

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, July 26, 2016**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in Special Session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 in the County Commission Chambers of the Luna County Courthouse, 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 Ira Pearson, Executive Assistant Yossie Nieblas, County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Deputy Clerk JoAnna Zurinsky, County Assessor Delilah Rojo, Sheriff Jonathan Mooradian, Captain Kelly Gannaway, Executive Secretary Estella Ortiz, Road Director Marty Miller, Human Resources and Payroll Director Daniel Gonzales, Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox, Special Projects and Facilities Management Director Billy Ruiz, Detention Director Matthew Elwell, Executive Secretary Yvonne Baca, Grant and Compliance Officer Palmira Valentine, IT Technician Manny Armendariz

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Diaz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of the State of New Mexico.

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

**Joe L. Milo, Jr., District 1  
Linda M. Smrkovsky, District 2  
Chairman R. Javier Diaz, District 3**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chairman Diaz opened the floor to Public Comment, however there was none forthcoming.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. RESOLUTION 16-39 APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT:** County Manager Ira Pearson introduced Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox to review this Resolution. Ms. Hethcox stated this Resolution is necessary per the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), and although quarterly reports are required to be submitted on a timely basis during the fiscal year, only the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter financial reports require commission approval. Ms. Hethcox stood for questions and discussion amongst the Board, and Mr. Pearson recommended approval of the Resolution. Upon motion from Commissioner Smrkovsky, seconded by Commissioner Milo, Resolution 16-39 approval of the 2016-2017 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report carried unanimously following a roll-call vote.

**b. RESOLUTION 16-40 APPROVING THE 2016-2017 FINAL BUDGET:** County Manager Ira Pearson and Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox summarized and reviewed the Final Budget changes from the preliminary budget with the Board. Individual line item changes were addressed by Mr. Pearson and Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox. A discussion ensued amongst the Board, Mr. Pearson and Ms. Hethcox in regards to salaries, staff changes/reclassifications, and pay-rate increases, offsetting costs on solar power, available lands for a new Volunteer Fire Station, recurring budget costs (vehicles and road graders, etc.), utility improvements to the Colonias, and Bond Schedules. Commissioner Smrkovsky thanked all of those that helped with the Budget, and addressed her concerns with rising insurance costs and lawsuits. Joanne Hethcox recommended an amendment on line item #411002468 by incorporating a \$250,000 legislative appropriation for jail improvements, which was inadvertently left out. Ms. Hethcox noted the ending balance on the line item would remain unchanged because of the expenditure and revenue items are the same amount. Upon motion from Commissioner Smrkovsky, seconded by Commissioner Milo, Resolution 16-40 Approving the 2016-2017 Final Budget was amended by including the amount of \$250,000 for revenue and expense for line item #411002468 (Legislative Appropriation for the Detention Center) and approved. The motion carried unanimously following a roll-call vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Chairman Diaz entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Limited Personnel Matters pursuant to 10-15-1 (H) 2 NMSA 1978 pertaining to the County Manager's goals and performance objectives. Commissioner Milo so moved. Commissioner Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll-call vote.

Commissioner Smrkovsky motioned to return from Executive Session where no other matters were discussed but Limited Personnel Matters pertaining to the County Manager's goals and performance objectives. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion which carried unanimously. There was no action taken during the Executive Session.

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Diaz adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, CLERK

**APPROVED:** 08/11/16

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CHAIRMAN, R. JAVIER DIAZ, DISTRICT 3