

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, April 12, 2018**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 12, 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 Attorney Charles C. Kretek, Clerk Andrea Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Deputy Clerk Myrna Duarte, Treasurer Gloria Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Treasurer Dora Madrid, Sheriff Kelly Gannaway, Budget & Procurement Director/Indigent Claims Administrator Joanne Hethcox.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 10:06 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:

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

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Reedy motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Sweetser seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

MINUTES: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Reedy, seconded by Commissioner Sweetser, the Minutes of the March 8, 2018 Work Session were unanimously approved. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Sweetser, seconded by Commissioner Reedy, the Minutes of the March 8, 2018 Regular Meeting were unanimously approved. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Reedy, seconded by Commissioner Sweetser, the Minutes of the April 5, 2018 Special Meeting were unanimously approved.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS: Treasurer Gloria Rodriguez announced her department has now collected sixty three percent of the 2017 taxes. The New Mexico State Property Tax Division will be holding a public auction the following week. A total of 148 properties were initially up for sale and that number has decreased. Mrs. Rodriguez welcomed the board to please drop by the Treasurer's office at any time.

Clerk Andrea Rodriguez announced that the Clerk's Office is preparing for the Primary Election in June and is anticipating nine new election tabulators. Business Registration collections begin next month. The Clerk's Office has been busy working on fundraising for the Celebration of Life, they will be holding a yard sale this Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Sheriff Gannaway reported the statistics for the month of March. The County is in the process of getting bids for auctioneers to for the vehicle auction. Sheriff Gannaway attended the Southwest Border Sheriff's Conference in Las Cruces, where he spoke with the U. S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions. No word on when or if the National Guard will be sent to the Port of Entry to provide extra security during the new construction of the Port of Entry.

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

Dispatch: The new CAD system has been up and running since February. Dispatch Director Lauree Sanchez advised staff has adapted to the new system well.

Land Line 911 Calls: 119 **Wireless 911 Calls:** 1120

Detention Center: Daily average population for March:

- Number of Inmates Incarcerated – 432
- Number of Inmates Released - 384
- Average Daily Population- -274
- USMS Daily Population – - 138
- Local Population - 136
- Inmate Average Length of Stay – – 18

Road Department: The department has started working on the Colonia's Project off Country Club Rd, where several roads will be chip sealed. They have done a lot of work on the newly leased gravel pit and they are close to completing the fence. The department has received a new water truck, and as of March 31, 2018 Bruce Taylor has officially retired with twenty four years of service.

Budget: Mr. Pearson announced a budget work session will be held on May 8, 2018 at 9:00a.m.

Maintenance: The department has encountered several plumbing issues that are being addressed at the Luna County Detention Center and Dispatch. Updates will be announced at a later date.

Starmax: VPN PROGRAM: A balance of \$33,628.12 is remaining to pay off the loan. The original loan amount was \$388,661. March sales are estimated at \$122,508.

Volunteer Fire Department: The Volunteer Fire Department has dealt with numerous brush fires and the urge the public to be cautious.

Ghost Hunters out of El Paso: Mr. Pearson received a phone call from Ghost Hunters out of El Paso, requesting to research the Court House in the future.

INDIGENT CLAIMS REPORT: Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser and a second by Commissioner Reedy, the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was unanimously recessed and the meeting of the Indigent Hospital Claims Board convened. Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox recommended approval of eight claims dated March, 2018 totaling \$123,904.10. The balance for Indigent claims fund totaled \$948,953.63, of that \$377,003.39 is encumbered. Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve the Indigent Claims Report as submitted. Commissioner Reedy seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Commissioner Reedy

motioned to recess as a Claims Board and reconvene as a County Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chair Smrkovsky opened the floor to Public Comment. Vivian Silva Director of the KASA Program and Crystal Pena thanked the board for signing the Proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention Month and invited everyone to attend their 5th Annual Child Abuse Awareness event on April 27, 2018.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser, seconded by Commissioner Reedy, the following items on the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved following a roll call vote.

- a. **Accounts Payable: \$2,689,264.46**
- b. **Payroll: \$1,473,720.46**
- c. **Resolution 18-15 Budget Increases**
- d. **Resolution 18-16 Budget Transfers**
- e. **Resolution 18-17 Juvenile Adjudication Fund Application**
- f. **Resolution 18-18 Designation Treasurer to Require Collateralization**
- g. **Fair Housing Proclamation**
- h. **National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**
- i. **Give Grandly Proclamation**
- j. **Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamation**

NEW BUSINESS: Chair Smrkovsky reviewed each item on the New Business agenda with the Commissioners:

- a. **Oath of Office and Appointment of Deputy Sheriff:** Sheriff Gannaway presented the Oath of Office and appointment of Deputies James McBurney and David Sias.
- b. **Resolution 18-20 Authorization to take all necessary actions to dispose of two small parcels of County land located in the City of Deming:** Mr. Pearson recommended approval of the resolution which would authorize the County to dispose of two parcels of land that are basically not of use to the County. The property consist of two small parcels that are each twenty two feet wide by eleven feet. The County is looking into several options on what to do with the property. Commissioner Reedy motioned to approve Resolution 18-20 Authorization to take all necessary actions to dispose of two small parcels of County land located in the City of Deming. Commissioner Sweetser, seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved following a roll call vote.

ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETING: Chair Smrkovsky announced a Work Session will be held on May 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m. Also a Budget Work Session will be held on May 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Sweetser and a second made by Commissioner Reedy the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

ATTEST:

Andrea Rodriguez
ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, LUNA COUNTY CLERK

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Barbara L. Reedy
BARBARA L. REEDY, DISTRICT 1

APPROVED: May 10, 2018

Linda M. Smrkovsky
LINDA M. SMRKOVSKY, DISTRICT 2



ABSENT
JOHN S. SWEETSER, DISTRICT 3