

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, June 5, 2018**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in Special Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 in the County Commission Chambers of the Luna County Courthouse, Deming, New Mexico, for conducting 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, Luna County Attorney Charles K Kretek, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Deputy Clerk Myrna Duarte, Special Projects and Facilities Management Director Billy Ruiz and Community Health and Welfare Director Jessica Jara.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.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**

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

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was discussed.

PRESENTATIONS: Mario Juarez-Infante, PE Vice President Wilson & Company Inc., Engineers & Architects and Erica De La O – Medina, Deputy Director for New Mexico Border Authority, gave a presentation on the following proposed projects for Luna County.

- 36-Mile Corridor Study Update
- Diversion Berm Update
- Natural Gas to Mexican Border
- NAD Bank Information
- Importance of Federal Reserve Updates
- Recreation Area / Day Care / Vocational – Technical / Studies
- Urban Planning – UNM School of Architecture plans
- Mexico infrastructure / Crossing in Palomas


Ms. De La O - Medina, and Mr. Juarez-Infante spoke about the 36-Mile corridor study update, the diversion berm update, the possibility of natural gas to Mexican Border and the possibility of working with NAD Bank to fund future projects. Mr. Juarez-Infante reviewed the Federal Reserve updates.

County Manager Ira Pearson stated that a recreation area for truck drivers is a future project that could be lucrative for Luna County. Due to a newly passed restriction of an 11-hour drive limit for truck drivers. He announced that Western New Mexico University will be hosting an urban planning school of architecture for 20 students coming from California to study the City of Deming and surrounding areas. WNMU will provide housing and class at no cost to the county. The Mexico infrastructure is a complex project that will be time consuming and is coming along. Mr. Pearson advised the Luna County Board of County Commissioners, that these projects all co-exist with one another and are to a great benefit to Luna County.


ADJOURN: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Sweetser and a second made by Commissioner Reedy. Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

ATTEST:

**LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk

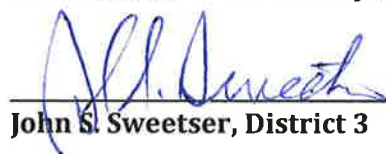


Barbara L. Reedy, District 1

Approved: July 12, 2018



Chair, Linda M. Smrkovsky, District 2



John S. Sweetser, District 3

