

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Friday, February 10, 2017**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2017 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, Assistant County Manager Glory Juarez, Executive Administrative Assistant Yossie Nieblas, County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Deputy Clerk JoAnna Zurinsky, Treasurer Gloria Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Treasurer Dora Madrid, Sheriff Kelly Gannaway, Special Projects and Facilities Management Director Billy Ruiz, Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox, Community Projects Director Jessica Etcheverry, Road Director Marty Miller, Dispatch Director Lauree Sanchez, IT Technician Manny Armendariz, Public Information Officer Matt Robinson, Safety Director Mark Jasso.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m., and 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:

**Linda M. Smrkovsky, Chairwoman, District 2
John S. Sweetser, District 3**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Sweetser motioned to amend and approve the agenda, amending *New Business* item 11 D as previously recommended by County Manager Ira Pearson, and voting on each Road Application individually. The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Smrkovsky, which carried unanimously.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS: County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez reported that her office recently conducted the School Board Election for Districts 1 and 2, and 3.48% of the voting population participated in the election. Ronald Wolf and Billy Ruiz were elected to the School Board. Ms. Rodriguez thanked all that helped run the election.

Treasurer Gloria Rodriguez addressed the Board, and reported her office just completed the financial report for January.

Sheriff Kelly Gannaway stated his department has been busy with restructuring and Captain Jose Martinez has filled his old position, and Lieutenant Mike Brown has been promoted to Captain, and filled Captain Martinez's old position. Sheriff Gannaway gave an update on crime statistics, and stated that vehicle thefts were up, especially Ford F-250 thefts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: County Manager Ira Pearson announced that the Sheriff's Office secured Safe Border funding through this Fiscal Year.

Community Projects Director Jessica Etcheverry announced that on March 23rd, the County will be hosting the 2nd Annual Deming Business Expo at the Special Events Center. Ms. Etcheverry congratulated the Luna County Skate Park Committee on a successful fund raising effort in which over \$300 was raised for the upkeep of the skate park.

Chairwoman Smrkovsky thanked Jessica Etcheverry and Matt Robinson for their efforts during the Silver Spikes reception.

CALL FOR ORDINANCE: Commissioner Sweetser motioned to direct the County Manager's Office to publish the title and summary of Ordinance 18- Franchise to El Paso Electric Company as amended one time in *The Deming Headlight* at least two weeks prior to the meeting of the Board at which the ordinance is proposed for final passage. The publication shall also include the date and time at which the ordinance is to be considered. Chairwoman Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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

- The County and State continue to stay on top of the 911 Bill that expands the surcharge to prepaid cell phones.
- Community Projects hosted a Job Fair for the Detention Center construction project on January 26th. Over 160 people attended.
- The Road Department now has a new e-mail system set up for internal and external discussion, and the public can e-mail their concerns and requests, and Luna County will be able to respond.
- Starmax: December sales were \$116,575.
- Emergency Services: The County received a Safety Award from the New Mexico Association of Counties for a reduction of Workman's Compensation claims
- Healing House: Assisted 50 new clients and 9 returning clients. The County Manager's office conducted a walk-through inspection last month of the facility, and it was found that inside work is needed on the floors, windows and appliances. The possibility of improvements as a Capital Outlay project was discussed with the Legislature and the Governor.
- Volunteer Fire Departments: The County is currently working on adjusting new Fire Fund distributions.
- Capital Outlay Requests are as follows: Healing House improvements, Career Tech Center and Roads.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Edward Khanbabian commented that he felt the openness with the public and transparency has improved greatly. Mr. Khanbabian also addressed his concerns about Starmax profitability and budgetary payroll constraints with the Board.

CONSIDER MINUTES: Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser, seconded by Chairwoman Smrkovsky, the minutes of the January 12, 2017 Regular Meeting were unanimously approved.

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

- a. **Accounts Payable:** Accounts Payable Registers totaling \$842,086.57.

- b. **Payroll Registers:** Payroll Registers totaling \$1,040,304.30.
- c. **Resolution 17-17 Budget Increases**
- d. **Resolution 17-18 Budget Transfers**
- e. **Resolution 17-19 Application for Financial & Project Approval to NM Finance Authority**
- f. **Appointment of Court Security Officer- Lydia Tavizon**

NEW BUSINESS: The following items were submitted to the Board for consideration, and each item was summarized accordingly:

a. Appointment of Board of Registration: County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez stated this item is a list from each political party, and appoints a board to purge a list of inactive voters every two years. County Manger Ira Pearson outlined the protocol for the Board of Registration Appointments. Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve the Appointment of Board of Registration (Option 2) with the following members: Leanna Rossi (R), Member, Olivia Counce (D), Member, Leslie Bronken (R), Member, Yolanda Salas (D), Alternate, and Keith Harris (R), Alternate. Chairwoman Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

b. Appointment of Commission on Aging Board of Directors: County Manger Ira Pearson outlined this item, and stated that three individuals have submitted resumes and letters of interest and have been recommended to this Board as follows: Ms. Laura Sawyer of Deming, Mr. R.L. Stockard, and Mr. Alan Rosenberg of the Village of Columbus. Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve the Appointment of Commission on Aging Board of Directors as recommended. Chairwoman Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

c. Resolution 17-20 Refunding County Correctional Facilities GRT Revenue Bond: Chairwoman Smrkovsky outlined this item, and explained this Resolution allows the County Manager to research refinancing the District Court building bond. Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve Resolution 17-20 Refunding County Correctional Facilities GRT Revenue Bond. Chairwoman Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll-call vote.

d. Approval of Road Applications: Road Director Marty Miller reviewed each application for County Road Maintenance with the Board individually:

- **Boothill Road SE:** Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve the application. Chairwoman Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- **El Condor Rd./Camino de Valdes:** Mr. Miller stated this road has base material, drainage and bar ditch issues, which does not meet County Maintenance standards. Chairwoman Smrkovsky motioned to deny the application, and a letter be written to the applicant stating what needs to be done to bring the road up to County standards. Commissioner Sweetser seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- **La Jolla Road:** Mr. Miller stated this two mile stretch of road has water and drainage issues which has created material problems, and therefore the road does not meet County Maintenance standards, and is a liability issue. Chairwoman Smrkovsky motioned to deny the application, and a letter be written to the applicant stating what needs to be done to bring the road up to County standards. Commissioner Sweetser seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- **San Acacia and Bandito- (These Road Applications will be submitted on the March Agenda)**

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 Sweetser seconded by Chairwoman Smrkovsky, the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was unanimously recessed and the meeting of the Indigent Hospital Claims Board convened.

Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox recommended approval of zero claims dated February 10, 2017 in the amount of zero dollars and zero denials. The monies received for January 2017 totaled \$42,708.53. The balance in the Indigent Funds Accounts as of January 31, 2017 is \$634,439.73, with an Encumbered Balance of \$293,427.57. Commissioner Sweetser moved to approve zero claims dated February 10, 2017 in the amount zero dollars and zero denials. Chairwoman Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sweetser moved to recess as claims board and to reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Chairwoman Smrkovsky seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETING: Chairwoman Smrkovsky announced that a Work Session will be conducted on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and the next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Ann Shine-Ring requested a revisit of Ordinance 91 on the Agenda, and Larry Caldwell reiterated his request for the Board to consider a five member commission.

ADJOURN: Chairwoman Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



 ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, LUNA COUNTY CLERK

LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

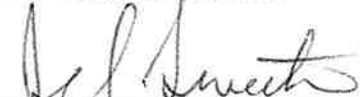


 JOE L. MILO, JR., DISTRICT 1

APPROVED: March 9, 2017



 LINDA M. SMRKOVSKY, DISTRICT 2, CHAIR



 JOHN S. SWEETSER, DISTRICT 3

