

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Wednesday, December 18, 2019**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday December 18, 2019 in the County Commission Chambers of the Luna County Courthouse, Deming, New Mexico, for the purpose of conducting a Special Meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of New Mexico.

**ROLL CALL:** Deputy Clerk Pilar Salcido called roll. The following Commissioners constituting a quorum were present:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chair Smrkovsky opened the floor to Public Comment. No public comment was forthcoming.

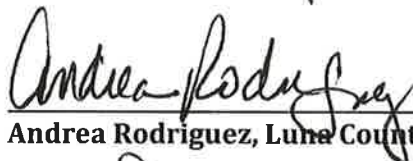
**PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. **NM 11 Phase I A/B Update – Wilson & Company, Inc.:** Wilson & Company, Inc., Engineers & Architects Vice President Mario Juarez-Infante, PE gave a presentation regarding an update on the NM 11 Phase 1 A/B regional overview. Mr. Juarez stated that a meeting has been scheduled with the steering committee which includes the Southwest Council of Governments (COG), Luna County, City of Deming, Deming Public Schools, New Mexico Department of Transportation and the Village of Columbus. The meeting will focus in detail on the study itself. A detailed presentation of the corridor options, like typical sections two lanes vs. four lane road way, safety, safety elements and economic development opportunities will be discussed. A public meeting will be held in January. The outcome of that meeting will be to select a preferred alternative.
  
- b. **Columbus Northeast Channel Phase 1 MOU for Colonias Infrastructure Fund Application, Wilson & Company, Inc.:** Mario Juarez-Infante requested that the Board agree to a Joint MOU for the NE Channel Phase II in the amount of \$1,000,000. The funding will be used essentially to cover the cost of the labor and equipment which the County provides. If the infrastructure is not put in place to prevent the flooding it will continue to have an adverse impact on the Village of Columbus. Mayor Ezequiel Salas stated he has many concerns pertaining to the area where the arroyo has a 90 degree turn and which causes much havoc yearly. Mr. Salas also stated he has had conversations with Mr. Coelbren who may possibly donate or trade land with the Village of Columbus for this

project. County Manager Chris Brice clarified that the Colonias Grant and the MOU are for the County assistance in providing the NE Channel and building. Mr. Brice stated there is also a resolution that they plan on presenting in support of NMDOT and their request for funding as part of the berm phase I and phase II of the diversion. Mr. Juarez-Infante stated his office would be drafting the Resolution and will submit to the Board for their review and approval in the near future. Mr. Juarez-Infante would like to get the MOU and resolution passed in January.

**ADJOURN:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Sweetser and a second made by Commissioner Reedy, Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

**ATTEST:**


  
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Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk

Approved: January 8, 2020

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