



*Keith Goodwin* - Commissioner Dist. 1  
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**Office of the Commissioners**

# **AGENDA**

## ***September 28, 2020***

- 1.0 Call to Order/Approval of Minutes**
- 2.0 Guests**
  - 2.1 Dee Hostetler, Clean Valley Recycling- Grant Funds Announcement
- 3.0 Public Comment (Limit of 3 minutes)**
- 4.0 Old Business**
- 5.0 New Business**
  - 5.1 Bid Opening, Flooring at Rocky Ford Annex- Darren Garcia, Facilities Project Manager
  - 5.2 Bid Recommendation, Painting at Rocky Ford Annex- Darren Garcia, Facilities Project Manager
  - 5.3 Sales Tax Report
  - 5.4 Letter of Support, National Park Designation- Amache Internment Camp
- 6.0 Other Business**
- 7.0 Departmental Reports**
- 8.0 Commissioners Report**
- 9.0 Discussion**
- 10.0 Announcements**
  - 10.1 Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2020 is cancelled.
  - 10.2 Otero County offices and Landfill will be closed Monday October 12, 2020. The Public Hearing scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

**SEE ATTACHMENTS**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** *"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear."* — Rosa Parks



September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners now meets pursuant to adjournment.

Present:	Keith Goodwin	Chairman
	John Hostetler	Member
	Lyn Scott	Clerk

Guests in attendance were: In person: Jolly Rose, Adrian Hart, Lex Nichols, Damon Nichols, Darrin Garcia and Danelle Berg. On phone: Marty Lee and Anne Boswell.

Chr. Goodwin called the meeting to order and requested approval of the minutes from September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Co. Hostetler motioned to approve the minutes. Chr. Goodwin seconded. Motion carried.

Darren Garcia Facilities Project Manager presented bids for painting the Rocky Ford Annex. The bids are for an area of approx. 5000 square feet including 6 office spaces. The contractors were invited for a walk through on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The bids could be returned by email, fax, delivered by hand, or mailed. There were 8 contractors invited to do the walk through only 5 returned bids. Corsentino Construction \$17,496.00, Lenny's Painting \$10,600.00, Casey Valerio \$13,900.00, Valley Painters \$12,715.94 and Damon 24-7 \$12,000.00. Mr. Garcia asked for a week to take a look at the bids and determine the best way to go. Co. Hostetler motioned to approve a week to look at bids. Chr. Goodwin seconded. Motion carried.

Chr. Goodwin presented the bills from Sept. 1- Sept. 15, 2020, for approval. Co. Hostetler motioned to approve the bills. Chr. Goodwin seconded. Motion carried.

Chr. Goodwin presented a letter for ratification for support of the Protect Our Neighbor status for the counties of Bent, Crowley and Otero. Co. Hostetler motioned to approve the letter. Chr. Goodwin seconded. Motion carried.

Danelle Berg attended an OPI meeting and they now have all the signatures needed to amend the IGA and the bylaws. There has been an upswing in potential new businesses in Otero County and southeast corner of Colorado. Her biggest problem is finding places to put them. She would like the public to know that OPI is not a pass through for the CARES Act, people will need to contact the Commissioner's office about that.

Lex Nichols the Public Works Director presented that the EPA came and did some assessments on two burned houses, one in Rocky Ford and one in La Junta, they were making sure the asbestos was cleared away correctly. The county is looking into approval for a few more houses. Road and Bridge bought a Cat road reclaimer, it works by mulching up the road and they then add material to it to make the road better. Discussion was held.

Co. Hostetler attended the OPI meeting and the OCLI Board meetings. Danny Chavez will be leaving as landfill manager to focus fulltime on being the Emergency Management. Co. Hostetler attended a Sage meeting and they are having discussions on the HVAC system.

Chr. Goodwin presented that he along with the Commissioners doing the budget hearings with all the department heads. He is happy that everyone is trying to be as efficient as possible. He discussed the Tabor Blue book, he would like people to actually read and be informed of what they are voting for.

With no further business, the board adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting will be Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:30pm.

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Clerk

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Chairman

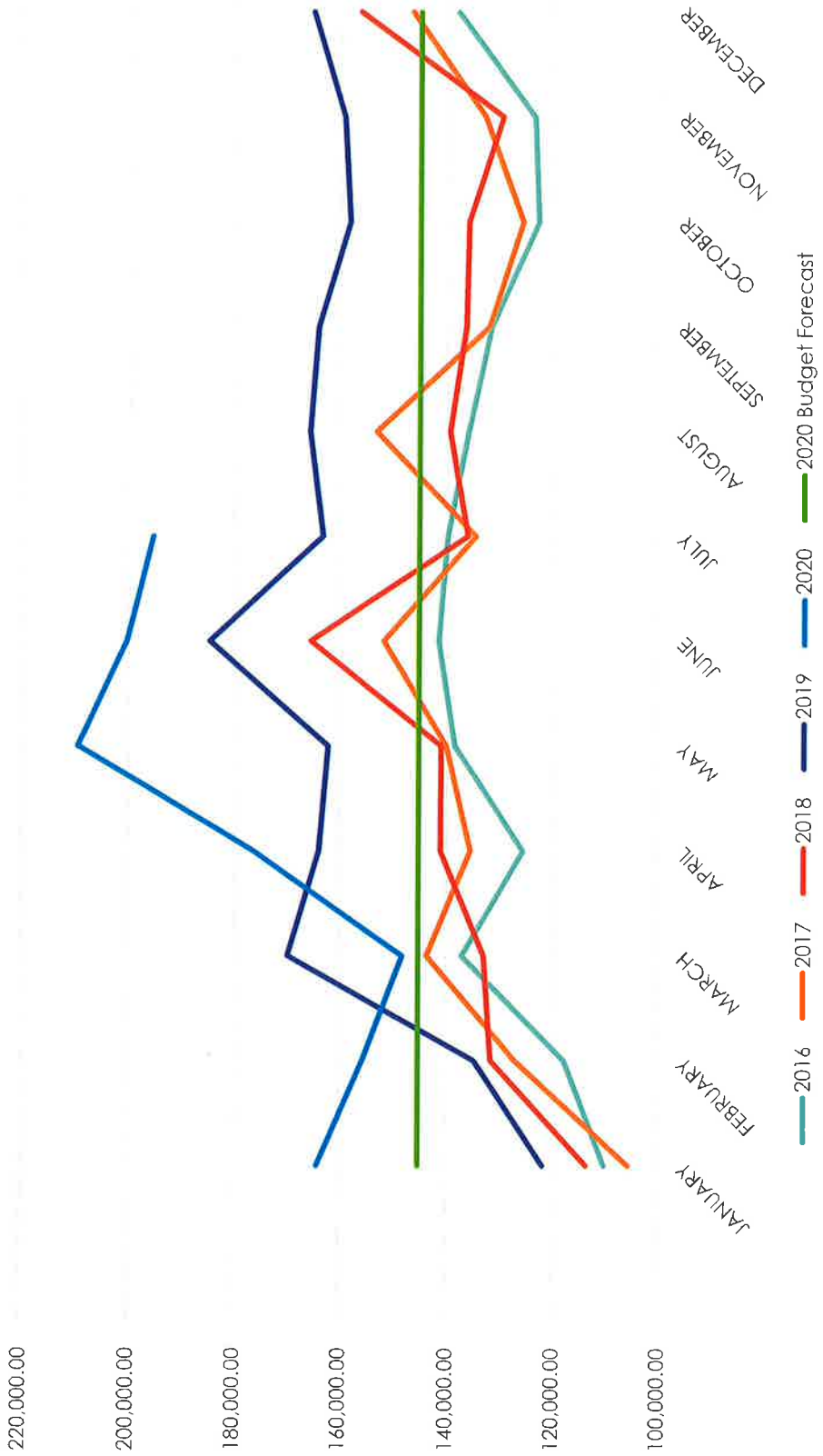
OTERO COUNTY SALES TAX REPORT  
JULY 2020



COLLECTED BY COUNTY \$ 31,800.63  
 COLLECTED BY STATE \$ 163,667.27  
**TOTAL COLLECTED \$ 195,467.90** Received in September 2020

	BUDGET:				FY 2019 vs FY 2020		
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Monthly % of Change	Cumm. % of Change
	1,456,069	1,500,000	1,555,746	1,614,803	1,743,239		
JANUARY	110,044.41	105,503.70	113,459.79	121,756.16	164,204.75	42,448.59	34.86%
FEBRUARY	117,725.29	127,099.50	131,577.49	134,870.23	155,565.19	20,694.96	15.34%
MARCH	137,223.95	143,664.30	133,034.88	169,740.89	148,242.14	(21,498.75)	-12.67%
APRIL	125,664.43	135,538.61	141,116.64	163,970.82	176,369.71	12,398.89	7.56%
MAY	138,519.09	140,089.23	140,994.71	162,242.55	209,430.39	47,187.84	29.08%
JUNE	141,573.47	151,779.74	165,524.40	184,727.31	200,329.36	15,602.05	8.45%
JULY	139,936.53	134,639.90	136,107.09	163,345.65	195,467.90	32,122.25	19.67%
AUGUST	136,146.91	153,261.78	139,538.23	165,871.93			
SEPTEMBER	131,856.97	132,195.69	136,567.68	164,321.69			
OCTOBER	122,953.34	125,887.10	136,145.07	158,386.93			
NOVEMBER	123,689.65	133,063.60	129,733.81	159,523.44			
DECEMBER	138,217.02	146,721.18	156,427.85	165,446.96			
Adjustment							
Totals	1,563,551.06	1,629,444.33	1,660,227.64	1,914,204.56	1,249,609.44	148,955.83	XXXXX
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# Otero County Sales Tax Report





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## Office of the Commissioners

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September 25, 2020

National Park Service  
c/o Project Manager: Tamara Delaplane  
12795 West Alameda Parkway  
PO Box 25287  
Denver, CO 80225-0287

RE: Letter of Support – National Park Designation – Amache Internment Camp

Dear Review Panel,

The Otero County Board of County Commissioners would like to express our absolute support for the development and designation of the Grenada Relocation Center, also known as the Amache Internment Camp, in becoming a new unit of the National Park System. We strongly believe this historic site in our neighboring county of Prowers meets the criteria for designation and that the National Park System can create space for all Americans and visitors to America to honorably remember the internment of Japanese Americans.

Various traits differentiate Amache from other Japanese American incarceration camps throughout the US. Amache had the highest rate of service of all the camps: a total of 953 men and woman from Amache volunteered or were drafted for military service during WWII, nearly 10 percent of all people at the camp. (*amache.org*) In addition, its agricultural production was exceptionally successful, growing enough food to feed the entire camp population and send surplus to the US Army and other camps. In 1943 alone, Granada farmers grew 4 million pounds of vegetables. (*Amache Preservation Society, "Agriculture at Amache"*). Amache also had a host of notable internees, including Chiyoko Sakamoto, California's first Japanese American female lawyer, Robert S. Hamada, the Edward Eagle Brown Distinguished Service Professor of Finance Emeritus at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and former dean of Chicago Booth, and Sam Saburo Teresaki and Kiyoshi K. Muranaga, two decorated soldiers in the US Army. Additional activities that internees developed to cope with their new normal included the Amache Silkscreen Shop, a Boy Scout Troop, a community newspaper, and various adult education classes.

With the care and management of the National Park Service, Amache can reach its full potential as a National Park. In its current state, Amache is a bare, uninviting place that hardly depicts the actuality of the individuals and families that were uprooted and, against all odds, established new lives there. In Otero County's vision, Grenada Relocation Center would be an accessible place for local students, educators, and touring visitors alike to have the opportunity to tangibly experience and understand life for Japanese Americans at Amache internment camp through interactive learning stations, large photo displays, and detailed biographies of notable internees.



We believe it is important to preserve and designate this historical site to acknowledge the 10,000 Japanese Americans who were wrongfully incarcerated and passed through this internment camp in its three-year existence, and to honor the brave internees who fought and died for our country when they were called to duty. It is also an especially critical duty, considering our current political climate, to look to America's past and collectively recognize our mistakes to learn from them and make informed and compassionate future decisions. Recognizing this site as a National Park would communicate to all Americans and visitors to our country that we will not lose sight of the gravity of the internment of Japanese Americans.

Thank you for conducting the special resource study and for considering Grenada Relocation Center as a new unit of the National Park System. We look forward to the possibility of having such an important part of our local and national history recognized and honored with the assistance of the National Park Service.

Sincerely,

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Keith Goodwin, Chairman  
Otero County Commissioner

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John Hostetler  
Otero County Commissioner

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Jim Baldwin  
Otero County Commissioner



## Commissioners

**Mon Sep 28, 2020**

**8am - 9am Administration / JH, KG, JB**

**Where:** Room 212

**Calendar:** [ocw@oterogov.org](mailto:ocw@oterogov.org)

**9am - 9:15am Emergency Management / JH, KG, JB, DC**

**Where:** Room 212

**Calendar:** [ocw@oterogov.org](mailto:ocw@oterogov.org)

**9:15am - 10am Public Works / JH, KG, JB, LN**

**Where:** Room 212

**Calendar:** [ocw@oterogov.org](mailto:ocw@oterogov.org)

**10am - 11am Department of Human Services / JH, KG, JB, DR**

**Where:** Room 212

**Calendar:** [ocw@oterogov.org](mailto:ocw@oterogov.org)

**11am - 12pm County Attorney / JB, JH, KG, NS**

**Where:** Room 212

**Calendar:** [ocw@oterogov.org](mailto:ocw@oterogov.org)

**1:30pm - 2pm Land Use / JH, KG, JB, LN**

**Where:** Room 107

**Calendar:** [ocw@oterogov.org](mailto:ocw@oterogov.org)

**1:30pm - 3pm Otero County Board of Commissioners Public Hearing / JH, KG, JB**

**Where:** Room 107

**Calendar:** [ocw@oterogov.org](mailto:ocw@oterogov.org)

**3pm - 3:30pm Economic Development Coordinator / JH, KG, DB**

**Calendar:** [ocw@oterogov.org](mailto:ocw@oterogov.org)

**Tue Sep 29, 2020**

**9am - 11am Sheriff Mobley Budget Hearing**

**Calendar:** [ocw@oterogov.org](mailto:ocw@oterogov.org)

**11am - 1pm Health Board / JH, AT**

**Where:** OJC Student Center, Room 120, 2101 San Juan

**Calendar:** [ocw@oterogov.org](mailto:ocw@oterogov.org)

**2pm - 3pm Timothy Johnson -- School Project**

**Calendar:** [ocw@oterogov.org](mailto:ocw@oterogov.org)

**2:30pm - 5pm Work Session / JH, KG, JB**

**Where:** Room 212

**Calendar:** [ocw@oterogov.org](mailto:ocw@oterogov.org)

**Commissioners**

**Wed Sep 30, 2020**

**9am - 9:30am Health Dept Briefing**

**Calendar: [ocw@otero.gov](mailto:ocw@otero.gov)**