

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, July 27, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020 in the Basement Training room of the Luna County Courthouse, Deming, New Mexico, for the purpose of conducting a Special Meeting. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the Governor's Orders regarding social distancing, the commission meeting was conducted via teleconference and webcasting with a minimum in attendance from the public and staff.

The following staff and elected officials were present: County Manager Chris Brice, Assistant to County Manager Intern Evelyn Lira, Deputy Clerk Pilar Salcido, IT Administrative Assistant Debra Seats, Treasurer Gloria Rodriguez, Community Development Director Premal Patel Premal, and Budget & Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Sweetser called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of the State of New Mexico.

**ROLL CALL:** Deputy Clerk Pilar Salcido called roll. The following members of the Board constituting a quorum were present:

**Barbara L. Reedy, District 1  
Linda M. Smrkovsky, District 2  
John S. Sweetser, Chair, District 3**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chair Sweetser opened the floor for public comment to which none was forthcoming.

**SERVICE AWARDS:**

- Retirement: Martha Garcia LCDC from 12/20/1999 through 7/29/2020: Celebration took place earlier in the Luna County Chambers which included Ms. Garcia's family and friends.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Resolution 20-43 2019-2020 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report:** Budget & Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox explained this is a simple resolution written by the State for Board of Commissions approval and submission.

Commissioner Smrkovsky moved to approve Resolution 20-43 2019-2020 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report. Commissioner Barbara Reedy seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

**b. Resolution 20-44 Approval of FY 2020-2021 Final Budget:** County Manager Chris Brice explained the Commissioners received four copies of the final budget, first one includes no change, the second one includes 2% raise for employees, the third one includes 3% salary increase and the last one includes 3% salary increase and restoring asked amounts for outside agencies which were cut 20%. Mr. Brice explained the reason for this is because essentially there is \$1,000,000 in excess for gross tax receipt received for last month. In the previous month there was an excess received in the amount of \$600,000. Commissioner Reedy voiced concerns as increases are not linked to assessments but being given across the board. Commissioner Smrkovsky moved to approve Resolution 20-44 Approval of FY 2020-2021 Final Budget to include 2% salary increase for employees with an evaluation process to be put into place within the next six months and reinstate the community funding to this years asked amounts. Any new requests (Silver Lining and Play Sharity) will stay as is. Commissioner Reedy seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

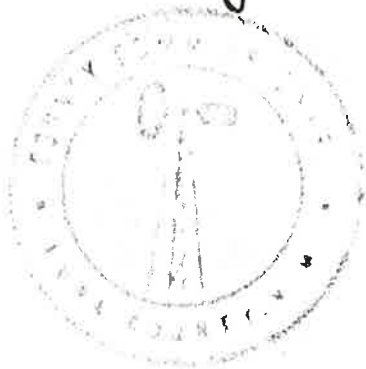
**c. Starmax Reduction in Force:** County Manager Chris Brice explained he kept the employees at Starmax as long as he could with lack of funding due to the shutdown. All but two employees were released effective August 26, 2020. Commissioner Smrkovsky motioned to approve Starmax Reduction in Force. Commissioner Reedy seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

**ADJOURN:** Chair Sweetser adjourned the meeting at 10:25.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk


Approved: August 13, 2020



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Chair John S. Sweetser, District 3