

<p><b>MINUTES</b>  <b>WORK SESSION</b>  <b>LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</b>  <b>Thursday, February 08, 2018</b></p>
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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2018 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 9:02 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 Commissioners constituting a quorum were present:

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

**PRESENTATIONS:** Dennis Strout President of the Rio Mimbres Country Club gave a presentation on the annual percentages of revenue for the facility. A detailed handout was provided to the board.

**DISCUSSION:** County Manager Ira Pearson discussed with the Luna County Board of Commissioners an issue with the "People's Water Co-op". The People's Water Co-op serves 40 residents off of Highway 180 (Silver City Highway). Luna County has been leasing the water rights that is on state land and receives a bill for \$1,000 every year. In 1995 the County was supposed to transfer the water rights over the residents. The People's Water Co-op, has no actual office, no direct person of contact, and no actual accounting system. Mr. Pearson, Mr. Kretek and Mrs. Joanne Hethcox have looked extensively into the issue and are continuing to work on the process to get the water rights transferred to the 40 residents. Mr. Pearson will update the board with more information once it is available to him.

**COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF DISCUSSION ON REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:** The Luna County Board of County Commissioners presented the Regular Meeting Agenda items for presentation and discussion by attending members of the public. *(\*Note: Items were presented for discussion only and no actions were taken.)*


The following agenda items were discussed:

- Commission of Freeholders Recommendation: Mr. Pearson and Chair Smrkovsky discussed the issue on Flying Y Rd. Mr. Pearson summarized the meeting held by the Freeholders Committee.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Joe Bill Nunn, expressed his concerns on the issue on Flying Y Road. He believes that the road should not be closed and should remain open for the home owners that live in the area.

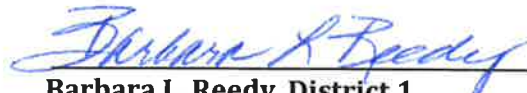
ADJOURN: Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

ATTEST:

  
Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk

Approved: March 8, 2018

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