

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, February 22, 2018**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in Special Session at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018 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, Administrative Assistant Yossie Nieblas, County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk Myrna Duarte, Economic Development Director Jessica Etcheverry, Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of the State of New Mexico.

ROLL CALL: Deputy Clerk Myrna Duarte 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**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve agenda. Commissioner Reedy seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chair Smrkovsky opened the floor for public comment to which none came forth.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **RESOLUTION 18-12 AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LUNA COUNTY AND MIMBRES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:** Manager Ira Pearson provided the commissioners with a draft copy of the lease agreement. Mr. Pearson stated the hospital is currently leasing the building on Slate Street at the current market rate of \$8 per square foot minus the portion that includes the swimming pool. It would cost the county approximately \$40,000 to put a floor over the swimming pool and make that space useable. He recapped on specific items that are being negotiated at the moment and requested that the board authorize him to make changes and or final decisions with this agreement without having to come before the board. Mr. Pearson advised a few renovations will be made to the building. The cost of renovations will

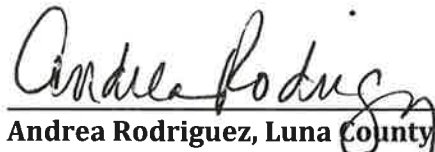
be included in the lease agreement. Mimbres Memorial Hospital will reimburse Luna County within a thirty six month period. Kelly Duke CEO of Mimbres Memorial Hospital stated that the hospital anticipates to pay off the note before the thirty six month period. Commissioner Reedy motioned to approve Resolution 18-12 authorizing a lease agreement between Luna County and Mimbres Memorial Hospital and delegating authority to the County Manager to revise the lease agreement as may be required by the State Board of Finance. Commissioner Sweetser seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

DISCUSSIONS:

- a. **Chamber of Commerce Presentation and Discussion of Funding:** Greg Morrow, Laurie Findley, and Duke Kelly presented to the board a variety of ideas that they would like to act on to help raise funds for the Chamber of Commerce.

ADJOURN: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Sweetser and a second made by Commissioner Reedy. Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



 Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk

Approved: March 8, 2018




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 Chair, Linda M. Smrkovsky, District 2



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