

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Monday, May 20, 2013**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in work session at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013 in the County Commission Chambers of the Luna County Courthouse in Deming, New Mexico for the purpose of conducting any and all business to come properly before the Board.

The following staff and elected officials were present:

Kelly Kuenstler, County Manger	Joanne Hethcox, Budget and Procurement Director
Raymond Cobos, Sheriff	Billy Ruiz, Special Projects and Facilities Manager
Andrea Rodriguez, County Clerk	Charles Turner, Intern (Manager's Office)
Berenda Mc Wright, Chief Deputy Clerk	Estella Ortiz, Executive Secretary
Dora Madrid, Treasurer	Lt. Jonathan Mooradian, Dispatch Director
Gloria Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Treasurer	Lauree Sanchez, Dispatch Supervisor
Barbara Cobos, Chief Deputy Assessor	Mark Jasso, Emergency Services Director
Matthew Elwell, Detention Director	Danny Gonzales, Human Resources & Payroll Director

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Diaz called the work session to order at 2:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of the State of New Mexico.

ROLL CALL: The roll call was conducted by Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright. The following Commissioners constituting a quorum were present:

Joe L. Milo, Jr., District 1
J. Jay Spivey, District 2
R. Javier Diaz, Chairman, District 3

PRESENTATIONS: Deming City Administrator Richard McInturff gave a presentation on solid waste and the new landfill requirements. Mr. McInturff's presentation examined financial characteristics of the 504- Solid Waste Fund for the City of Deming rate analysis, expenses, and projected revenues, revenue resources, estimated operating costs, capital outlay funding, comparable city charges, and included recommendations for possible rate changes from Fiscal Year 2013 data.


DISCUSSION ITEMS: County Manager Kelly Kuenstler started the discussion about the budget with the departments that were in deficit, or negative. The departments included in the deficit were: The Luna County Stockyards, the Luna County Detention Center and the Southwest Regional Transit District. Ms. Kuenstler expressed her hopes that the impending sale of the Stockyards would alleviate the one negative budget item. The

Detention Center budget is projected for an estimated inmate population of 181. Jail certification remains a credibility issue, and certification is not obtainable with the current south wing modular unit. Ms. Kuenstler advised that the County is not going to recoup the costs associated with the south wing modular unit on the jail from Global Housing Solutions. Jarod Hofacket will represent the County along with co-counsel out of Dallas, Texas to help rectify the losses from the modular unit project. Ms. Kuenstler suggested ways to overcome the Luna County Detention Center budgetary shortfalls which included a post adjudication study of statewide averages, redrafting billing language for municipal inmates, and the possibility of stopping merit increases and changing employee insurance premium percentages. Ms. Kuenstler stated there were minor budget changes in every department and commended the fiscal responsibilities of each department and elected officials. Temporary deficit solutions presented were selling fixed assets and renegotiating contracts. Ms. Kuenstler stated money is getting paid back from Starmax, and the funds are being deposited back into the 416 fund. The 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget was presented to the Board by Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox. Amongst the items discussed were revenue funds (401), PILT funding decreases of 5.1 percent, the diverted gasoline tax for the road grading equipment, gross-receipt taxes (GRTs), indigent hospital-funding, and the budget issues with SWRTD and the Village of Columbus. Ms. Kuenstler stated during the discussion there are differences in solid waste, the detention center and dispatch departments, and everything else is 'flat'. The Preliminary Budget was presented for discussion only, and no action was taken.

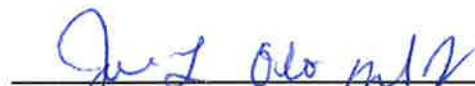
ADJOURN: Chairman Diaz adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

**LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF
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Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk

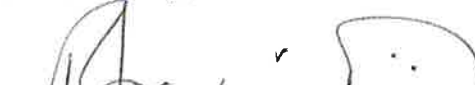


Joe L. "Oleo" Milo, Jr., District 1

Approved: June 13, 2013



J. Jay Spivey, District 2



R. Javier Diaz, District 3, Chairman

