

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, May 10, 2018**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 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: Manager Ira Pearson, Assistant Manager Glory Juarez, Administrative Assistant Yossie Nieblas, Attorney Charles C. Kretek, Clerk Andrea Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Deputy Clerk Myrna Duarte, Treasurer Gloria Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Treasurer Dora Madrid, Assessor Delilah Rojo, Chief Appraiser Michelle Holguin, Sheriff Kelly Gannaway, Captain Michael Brown, Dispatch Director Lauree Sanchez, Operations Manager Yovanie Granillo, Community Health and Welfare Director Jessica Jara, Parents as Teachers Program Coordinator Zalena Pinon, Special Projects and Facilities Management Director Billy Ruiz, Community Development Director Jessica Etcheverry, Emergency Services Director Mark Jasso and Budget & Procurement Director/Indigent Claims Administrator Joanne Hethcox.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Reedy motioned to approve the agenda. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

MINUTES: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Reedy, seconded by Chair Smrkovsky, the Minutes of the April 10, 2018 Special Meeting were unanimously approved. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Reedy, seconded by Chair Smrkovsky, the Minutes of the April 12, 2018 Work Session were unanimously approved. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Reedy, seconded by Chair Smrkovsky, the Minutes of the April 12, 2018 Regular Meeting were unanimously approved.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS: Clerk Andrea Rodriguez announced early voting has begun in the Clerk's Office for the Primary Election until June 2, 2018. Early voting will begin Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the Mimbres Valley Learning Center.

Assessor Delilah Rojo, thanked Luna County for 30 years of employment. Ms. Rojo announced that she will be retiring at the end of 2018. She reported that four of her employees will be attending an appraisal certification class in Las Cruces New Mexico, in July. In the month of March New Mexico Property Tax Division did a three day evaluation on her department. In the month of February, New

Mexico Property Tax Division has looked into having a property tax sale online. Her department is working on 2019 reappraisal, and are conducting a market analysis. She announced the promotion of Mary Perez and has hired Ashley Gallegos whom has worked with the Assessor's Office in the past.

Treasurer Gloria Rodriguez announced the New Mexico State Property Tax Division held a public auction on April 19, 2018. She thanked Sheriff Gannaway and Deputies Randal Carreon and Arturo Baeza, for providing security. Mrs. Rodriguez reported that her department is busy collecting the second half of property taxes. She welcomed the board to please drop by the Treasurer's Office at any time. The financial report for the month of April is almost balanced.

Sheriff Gannaway reported the statistics for the month of April. Burglaries have increased, Larcenies, Vehicle Theft have decreased. Non-Criminal process have been steady, Accidents and DWI's have decreased.

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

Dispatch: Dispatch Director Lauree Sanchez gave a presentation on the process of attending Telecommunicator Academy for the purpose of maintaining the credentials for a Certified Dispatcher. Recently, Monica Marquez and Janet Pacheco graduated from the Department of Public Safety Telecommunicator Academy in Santa Fe on May 04, 2018. Assistant Manager Glory Juarez also attended the academy.

Detention Center: Daily average population for April:

- Number of Inmates Incarcerated - 392
- Number of Inmates Released - 391
- Average Daily Population- 307
- USMS Daily Population - 168
- Local Population - 138
- Inmate Average Length of Stay - 16

Road Department: The department is making progress on the Colonia's Project, looking to complete the project by June. The department has received 200,000 yards of millings that was given to them. The department will be able to reuse the millings for future projects.

Budget: Mr. Pearson announced the Preliminary Budget Meeting will be held on May 23, 2018 at 9:00a.m.

Maintenance: The department has completed 64 work orders in the month of April and have completed 70 this month. Work orders are being implemented with the legal department to keep record of projects.

Starmax: VPN PROGRAM: A balance of \$30,547.42 is remaining to pay off the loan. The original loan amount was \$388,661. April sales are estimated at \$122,803.

Volunteer Fire Department: Mr. Pearson announced that Luna County is very dry at the moment and wants the public to be aware and not have any open fires. If the county does not get any rain, there is a possibility of banning fireworks and burning.

DWI BUZZFREE PARTY: A total of 246 kids attended the DWI Buzzfree party after prom. Mr. Pearson thanked all the volunteers.

CALL TO REPEAL ORDINANCE: Repealing Ordinance Number 6- Salaries for County Elected Officials: Mr. Pearson explained that it was discovered that Ordinance 6 was an old ordinance that needed to be repealed. Ordinance Number 6, was filed in 1983, stating incorrect amounts of salaries for elected officials. Chair Smrkovsky advised that the salaries given to elected officials are approved by the State of New Mexico. Commissioner Reedy motioned to approve and direct the County Managers office to publish the title and summary of Ordinance Number 6, salaries for county officials one time in the Deming Headlight at least two weeks prior to the meeting of the board, at which the ordinance is proposed for final repeal. The publication shall also include the date and time at which the repeal of ordinance is to be considered. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion which was unanimously approved following a roll call vote.

INDIGENT CLAIMS REPORT: Upon motion of Chair Smrkovsky 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 22 claims for the month of April totaling \$17,234.79. The gross receipts collections totaled \$47,765.95 and the balance for Indigent Claims Fund totaled \$860, 715.60 of that \$302,099.70 is encumbered. Commissioner Reedy motioned to approve the Indigent Claims Report as submitted. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Commissioner Reedy motioned to recess as a Claims Board and reconvene as a County Commission. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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

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

- a. **Accounts Payable: \$1,490,726.11**
- b. **Payroll: \$1,020,821.52**
- c. **Resolution 18-21 Budget Increases**
- d. **Resolution 18-22 Budget Transfers**
- e. **Resolution 18-03 Amended Notice of Fees**
- f. **Authorizing Prior Year's Financial Adjustment on the Luna County Treasurer's Report**
- g. **Disposal of Assets –Luna County's Road Department Equipment**
- h. **US Border Patrol's 94th Anniversary Proclamation**

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

- a. **Resolution 18-23 Elected Officials Salaries:** Chair Smrkovsky motioned to amend Resolution 18-23 changing commissioner's salaries \$22,831.90 will be changed to \$24,544.26 for newly eligible elected officials. Commissioner Reedy motioned to approve Resolution 18-23 Elected Official Salaries. Chair Smrkovsky seconded motioned, which was unanimously approved following a roll call vote.

- b. **Approving New Management Member of Labor Relations Board:** Mr. Pearson explained that Mr. Charles Kretek was an appointed member to the labor relations board a few years ago. Since Mr. Kretek is now the County Attorney he can no longer serve on that board. Mr. Pearson recommended John Strand for the position. The position in a non-paid position. Commissioner Reedy motioned to approve and designate John Strand as New Management Member of Labor Relations Board. Chair Smrkovsky, seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved following a roll call vote.
- c. **Resolution 18-24 A Resolution declaring the intent of Luna County to issue industrial revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$223,000,000 in connection with a proposed project for a combustion turbine facility to be located in Luna County, for the purpose of inducing Southern Power Company to acquire the project.** Commissioner Reedy motioned to approve Resolution 18-24, A Resolution declaring the intent of Luna County to issue industrial revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$223,000,000 in connection with a proposed project for a combustion turbine facility to be located in Luna County, for the purpose of inducing Southern Power Company to acquire the project. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion, which carried unanimously following a roll call vote.
- d. **Resolution 18-25: A Resolution declaring the intent of Luna County to issue industrial revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$427,000,000 in connection with a proposed project for a natural gas power generation facility to be located in Luna County, for the purpose of inducing Southern Power Company to acquire the project.** Commissioner Reedy motioned to approve Resolution 18-25, A Resolution declaring the intent of Luna County to issue industrial revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$427,000,000 in connection with a proposed project for a natural gas power generation facility to be located in Luna County, for the purpose of inducing Southern Power Company to acquire the project. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion, which carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETING: Chair Smrkovsky announced a Special Meeting will be held on May 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. A Work Session will be held on June 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Reedy and a second made by Chair Smrkovsky the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

ATTEST:



 ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, LUNA COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: 

LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



 BARBARA L. REEDY, DISTRICT 1



 LINDA M. SMRKOVSKY, DISTRICT 2



 JOHN S. SWEETSER, DISTRICT 3