

Work Session and Pre-Budget Hearing

April 8, 2003

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in a Work Session and a Pre-Budget Hearing at the Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 9:00 a.m., April 8, 2003; 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:

Michael Nivison	Chairman
Clarissa McGinn	Vice-Chairman
Doug Moore	Member
Ruth Hooser	County Manager
Ray Backstrom	Assistant County Manager
LaDonna Adams	Department Assistant
Dan Bryant	County Attorney
Bill Lee Parker	Road Superintendent
Lynn Estrada	Deputy Clerk

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The Chairman called the Work Session to order and announced the purpose of this meeting is for information purposes only between the Elected Officials, Department Heads, Commissioners and the public. Commissioner Moore gave the invocation. Commissioner McGinn led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Nivison led the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

1. **Indigent Fund** – Gloria Sainz, Indigent Coordinator stated that her office is working with

Virginia Blansett, Detention, to have Indigent funds help out with the prisoners health care. The inmates will have to meet the same criteria as the general public. Virginia stated that they have submitted two claims already and are just waiting to see if they will be accepted. Commissioner McGinn would like to have on the claims list, the reason for denial. She would like to have it broken down by numbers of how many were denied and why.

2. **Public Hearing** - Amending and Superceding Otero County Ordinance No.91-03, declaring junk vehicles to be public nuisances. Discussion was again held on the language portion of the proposed enforcement changes. Commissioner McGinn stated the whole point of making a complaint is that it has to be enforced by a neighbor not someone just driving around looking for junk vehicles. Commissioner Moore stated that the whole purpose of the changes is to take it out of the hands of administration and move it to justice. The thrust of this Ordinance is to clean up the junk vehicles that have just sat on a piece of property for decades. There was no action taken at this time.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner McGinn seconded the motion. Roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioner Moore	yes
Commissioner McGinn	yes
Commissioner Nivison	yes

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to come out of Executive Session and return to Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore. Roll call was taken as follows:

Commissioner Moore	yes
Commissioner McGinn	yes
Commissioner Nivison	yes

The time being 11:30 a.m., the Chairman recessed until 1:30 p.m. for the Pre-Budget Hearing.

The time being 1:30 p.m., the Chairman called the Pre-Budget Hearing to order.

The following agencies made their presentations as follows:

1. **Flickinger Center – Ron Geishemer**
2. **Sacramento Mountains Senior Services – Kathy Swope**
3. **Otero Soil & Water Conservation District – Rick Baish**
4. **Alamogordo Senior Center – Merry Koval**
5. **Southeastern NM Economic Development District – Tony Elias**
6. **Children in Need of Services – Jake Meyer**
7. **Alamogordo Search & Rescue – Leroy Lewis, no show**
8. **Otero County Assessor – Dale Palkki**
9. **Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Tularosa Basin – Margaret Bishop**
10. **Tularosa Senior Program – Prestina Chavez**
11. **Village of Cloudcroft – Michael Nivison**
12. **Otero County Indigent Department – Gloria Sainz**
13. **Otero County Road Department – Bill Lee Parker**
14. **The Counseling Center-Home Detention – Jim Kerlin**
15. **Otero County Boys & Girls Club – Nate Raynor**
16. **Otero County Fairgrounds – Harold O'Dell**
17. **Otero County Data Processing – Ray Backstrom**
18. **Otero County Administration – Ruth Hooser**

The following Budgets were presented without verbal presentation:

1. **La Luz Improvement Association**
2. **Civil Air Patrol**
3. **Timberon Water & Sanitation**
4. **Opportunity House**
5. **Farm and Range**
6. **Probate Judge**
7. **Mescalero Elderly Social**

The time being 5:00 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the Pre-Budget Hearing

Michael Nivison
Chairman

ATTEST:

Mary D. Quintana
County Clerk

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