

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico met in a Budget Meeting at the Administration Building in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:00 a.m., April 20, 2023; and she announced that reasonable notice for this meeting was given to the Alamogordo Daily News and Radio Stations, KYEE, KZZX and KINN.

Present:

- Vickie Marquardt Chairman
- Gerald Matherly Vice-Chairman
- Amy Barela Member
- Pamela Heltner County Manager
- Sylvia Tillbrook Executive Assistant
- Lynn Estrada Deputy Clerk

Roll call was taken as follows:

- Vickie Marquardt Here
- Gerald Matherly Here
- Amy Barela Member

Commissioner Marquardt made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matherly. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

1. New Business:

Hear the presentations for Community Services grant funding for FY 2023-2024.

The following agencies presented their requests:

- a. Otero Soil and Water Conservation District-Requesting \$110,000** to promote and facilitate effective stewardship of natural resources by providing leadership, educational, technical and financial assistance to the citizens of Otero County.
- b. Sacramento Mountains Senior Services-Requesting \$120,000** to provide senior citizens residing in the area nutritional meals, emotional and mental support, homemaker visits, transportation and chore services.
- c. Flickinger Center for Performing Arts-Requesting \$58,008** to provide a performing center to showcase local talent and engage students.

d. Alamogordo MainStreet-Requesting **\$56,000** to preserve, enhance, beautify and economically develop the historic downtown.

e. Zia Therapy Center-Z-trans-Requesting **\$43,149** to provide public transportation services to the citizens of Otero County.

f. Alamogordo Public Library-Requesting **\$50,000** to provide educational, informational and recreational resources for residents of all ages.

g. Capped Inc-Requesting **\$25,000** for cancer awareness, prevention, prevalence and early detection.

h. Otero County Cooperative Extension Service-Requesting **\$117,418** for economic, educational and community development.

i. The Counseling Center-Requesting **\$109,854** to provide behavioral, social and support services to families and youth in need of assistance.

j. Villa de Tularosa Senior Housing-Requesting **\$3,607.25** to provide elderly and persons with disabilities with housing and supportive social services.

k. Otero County Fair Association-Requesting **\$180,132** to manage and care for the fairgrounds property.

l. Keep Tularosa Beautiful-Requesting **\$7,830.27** to encourage residents to join in community clean ups and beautification projects.

m. Dog Breath Express Rescue-Requesting **\$30,000** to provide home and improve the quality of life for stray, abandoned and owner-surrendered dogs and cats in Otero County.

n. Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative-Requesting **\$3,874,380** to improve the quality of life in the communities that are serviced by PVT.

Commissioner Matherly stated that he spoke with the Chamber of Commerce and they knew nothing about the funding requests. They would like to apply and are hoping they aren't too late.

Pamela Heltner, County Manager, stated that at this point the only thing we can do is have Julianne reach out to the organizations again that didn't turn in a request. That's all we can do at this time.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

Vickie Marquardt, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robyn Holmes, County Clerk