

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 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, County Manager Assistant & Special Projects Supervisor Glory Juarez, Executive Administrative Assistant Yossie Nieblas, County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Deputy Clerk Myrna Duarte, Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox, Roads Superintendent Martin Miller, Sheriff Kelly Gannaway, Dispatch Director Lauree Sanchez, Operations Manager Yovanie Granillo, Community Health and Well-Being Director Jecca Jara, Healing House Director Julie Flores.

**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 Myrna Duarte 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:** County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez reported that her department was sending Leslie Nabours to training to learn new voter registration software "Service System" that will be used in the 2018 elections.

Sheriff Kelly Gannaway reported that crime statistics are decreasing, civil division is increasing, one warrant arrest was made, one stolen vehicle and one recovered stolen vehicle. The total stolen property value was approximately \$14,000 and recovered property value was approximately \$27,000.

Luna County Road Superintendent Marty Miller reported that roads are being bladed in new districts, new construction is planned in the Cook's Peak area, and complaints are down.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Healing House Director Julie Flores announced there will be a few events coming up for the month of October:

- Color Run will be held Saturday, October 14, 2017
- "Cram The Cruiser" being held October 13, 2017 from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wal-Mart 1021 E Pine St., to help the healing house with supplies for the clients in need.
- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Healing House is placing Purple Ribbons around the town to bring Domestic Violence awareness to our community.
- The Healing House is also encouraging the community to join in "Trunk or Treat" being held at the Court House parking lot on October 31, 2017.

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

- **Dispatch** calls for September: Landline 911 Calls - 171. Wireless 911 Calls - 1245.
- **Detention Center:** LCDC Daily average population for September: 315 Inmates. U.S. Marshals Service- 182 Inmates. Local Population- 133 Inmates. Average length of stay- 46 days.
- **Road Department:** Marty Miller stated the county was in compliance with holding tires. They are allowed to house 1,000 tires at a time and at the moment they are holding 600 tires. The department has been out spraying for African Rue with a blue spray.
- **Budget:** LCDC Medical RFP is about to expire in December. The contract will be reviewed and resubmitted promptly.
- **Maintenance Department:** Maintenance has been working on fixing leaks on the Sixth Judicial District Court.
- **Starmax:** September sales were \$117,000. The Arcade owners have ceased operations as of October 1, 2017. The machines have been sold and are expected to be removed from the business. The planning process for new entertainment for this area has already begun.
- **IT Department:** The department is updating the policy and procedures.
- **Director/Elected Officials Meeting:** All department elected officials are working together to keep each department informed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chair Smrkovsky opened the floor to Public Comment to which no one came forward.

**CONSIDER MINUTES:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweetser and a second by Chair Smrkovsky the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 11, 2017 were unanimously approved. Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser, seconded by Chair Smrkovsky, the Minutes of the Work Session held on September 19, 2017 were unanimously approved. Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser, seconded by Chair Smrkovsky, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 19, 2017 were unanimously approved.

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

- a. **Accounts Payable: \$1,784,379.97**
- b. **Payroll: \$1,461,418.19**
- c. **Resolution 17-54 Budget Increases**
- d. **Resolution 17-55 Budget Transfers**
- e. **Resolution 17-56 Designating the Polling Places for the 2018 Primary and General Elections**

- f. Juvenile Adjudication Fund Agreement.
- g. Red Ribbon Week Proclamation.
- h. Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation
- i. Appointment of Deputy Sheriff - Randal Carreon

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Rescind the Volunteer Fire Department Bylaws:** Mr. Pearson advised the bylaws will be reviewed to incorporate specific requirements for the volunteer fire department. The Bylaws will still be in place at the manager's directive until the revised bylaws are adopted. Commissioner Sweetser moved to approve rescinding the Volunteer Fire Department Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Chair Smrkovsky and unanimously approved.

**INDIGENT CLAIMS REPORT:** Commissioner Sweetser motioned to recess as County Commission, and convene as an Indigent Claims Board. The motion was seconded by Chair Smrkovsky and unanimously approved. Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox reported 5 claims for the month of September, 2017 in the amount of \$8,244.58 and zero denials. The gross receipts collected for September 2017 totaled \$69,262.34. The cash balance in the indigent funds accounts is \$807,342.06 with an encumbered balance of \$292,456.07. Commissioner Sweetser moved to approve the indigent claims report as submitted, Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Commissioner Sweetser moved to recess as an Indigent Claims Board and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Chair Smrkovsky and approved unanimously.


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

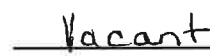
**REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Chair Smrkovsky had questions regarding the process for having a County Auction. There were no requests for future agenda items.

**ADJOURN:** Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

**ATTEST:**

**LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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 ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, LUNA COUNTY CLERK

  
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 (District 1 vacant pending appointment by Governor)

**APPROVED:** 11/09/2017

  
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 LINDA M. SMRKOVSKY, DISTRICT 2

  
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 JOHN S. SWEETSER, DISTRICT 3