

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Monday, September 16, 2013**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in special session at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 16, 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: County Manager Kelly Kuentler, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Deputy Clerk JoAnna Zurinsky, Assessor Delilah Rojo, Chief Deputy Assessor Barbara Cobos, Chief Deputy Treasurer Gloria Rodriguez, Sheriff Raymond Cobos; Lieutenant Jonathan Mooradian.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Diaz called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and Sheriff Raymond Cobos 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 Deputy Clerk JoAnna Zurinsky. 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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Caldwell expressed his concerns with the how the County came up with the numbers for the certification of values. Assessor Delilah Rojo explained that there is a certification process of all values that are certified by the State. The certification is due each year by June 15th, and is sent by the County Assessor to the Property Tax Division, and that certifies the values that are on the tax-rolls. That certification is then sent to the Department of Finance Administration (DFA). DFA then will use the yield-control, which is a calculation that they use to come up with the tax-rates. The tax-rates are set with the values that are on the tax-rolls and are dependent on the budgets of the City, County, the Village of Columbus, and the Schools.

Ed Khanbajian asked if the tax-rates only applied to property taxes, when the new increases would be effective, and inquired about the protest procedure. Ms. Rojo explained that of this year's protest hearings only one went in front of the board and the value was changed, but other changes were made also during the protest process. Any changes that were made prior to protest period will reflect with the new tax rates. Mr. Khanbajian asked how often the certifications were done, which is yearly, and how much the taxes go up. Ms. Rojo explained how tax rates from 2012 to 2013 increased, and the different rates from City to County. Mr. Khanbajian asked if the Board of Commissioners has ever not

accepted the tax rates. Mr. Khanbabian also inquired about the rate of non-compliance on taxes for Deming Ranchettes.

Ms. Rojo acknowledged that she found an error that was previously made on the Certification that was submitted on June 15, 2013 and an amended certification was submitted on June 27, 2013, the error was made by the Central Assessment Office in the approximate amount of \$134,000 and the tax-rates had to be amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

CERTIFICATE OF TAX RATES 2013: Commissioner Spivey moved to accept Certificate of Tax Rates 2013. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Chairman Diaz adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

ATTEST:



Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk

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

Approved: October 10, 2013



J. Jay Spivey, District 2



R. Javier Diaz, District 3, Chairman

