

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, May 10, 2018**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 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 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**

SERVICE AWARDS: Economic Development Community Projects Director Jessica Etcheverry presented an award to Matt Robinson for five years of service. County Manager Ira Pearson presented an award to Yossie Nieblas for five years of service. County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez presented an award to Leslie Nabours for ten years of service.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Workforce Solution Presentation by Frank Meza:** Frank Meza spoke about several programs that the Department of Workforce Solution offers. New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions also offers funds for residents whom want to go to school.
- **Credit Rating Update by County Manager:** County Manager Ira Pearson announced that the credit ratings are for general obligation. He has been working with several credit agencies to educate them on our county. Luna County is in good standing and has no general obligation debt.
- **Industrial Revenue Bonds Presentation by Linda Melendres:** Luna County Bond Attorney Linda Melendres explained how Industrial Revenue Bonds work. She also spoke about the proposed Resolutions on the Regular Meeting Agenda. 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 and Resolution 18-25, a resolution declaring the intent of Luna County to issue industrial revenue bonds in 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 if inducing Southern Power Company to acquire the project. Ms. Melendres advised the board that New Mexico State Legislature provides a City/County Statute which allows Luna

County to issue Industrial Revenue Bonds in order to promote a proper balance within the community of agriculture, commerce and industry.

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:

- Item E, Resolution 18-03 Amended Notice of Fees: County Manager Pearson advised that they will amend the charge for digital documents per the Attorney General's Office recommendation. The cost of a permit to relocate a mobile home is forty-five dollars, and if a permit is not purchased the owner will be fined an additional forty-five dollars. Also, address placards will now cost five dollars. The placards may be purchased in the planning department.
- Item F, Authorizing Prior Year's Financial Adjustment on the Luna County Treasurer's Report: Mr. Pearson stated that the Treasurer's report has been incorrect for ten years and once the adjustments are made it will leave the report at a zero balance.
- Item G, Disposal of Assets Luna County's Road Department Equipment: Mr. Pearson, stated a list of out-dated equipment has been provided and this list will be brought to the Luna County Board of Commissioners at a future date to be approved. Once approved the list will be submitted to DFA for approval. Once approved by DFA, equipment will be auctioned off at a future date.
- Item H, US Border Patrol's 94th Anniversary Proclamation: Mr. Pearson stated that the US Border Patrol has asked Luna County to adopt a Proclamation celebrating the Border Patrol's 94th Anniversary.

PUBLIC INPUT: Laurie Findley announced that she attended the LCCED meeting hosted by Jessica Etcheverry, Director of Economic Development and was very impressed with the work they are doing. She announced several upcoming events: A ribbon cutting ceremony for the remodeling of Walmart, the KRWG Coffee Break, the 1st Friday and a meet and greet at Deming Orthodontics. Ms. Findley encouraged everyone to participate in their upcoming contest called Best of Kingdom of the Sun.

Community Health and Well Being Director, Jessica Jara thanked Chair Smrkovsky for attending the 5th Annual Child Abuse Awareness Prevention event, in which over six hundred people attended. She stated that in the Border Patrol is providing the Healing House with a cake in honor of the Border Patrol's 94th Anniversary. She stated the Border Patrol donates to the Healing House throughout the year.

ADJOURN: Upon motion made by Commissioner Reedy and a second made by Chair Smrkovsky, Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

ATTEST:



Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk

Approved: June 14, 2018


LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF
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Barbara L. Reedy, District 1



Chair, Linda M. Smrkovsky, District 2



John S. Sweetser, District 3

