

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 23, 2022, in Chambers of the Luna County Courthouse, Deming, New Mexico, for the purpose of conducting a Work Session.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allégiance 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.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

- a. **2022-2023 Preliminary Budget Review:** The Luna County Board of County Commissioners discussed budget items with County Manager Chris Brice and Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox. The discussion centered on the different community organizations that the County provides funding for. One main item discussed, was that PERA will increase by 1% (a half percent increase to the employee and a half percent increase to the County.) Ms. Hethcox stated that the increase would continue to take place for the next 4 years. Mr. Brice discussed the Merit Raise Process being based on an employee evaluation. When the time comes, the Director from each department would come before a panel mid-year (January) and ask for a raise for any employee, all will have to be justified from the highest performance to the lowest. They also discussed bringing the salaries for the Newly Elected Officials up to the amount approved by the State Legislature in 2018. Respectively, both Mr. Brice and Ms. Hethcox stood for questions and explanations. (*Note: Item was presented for discussion only and no actions were taken.)
- b. **Ordinance 112: OHV:** Ordinance 112 for Off-Highway Vehicles would allow for the operation of off-highway vehicles on County-owned and controlled roadways. In general, the discussion was in regards to the concern for the number of new calls that Law Enforcement entities will receive, the accidents, and the deaths that may occur from the lack of compliance from the riders.

Upcoming Meeting:

Special Meeting: May 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting: June 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN: Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

ATTEST:

**LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Berenda McWright
Berenda McWright, Luna County Clerk

Barbara L. Reedy
Barbara L. Reedy, District 1

Approved: 6-9-22

Linda M. Smrkovsky
Chair, Linda M. Smrkovsky, District 2

John S. Sweetser
John S. Sweetser, District 3

