

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, July 13, 2017**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 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, 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, Captain Luis Malina, Human Resources Director Danny Gonzales, Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox, Road Department Director Marty Miller, Community Projects Director Jessica Etcheverry, Public Information Officer Matt Robinson, Dispatch Director Lauree Sanchez, Dispatch Supervisor Yovanie Granillo, Safety Director Mark Jasso, Special Projects and Facilities Management Director Billy Ruiz, Community Health and Well-Being Director Jecca Jara.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.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, Chair, District 2
John S. Sweetser, District 3**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda for today's Regular Meeting was presented to the Board for approval. Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Chair Smrkovsky, which carried unanimously.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS: Treasurer Gloria Rodriguez reported that her department has finished end of month for June, and the month was balanced. The reports have been distributed to all departments. The department has also finished up the Fiscal Year.

County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez reported that her department is now taking credit card payments. She also announced that Administrative Assistant JoAnna Zurinsky is leaving.

Sheriff Kelly Gannaway apologized for not having a report on Crime Statistics. He stated that his Department is in the process of promoting a Sergeant, and hiring a deputy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: County Manger Ira Pearson announced that the Salsa Festival will be held at the Courthouse Park July 29th and 30th.

Community Projects Director Jessica Etcheverry announced there will be one more Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan public meeting held and a final meeting held.

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

- Dispatch calls for June: Landline 911 Calls- 192. Wireless 911 Calls- 1246.
- Community Projects: Keep Luna County Beautiful was awarded the Community Program of the Year from the New Mexico Recycling Coalition.
- Salsa Fest is set for July 29-30th.
- Detention Center: LCDC Daily average population for June: 298 Inmates. U.S. Marshals Service- 131 Inmates. Local Population- 164 Inmates. Average length of stay- 37 days.
- Road Department: The department assisted the City of Deming in moving the tire bales from the old landfill to the new dumpsite off of I-10 to stay in compliance. Weed spraying for African Rue has been constant. Tire shredding machine should arrive this week, and website communication for maintenance is working great.
- Budget and Procurement: Starmax has received \$294,431.40 for VPN program (new projectors) - \$94,229.87 remains to be paid.
- Maintenance Department: Staying busy with A/C season. Two compressors on a 21-ton unit were replaced at the Mimbres Valley Learning Center.
- Starmax: June sales were \$141,278, and Summer Hours began May 26th. Summer bowling leagues started last week.
- Volunteer Fire Departments: There were several call for brush fires last month.
- IT Department: The new County website is up and running and the department is starting to utilize the Intranet.
- There will be a Work Session conducted in The Village of Columbus at 5:30 p.m. on July 18th.

CALL FOR ORDINANCE: Commissioner Sweetser motioned to direct the County Manager's Office to publish the title and summary of Amended Ordinance 23- Personnel Ordinance 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. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chair Smrkovsky opened the floor to Public Comment: Christie Ann Harvey came before the Board and expressed gratitude on behalf of the Deming-Luna Mainstreet to Ann Shine-Ring and the Luna County Master Gardeners for their efforts in beautifying the Leyendecker Square.

Lauri Findley announced the launch of the *Everything in Deming* App for the Chamber of Commerce which showcases businesses and attraction in the area. As of date there have been 1,008 downloads, and 9,679 views.

Russ Howell came before the Board and applauded the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street Organization. Ms. Howell inquired about what projects like Sun Zia and Southline provide for Luna County besides a temporary employment base? Bill Kipp from Southline responded the project will give the county about a 6% tax line increase and development opportunities.

Cecilia Dominguez questioned about the Road Department procedure about having stolen and damaged road signs replaced. Ms. Dominguez also asked about the easement procedures for having a road graded.

CONSIDER MINUTES: Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser, seconded by Chair Smrkovsky, the minutes of the June 8, 2017 Work Session were unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser, seconded by Chair Smrkovsky, the minutes of the June 8, 2017 Regular Meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser, seconded by Chair Smrkovsky, the minutes of the June 29, 2017 Special Meeting were unanimously approved.

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

- a. **Accounts Payable: \$1,520,230.52**
- b. **Payroll: \$1,023,133.13**
- c. **Amended Resolution 17-36 Luna County CAP Project**
- d. **Amended Resolution 17-37 Luna County SB Project**
- e. **Agreement between Luna County and Deming Public Schools**
- f. **Agreement between Luna County and Deming Animal Guardians**
- g. **Agreement between Luna County and Deming-Luna County Commission on Aging**
- h. **Agreement between Luna County and Deming Art Council**
- i. **Agreement between Luna County and Deming/Luna County Mainstreet Program**
- j. **Agreement between Luna County and Deming/Luna County Chamber of Commerce**
- k. **Agreement between Luna County and Luna County Historical Society**
- l. **Agreement between Luna County and Rio Mimbres Golf Course**
- m. **Agreement between Luna County and Southwestern NM State Fair Association**
- n. **Luna County Proclamation for National Night Out**
- o. **Approval of Commission on Aging Board Member**
- p. **Appointment of Deputy Sheriff- Robert Ornelas**
- q. **Appointment of Deputy Sheriff- Jose Paz**

NEW BUSINESS: County Manager Ira Pearson reviewed each item on the New Business agenda with the Commissioners:

- a. **Resolution 17-42 Supporting the Southline Transmission Project:** Commissioner Sweetser motioned to table this item, stating that he felt there needed to be more opportunity for the public to give their input on the project. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

INDIGENT CLAIMS REPORT: Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser seconded by Chair 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 13 claims dated July 13, 2017 in the amount of \$46,101.47 and zero denials. The monies received for June 2017 totaled \$39,306.94. The balance in the Indigent Funds Accounts as of June 30, 2017 is \$735,150.83 with an Encumbered Balance of \$83,146.25. Commissioner Sweetser moved to approve 13 claims dated July 13, 2017 in the amount \$46,101.47 dollars and zero denials. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Commissioner Sweetser moved to recess as claims board and to reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chair Smrkovsky 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 Volunteer Fire Departments. Commissioner Sweetser so moved and announced no other matters would be discussed. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

Commissioner Sweetser motioned to return from Executive Session where no other matters were discussed but Limited Personnel Matters. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously. There was no action taken during the Executive Session.

ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETING: Chair Smrkovsky announced that a Work Session will be held in Columbus on July 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

A Special Meeting Will for Budget Approval be held on July 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

A Work Session will be held on August 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

A Regular Meeting will be held on August 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Chair Smrkovsky requested that Resolution 17-42 Supporting the Southline Transmission Project be placed on the agenda.

Larry Caldwell requested that a discussion of the fairness of the taxation of Luna County be placed on the Agenda.

ADJOURN: Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

ATTEST:

LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, LUNA COUNTY CLERK

VACANT

JOE L. MILO, JR., DISTRICT 1

APPROVED: *August 10, 2017*



LINDA M. SMRKOVSKY, DISTRICT 2



JOHN S. SWEETSER, DISTRICT 3

