

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in a Budget Work Session at the Otero County Administration Building in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Vice-Chairman at 8:00 a.m., April 8, 2009; 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:

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| Ronny Rardin | Chairman |
| Doug Moore | Vice-Chairperson |
| Clarissa McGinn | Member |
| Timothy Smith | County Manager |
| Ray Backstrom | Assistant County Manager |
| Pamela Heltner | Commission Liaison |
| Lynn Estrada | Deputy Clerk |

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Commissioner Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

The following Departments presented their operating expenses and capital outlay.

1. Detention-Virginia Blansett
2. County Clerk-Robyn Holmes
3. Probate Judge-Yvonne Boyle
4. Rifle Range-Jay Frost
5. Buildings & Grounds-Tony Rogers

6. Road Department-Benny Carrillo & Bill Lee Parker
7. Public Works-Bill Lee Parker
8. Data Processing-Wes Colvin
9. Purchasing-Ginger Herndon
10. Treasurer-Grace Gonzalez
11. DWI-H.R. Prather
12. Fairgrounds-Becky McFarland
13. Indigent-Gloria Sainz
14. Emergency Services-Paul Quairoli
15. Assessor-Dale Palkki & Gonzalo Estrada
16. Sheriff-John Blansett & Norbert Sanchez

Commissioner Rardin introduced Shane Foraker, who is a Veteran of the United States Submarine Service. Mr. Foraker and several other Veterans from Dona Ana, El Paso and Otero County have created a new Base, which will be known as White Sands Base of USSVI. The Charter is requesting that the County Commissioners proclaim April 11, 2009 as Submarine Veterans Day in Otero County.

Commissioner Rardin read the proclamation into the records.

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to approve the proclamation for Otero County Submarine Veterans Day. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

17. Commission-Tim Smith
18. Administration-Tim Smith

The Commission discussed having another Budget Hearing to reflect the changes that took place today.

Commissioner Rardin stated that we will move on with the regular agenda. The next item is the approval of Commission Minutes March 19, 2009.

Commissioner McGinn made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2009. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moore stated going back to the budget, we think we are going to earn \$20,000,000 and spend \$22,000,000 if we stay flat. If we give everyone what they want for capital outlay, we will spend another \$2,000,000. If we give everyone the salary they want, we will spend another \$1,000,000. Commissioner Moore stated that philosophically, he is opposed to any merit increases, but he will read Mr. Smith's report to see if there is some parity needed. He would rather take everything as a straight cola and minimize that as much as possible. He believes that the Commission has been relatively generous in years gone by.

The Commission discussed having another Budget Work Session before the May 21st meeting. Ms. Brandon stated that another meeting is needed before the final budget. The Commission decided to have another Budget Work Session on April 21st at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ronny Rardin, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robyn Silva, County Clerk

Budget Work Session
April 9, 2009