

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, May 29, 2019**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in Special Session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 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 David McSherry, Attorney Charles Kretek, IT Technician Judy Hatch, Administrative Assistant Debra Seats, Clerk Andrea Rodriguez, Assessor Michelle Holguin, Chief Deputy Assessor Isabelle Enciso, Administrative Assistant Laura Garcia and Budget & Procurement Director/Indigent Claims Administrator Joanne Hethcox.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of the State of New Mexico.

ROLL CALL: Deputy Clerk Pilar Salcido 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 THE AGENDA: Chair Smrkovsky motioned to move Resolution 19-28 – JPA with Village of Columbus Law Enforcement Services from the consent agenda to new business. Commissioner Reedy seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: Chair Smrkovsky opened the floor for Public Comment. Alberta Morgan stated that she is impressed with the community and the tremendous job that is being done in helping with the asylum seekers. She is proud to be part of this community. Chair Smrkovsky thanked Ms. Morgan for her help and participation regarding the asylum seekers and emergency shelter.

Mary Fox stated that she is distressed by what is happening at the County. She is against any County monies being given to people who should not be here. She is against the resolution where \$1 Million is being given to them. Chair Smrkovsky confirmed there is not a resolution where \$1 Million is being given to the asylum seekers. She did however, explain that the County received \$250,000 from New Mexico Department of Health which is to be allocated for health issues on the border. The City also received the same amount of money for the same reason which totals \$500,000. Chair Smrkovsky also mentioned that our situation with the asylum seekers is not something that was invited by the County or the City, but it is here and we have to deal with the situation the best we can.

Carmen Parra Torres also expressed concerns with the asylum seekers, she feels these individuals are here for the welfare system. She is also concerned about the medical illness they bring with them. She stated that the focus of this County should be on its own people.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **Resolution 19-28 – JPA with Village of Columbus Law Enforcement Services:** Resolution 19-28 was moved to new business for discussion.
- b. **Resolution 19-30 Budget Increase:** Chair Smrkovsky entertained a motion to approve Resolution 19-30 Budget Increase. Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve Resolution 19-30 Budget Increase. Commissioner Reedy seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session to discuss a limited personnel matter for discussion of hiring, promoting, demoting, dismissing, and/or assigning of specific personnel related to various departments pursuant to Section 10-1-1H(2) NMSA 1978: Commissioner Smrkovsky motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss a limited personnel matter for discussion of hiring, promoting, demoting, dismissing, and/or assigning of specific personnel related to various departments pursuant to Section 10-1-1H(2) NMSA 1978: The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reedy and carried unanimously following a roll call vote. The Board went into Executive Session at 9:22 a.m. and returned from Executive Session 3:12 p.m.

Chair Smrkovsky motioned to return from Executive Session where no other matters were discussed other than limited personnel matters pertaining to the discussion of hiring, promoting, demoting, dismissing, and/or assigning of specific personnel related to various departments pursuant to Section 10-1-1H(2) NMSA 1978. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reedy and carried unanimously following a roll call vote. No action was forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Resolution 19-29 Approving the 2019-2020 Preliminary Fiscal Budget:** Chair Smrkovsky entertained a motion to approve Resolution 19-29 the 2019-2020 Preliminary Fiscal Budget for 108th Fiscal year with the removal of an unfunded position in Economic Development Department titled Public Information Officer/Family Liaison. Commission Sweetser motioned to approve the amended 2019-2020 Preliminary 19-29 Fiscal Budget. Commissioner Reedy seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll call vote.
- b. **Resolution 19-28 – JPA with Village of Columbus Law Enforcement Services:** County Attorney Charles Kretek explained that the JPA was prepared and presented to us by the Village of Columbus. It differs in several aspects from the relationship we have had with the Village of Columbus since 2011. In the past three years we have used the Multi Service Agreement versus the Joint Powers Agreement which was submitted. The JPA submitted

changes some of duties and takes some of the discretion away from the Sherriff. Mr. Kretek's recommendation is to not act on Resolution 19-28 at this time. The Multi Service Agreement pertaining to this Resolution expires June 30, 2019, but Mr. Kretek already has a draft drawn up. He and Mr. McSherry will meet with the Village of Columbus to discuss it in the near future. Mr. Kretek did not know why the JPA was submitted versus a MSA but he did mention that the Village has new administration which may be the reason for the change in documentation. Mr. Kretek advised the Commissioners the resolution will be ready for presentation at the June 13th Regular Meeting. Commissioner Sweetser motioned to have the County Manager David McSherry clarify this resolution and to bring back to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reedy which carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, INCLUDING UPCOMING MEETINGS: Chair Smrkovsky announced the following upcoming meetings.

Work Session – June 13, 2019 at 9:00am
Regular Meeting- June 13, 2019 at 10:00a.m.

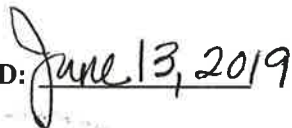
ADJOURN: Commissioner Reedy motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sweetser and carried unanimously. Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

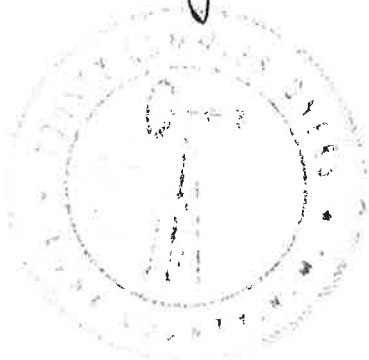
ATTEST:



ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, CLERK

APPROVED:






LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



BARBARA L. REEDY, DISTRICT 1



LINDA M. SMRKOVSKY, DISTRICT 2



JOHN S. SWEETSER, DISTRICT 3