 agenda.

b. Everett Putney, Timberon approached the Board to discuss the parks that are designated in Timberon. Timberon received a 30,000.00 grant from BLM to improve the parks. The main concentration will be on the Mary Glover Park, but the property is owned by the County and we need the approval of the County in order to start work. Commissioner McGinn stated that the item will be put on the agenda for a Regular Meeting after staff has gathered all the information needed. Mr Putney also discussed the Timberon Airport. He suggested that the County purchase the 40 acres adjacent to the runway. This would resolve a lot of problems in the future with development and ownership. Dan Bryant stated that we would have to go back to the grant application first and see what the rules are. We will need to look at this in January after we gather all the information.

7. Steve Kopleman, Risk Management from the Association of Counties and Joe Kornae, Association of Counties Workers Compensation Claims Manager, gave a brief report on the insurance and some of the claims and loss issues that the County's have had.

The Board thanked Mr. Kopleman for his report.

8. Executive Session:

Commissioner Moore made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining,

pending and threatening litigation, personnel issues, land, roads and the Detention Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. Roll call was taken as follows:

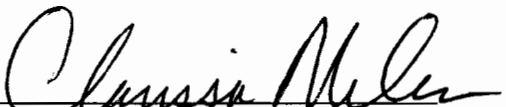
Commissioner Moore	yes
Commissioner McGinn	yes
Commissioner Nivison	yes

Commissioner Moore made a motion to come out of Executive Session having discussed personnel issues and possible litigation and made no decisions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. Roll call was taken as follows:

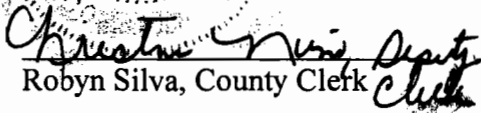
Commissioner Moore	yes
Commissioner Nivison	yes

There being no further business before the Board the Vice-Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED:


Clarissa McGinn, Chair person




Robyn Silva, County Clerk

Work Session
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