

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
Thursday, November 10, 2016**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 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 Administrative Assistant Yossie Nieblas, County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Elections Administrator Leslie Nabours, Deputy Clerk JoAnna Zurinsky, Treasurer Dora Madrid, Assessor Delilah Rojo, Sheriff Jonathan Mooradian, Special Projects and Facilities Management Director Billy Ruiz, Human Resources Director Danny Gonzales, Community Health and Wellbeing Director Jessica Moreno, Detention Director Matt Elwell, Executive Assistant Yvonne Baca, Luna County Detention Captain Mary Gooding, IT Technician Manny Armendariz, Public Information Officer Matt Robinson, DWI Program Coordinator Edith Vazquez, DWI Screener Teresa Ortberg, Safety Director Mark Jasso.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Diaz called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m., and Deputy Clerk JoAnna Zurinsky led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag 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  
R. Javier Diaz, Chairman, District 3

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Commissioner Smrkovsky motioned to amend and approve the agenda, moving the *Service Awards* portion to the Work Session as previously recommended by County Manager Ira Pearson. Also amended was *Agenda Item 12*, the corrections of *Special Election 2017* was changed to *General Election 2016*. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Milo which carried unanimously.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:** County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez reported that her office just completed the General Election, and took the opportunity to thank everyone and specific individuals involved with the support of the office: County Manager Ira Pearson, IT Technician Manny Armendariz, Moses Pastran, Judit Hatch, Elizabeth El-Bizri, Elections Administrator Leslie Nabours, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Maria Rudloff, Myrna Duarte, and JoAnna Zurinsky.

Treasurer Dora Madrid reported that her office is busy collecting taxes, and thanked Moses Pastran and Billy Ruiz for their assistance and help.

Sheriff John Mooradian reported that burglaries are down from this time last year, and that mail thefts are also down. A deputy working the Stonegarden grant made a traffic stop in which 100 pounds of marijuana were seized, the vehicle had 15 illegal aliens, and the vehicle was stolen. The Sheriff's Department received positive feedback from the fair. Sheriff Mooradian also took an opportunity to thank everyone involved and the community's support for the recent passing of Lieutenant Richard Cowles.

**PRESENTATIONS:** There were no presentations given at today's Regular Meeting.

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

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT:** County Manager Ira Pearson reported on the following items:

- Both vacant positions in Central Dispatch have been filled. The Department received 1,337 911 calls: 1,134 were wireless, and 203 came from a landline. The dispatch affiliate is trying to include a 911 tax, but it is hard to ascertain a tax on a prepaid phone or a no-contract phone. It is estimated that 25-35 percent of all wireless calls come from these type of phones. Mr. Pearson urged the Commission to be aware of this.
- The Maintenance Department is currently working on building a secure wall for the Sheriff's Office.
- Community Projects: Jessica Etcheverry and Matt Robinson are now certified in leadership training through the John Maxwell program.
- Keep Luna County Beautiful recently hosted Toss No Mas, and collected 25,000 pounds of trash.
- Luna County Detention Center: The average daily population for the month of October was 352 inmates, U.S Marshals Service 161 inmates and Sierra County inmates 56.
- Road Department: Rockhound Road SW paving project has been completed, and the department expects to finish the Hermanas Road project in December.
- Human Resources and Budget and Procurement: Audit has been completed, and the department is pleased to announce the GOV U Online training, which will streamline various training programs for the entire county.
- Starmax: October sales this year are at \$94,050, sales last year were \$112,000.
- Safety/ Risk Management: Completed New Mexico Association of Counties annual inspection of buildings, and Luna County had the 2<sup>nd</sup> fewest infractions out of all the counties.

**CONSIDER MINUTES:** Upon motion of Commissioner Smrkovsky, seconded by Commissioner Milo, the minutes of the October 13, 2016 Work Session were unanimously approved.

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**CONSENT AGENDA:** Upon motion of Commissioner Smrkovsky, seconded by Commissioner Milo the following items on the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved following a roll-call vote.

- a. **Accounts Payable:** Accounts Payable Registers totaling \$470,833.56.
- b. **Payroll Registers:** Payroll Registers totaling \$1,046,827.69.
- c. **Resolution 16-52 Budget Increases**

**NEW BUSINESS:** There were no New Business items submitted, therefore no action was taken on this item.

**CERTIFICATION OF CANVASS RESULTS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION 2016:** County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, and Elections Administrator Leslie Nabours came before the Board and presented the Certification of Canvass Results for the General Election 2016. Commissioner Smrkovsky moved to approve the Certification of Canvass Results for the General Election 2016 as presented. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUESTS:** There were no Travel Requests submitted, therefore no action was taken on this item.

**INDIGENT CLAIMS REPORT:** Upon motion of Commissioner Milo seconded by Commissioner Smrkovsky, the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was unanimously recessed and the meeting of the Indigent Hospital Claims Board convened. County Manager Ira Pearson recommended approval of zero claims dated November 10, 2016 in the amount of zero dollars and zero denials. The monies received for October 2016 totaled \$44,499.27. The balance in the Indigent Funds Accounts as of October 31, 2016 is \$670,747.18, with an Encumbered Balance of \$491,015.51. Commissioner Smrkovsky moved to approve zero claims dated November 10, 2016 in the amount zero dollars and zero denials. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Commissioner Milo moved to recess as claims board and to reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Smrkovsky seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETING:** Chairman Diaz announced that a Work Session will be conducted on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and the next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

**REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Smrkovsky requested that an update of various committees be submitted.

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Diaz adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

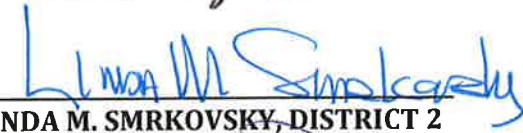
**ATTEST:**

  
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**ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, LUNA COUNTY CLERK**

**LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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**JOE L. MILO, JR., DISTRICT 1**

**APPROVED:** 12/01/16

  
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**LINDA M. SMRKOVSKY, DISTRICT 2**

  
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**CHAIRMAN, R. JAVIER DIAZ, DISTRICT 3**

