

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Thursday July 13, 2017**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in work session at 9:00 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 a Work Session.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 Commissioners constituting a quorum were present:

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

SERVICE AWARDS: Luna County Detention Center Captain Mary Gooding presented Betty Quiroz with 10 year service award.

PRESENTATION ITEMS: Community Projects Director Jessica Etcheverry and Keep Luna County Beautiful (KLCB) Administrator announced *The New Mexico Recycling Coalition Community Program of the Year* was awarded to Keep Luna County Beautiful. She also introduced Board Members Mary Galbraith, Joe Padilla, Patsy Rodriguez, Edith Vasquez, Frankie Tarazon, and Jessica Etcheverry.

Community Projects Director Jessica Etcheverry also presented to the Board the top five Infrastructure Capital Improvement Projects that the public has expressed interest in grant funding for the County to complete. Ms. Etcheverry explained that in order for a project to qualify for grant funding, which is where the money comes from for the projects, the project(s) must meet the criteria of being on **County Owned** land, facilities, road, or directly owned assets. Ms. Etcheverry also reiterated per a question in regards to funding, from public member at large, Edward Khanbabian that grants were received in order to pay for ICIP projects, and the ICIP projects were treated as individual projects. Ms. Etcheverry stated that September 1, 2017 was the deadline to get a final ICIP to the state of New Mexico.

Bill Kipp from the Southline Transmission Project came before the Board and gave an update on the project. Mr. Kipp's presentation included summaries of boundary surveys, Environmental and Cultural surveys, a construction phase schedule, routing information and history, and structure information on the project.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: The Luna County Board of County Commissioners were presented the Regular Meeting Agenda for discussion amongst the County Manager, Staff, and attending members of the public. *(*Note: Items were presented for discussion only and no actions were taken.)*

PUBLIC INPUT: Larry Caldwell came before the Board and addressed his concerns with the County's *Call for Ordinance* procedure.


Edward Khanbabian expressed his concerns about sources of funding with the Gross Receipts Tax, and how having a five-member Commission would be in the best interests of the public, in order to keep transparency and cut down on the potential of fraudulent activity in government.

Joe Bill Nunn came before the Board and addressed his concerns with the Board concerning their support of the Southline Transmission Project.


ADJOURN: Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

ATTEST:

**LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk



Joe L. Milo, Jr., District 1

Approved: 



Chair, Linda M. Smrkovsky, District 2



John S. Sweetser, District 3

