

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
Thursday, June 8, 2017**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, 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, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Deputy Clerk JoAnna Zurinsky, Chief Deputy Treasurer Dora Madrid, Assessor Delilah Rojo, Sheriff Kelly Gannaway, Captain Mike Brown, Lieutenant Luis Malina, Detention Director Chris Brice, Human Resources Director Danny Gonzales, Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox, Community Projects Director Jessica Etcheverry, Public Information Officer Matt Robinson, IT Technician Manny Armendariz, Safety Director Mark Jasso, DWI Program Manager Edith Vazquez, Community Health and Well-Being Director Jecca Jara, Planning and Zoning Administrative Assistant Patsy Rodriguez, KLCB Administrator/ Codes Compliance Officer Joe Padilla, Special Projects and Facilities Management Director Billy Ruiz, Dispatch Director Lauree Sanchez.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 10:02 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:

**Joe L. Milo, District 1 (present telephonically)**  
**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 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Milo, which carried unanimously.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:** Sheriff Kelly Gannaway reported on May crime statistics, and stated that assaults, larcenies, and civil processes were up and burglaries were down. There were four vehicle thefts, of which three were recovered, and DWI's are up. Sergeant Lobato was promoted to Lieutenant, and there were two new hires.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** No Announcements were made.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON VARIANCE AT 65 IRRITABE RD. NW:** Chair Smrkovsky opened a Public Hearing to receive testimony on a Variance at 65 Irritabe Rd. NW. Special Projects and Facilities Management Director Billy Ruiz summarized the history on the variance. Mr. Ruiz recommended approval on the variance; citing that the variance would not be a permanent change, but rather as the circumstances dictated, and with a revisit on the variance as needed.

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

- The new wireless 911 surcharge was approved by the Governor, and the County should be seeing benefits from that.
- Dispatch calls for April: Landline 911 Calls- 151. Wireless 911 Calls- 1001.
- Community Projects: Salsa Fest is set for July 29-30<sup>th</sup>.
- Detention Center: LCDC Daily average population for May: 278 Inmates. U.S. Marshals Service- 101 Inmates. Local Population- 178 Inmates. Average length of stay- 58 days.
- Road Department: The department recently lost a team member- Robert Barker, and is down to a 4-man blade crew until a new operator is trained. Tire cutting is in compliance, and website communication for maintenance is working great.
- Maintenance Department is currently working on a new DTC system for A/C season and a remote access county wide thermostat control.
- Starmax: May sales were \$124,400, and Summer Hours began May 26<sup>th</sup>. Summer bowling leagues started last week.
- Emergency Services: Safety Review Committee is back to meeting on a monthly basis. The committee reviews all accident reports and makes recommendations.
- Volunteer Fire Departments: There are currently 45 members between both stations, and there were several call for brush fires last month.
- IT Department: The new County website is up and running and there will be a demo during next month's Board Meeting displaying the features of the website.
- DWI hosted the Buzz Free after-prom event at Starmax last month. 212 students attended, and there were 15 community volunteers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chair Smrkovsky opened the floor to Public Comment: Joe Mooreland came before the Board and commented about his recent experience involving a Luna County Sheriff's Vehicle parked in a handicapped parking spot at a local business.

**CONSIDER MINUTES:** Upon motion of Commissioner Milo, seconded by Commissioner Sweetser, the minutes of the April 28, 2017 Work Session were unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser, seconded by Commissioner Milo, the minutes of the April 28, 2017 Special Meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Milo, seconded by Commissioner Sweetser, the minutes of the May 11, 2017 Work Session were unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser, seconded by Commissioner Milo, the minutes of the May 11, 2017 Regular Meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Milo, seconded by Commissioner Sweetser, the minutes of the May 18, 2017 Work Session were unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser, seconded by Commissioner Milo, the minutes of the May 25, 2017 Special Meeting were unanimously approved.

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

- a. **Accounts Payable:** Accounts Payable Registers totaling \$1,420,106.26.
- b. **Payroll Registers:** Payroll Registers totaling \$1,020,886.35.
- c. **Resolution 17-33 Budget Transfers**
- d. **Resolution 17-34 Budget Increases**
- e. **Resolution 17-36 Luna County CAP Project**
- f. **Resolution 17-37 Luna County SB Project**
- g. **Resolution 17-38 Luna County COOP Project**
- h. **Resolution 17-39 Multi-Services Agreement between Luna County and City of Deming**
- i. **Resolution 17-40 Multi-Services Agreement between Luna County and Village of Columbus**
- j. **Rescind Debt Repayment Agreement with Luna County Sheriff's Department**

**OLD BUSINESS:** County Manager Ira Pearson presented and summarized Old Business items on the agenda for reconsideration by the Board.

- a. **Administrative Offices Adjusted Schedule:** Commissioner Milo motioned to approve Administrative Offices Adjusted Schedule. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote, with Commissioner Sweetser voting in the negative.
- b. **Adjusted Holiday Schedule:** This Adjusted Holiday Schedule includes 105 hours of Holiday Time, and omits the half Wednesday (5 hours) before Thanksgiving. Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve Adjusted Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- c. **Approve Variance at 65 Irritabe Rd NW pursuant to Ordinance 75 Section 3.7:** Special Projects and Facilities Management Director Billy Ruiz recapped that the Ordinance allows a three-year variance, but recommended a one-year revisit. Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve Variance at 65 Irritabe Rd NW pursuant to Ordinance 75 Section 3.7 with a revisit in one year as recommended. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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

- a. **Resolution 17-35 Procurement Policy:** Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox came before the Board and summarized the Resolution. Mr. Pearson explained that this Procurement Policy has been worked on for quite some time. Ms. Hethcox outlined the Procurement Policy, and gave an overview of the changes. Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve Resolution 17-35 Procurement Policy. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll-call vote.
- b. **Approval of being a cooperating agency for the use of the Organ Mountain Desert Peaks National Monument:** Chair Smrkovsky stated this item was discussed during the Work Session. Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve being a cooperating agency for the use of the Organ Mountain Desert Peaks National Monument. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- c. **Letter to Dept. of Interior Secretary regarding Organ Mountain Desert Peaks National Monument:** Chair Smrkovsky summarized this item is a letter to the Department of the Interior Secretary Zinke regarding the Organ Mountain Desert Peaks National Monument. Commissioner Milo motioned to approve the Letter to the Department of Interior Secretary regarding Organ Mountain Desert Peaks National Monument. Commissioner Sweetser seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- d. **Resolution 17-41 Supporting Sun Zia Transmission Project:** Chair Smrkovsky stated this item was discussed during the Work Session, and there was a correction to be made in the Resolution, and it would need to be amended. Commissioner Sweetser motioned to amend and approve Resolution 17-41 Supporting Sun Zia Transmission Project, making a correction in the 3<sup>rd</sup> line taking out the 'in'. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll-call vote.

**INDIGENT CLAIMS REPORT:** Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser seconded by Commissioner Milo, 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 14 claims dated June 8, 2017 in the amount of \$20,955.97 and zero denials. The monies received for May 2017 totaled \$61,714.58. The balance in the Indigent Funds Accounts as of May 31, 2017 is \$719,257.65 with an Encumbered Balance of \$111,466.93. Commissioner Sweetser moved to approve 14 claims dated June 8, 2017 in the amount \$20,955.97 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 Sweetser seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.


**ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETING:** Chair Smrkovsky announced that a Work Session will be held on July 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., a Regular Meeting will be held on July 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. and a Special Meeting will be held on July 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Assistant County Manager Glory Juarez advised that a Special Meeting will need to be held in regards to the DWI Grants before July 1, 2017.

**REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no requests for future agenda items.

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

**ATTEST:**

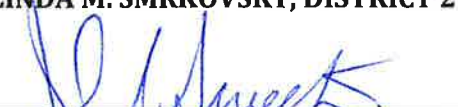
  
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 ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, LUNA COUNTY CLERK

**LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

ABSENT  
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 JOE L. MILO, JR., DISTRICT 1

**APPROVED:** July 13, 2017

  
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 LINDA M. SMRKOVSKY, DISTRICT 2

  
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 JOHN S. SWEETSER, DISTRICT 3

