

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, January 2, 2019**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in Special Session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 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: Interim County Manager Glory Juarez, IT Technician Henry Bukurson, Attorney Charles Kretek, Clerk Andrea Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Deputy Clerk Pilar Salcido, Treasurer Gloria Rodriguez, Assessor Michelle Holguin, Chief Deputy Assessor Isabelle Enciso, Captain Michael Brown and Budget & Procurement Director/Indigent Claims Administrator Joanne Hethcox.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of the State of New Mexico.

ROLL CALL: Deputy Clerk Pilar Salcido called roll. The following members of the Board constituting a quorum were present:

**Barbara L. Reedy, District 1
Linda M. Smrkovsky, Chair, District 2
John S. Sweetser, District 3**

ELECT CHAIRPERSON 2019: Chair Smrkovsky announced that she is interested in being the Chair again this year. Commissioner Reedy mentioned she is not interested in taking on the Chairperson roll at this point in time. Commissioner Sweetser nominated Chair Smrkovsky for the Chair position. Commissioner Reedy seconded the nomination which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: Chair Smrkovsky opened the floor for Public Comment. No public comment was forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Appoint NMC/NMCIA Multi-line Pool Voting Representative and Alternate:** Commissioner Reedy moved to table the Appointment of NMC/NMCIA Multi-line Pool Voting Representative and Alternate until a County Manager has been appointed. Commissioner Sweetser seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- b. Appoint NMC/NMCIA Worker's Compensation Pool Voting Representative and Alternate.** Commissioner Reedy moved to table the Appointment NMC/NMCIA Worker's

Compensation Pool Voting Representative and Alternate until a County Manager has been appointed. Commissioner Sweetser seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

c. **2019 Capital Outlay Request.** Interim County Manager Glory Juarez reported top five priorities are as follows:

1. Tire Shredder
2. Informational Tech Building
3. Health Complex Renovation
4. Comprehensive Plan
5. Berm Port of Entry Flood and Drainage Control Project

Ms. Juarez reported that a different funding source besides the Capital Outlay is being considered for the Berm Port of Entry Flood and Drainage Control project. She stated that both Senator Smith and Representative Sweetser have been supporting this project and at this time are looking at a different funding mechanism for this project.

Ms. Juarez also reported that they are still trying to obtain the waiver so that CDBG funding can be requested for the Comprehensive Plan. She stated that the Comprehensive plan may need to be delayed another year and she did not believe the plan should be considered for Capital Outlay right now. Ms. Juarez stated that funding is available in the Infrastructure Capital Improvement line item within the County which could possibly be used.

Ms. Juarez reported that the Health Complex Renovation is a huge endeavor that was on the ICIP for \$750,000. Currently other options are being considered possibly working with the State on some funding mechanisms for health related options. This project is an unfunded mandate from the State and will need to be a partnership with the City of Deming.

Ms. Juarez recommended going for Capital Outlay for the tire shredder and the renovation of the IT building. She recommended making the request flexible for the IT building to renovate or relocate. She recommended stating the top three priorities and grant her the authority to work with Senator, Representative, the Road Department and City of Deming to have the plan finalized prior to the NMAC Conference.

Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve the 2019 Capital Outlay request of \$800,000 for the Tire Shredder, \$250,000 for the Informational Tech Building renovation and or the relocation, and Health Office renovations of \$750,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reedy and carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session to discuss Limited Personnel Matters pursuant to §10-15-1 (H) (2) NMSA 1978 pertaining to the County Manager's position: Chair Smrkovsky requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Limited Personnel Matters pursuant to §10-15-1 (H) (2) NMSA 1978 pertaining to the County Manager's position. Commissioner Reedy motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss Limited Personnel Matters pursuant to §10-15-1

(H) (2) NMSA 1978 pertaining to the County Manager's position. Commissioner Sweetser seconded and the motion carried unanimously following a roll call vote. The Board went into Executive Session at 9:27 a.m. and returned at 11:10 a.m.

Commissioner Reedy motioned to return from Executive Session where no other matters were discussed other than Limited Personnel Matters pursuant to §10-15-1 (H) (2) NMSA 1978 pertaining to the County Manager's position. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sweetser and carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

Commissioner Reedy motioned to have Chair Smrkovsky in conjunction with Legal and HR to negotiate a contract with Bruce Swingle for the County Managers position. Commissioner Sweetser seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Sweetser motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reedy and carried unanimously. Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

ATTEST:



ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, CLERK

APPROVED: February 14, 2019

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