

**MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Thursday, August 8, 2019**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday August 8, 2019 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 9:01 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of New Mexico.

**ROLL CALL:** Deputy Clerk Pilar Salcido called roll. The following Commissioners constituting a quorum were present:

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

**SERVICE AWARDS:**

- Elizabeth El Bizri from IT was not present to receive her 10 year pin.
- Luhuaana Valdespino from Dispatch was not present to receive her 5 year pin.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. **Swearing in of New LCDC Cadets:** LCDC Lieutenant Javier Gallegos recognized Joby Schafer, Steven Aguilar, Arturo Quesada, Jose Calderon, Gavin Villegas, Alicia Holguin, Alondra Rangel, Nora Herrera, Angelique Martinez, Derek Guess, Francis Chappell, Jorge Solano and Avery Crump for completing LCDC training. Judge Frank Van Gundy swore in the new LCDC Cadets.
- b. **Introduction of new Adult Drug Court Program Director James Jackson:** Community Health & Well Being Director Jessica Jara introduced James Jackson. James Jackson is now the Luna County Adult Court Program Manager. Mr. Jackson thanked the Board for their contribution to the program and explained to the Board that the individuals in the program are being treated in an intensive outpatient treatment program for sixteen weeks, then they begin the MRT program which is a standard twelve step program. The MRT portion of the program allows individuals to dig deep inside themselves and determine the root cause of their substance or alcohol abuse addictions. Mr. Jackson explained the numbers are proving the drug court program is working. Mr. Jackson again thanked the Board and asked for an increase support of the program.

**DISCUSSION:**

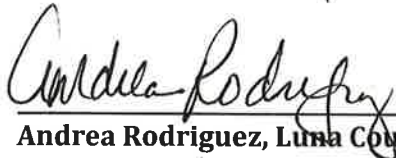
- a. **County Lodger's Tax:** Chair Smrkovsky mentioned a Bill was recently passed which changes how we can collect and spend the monies received from Lodger's Tax. She mentioned we do currently have an Ordinance #2 Amendment #5 which deals specifically with lodger's taxes, but later this fall the County will be receiving a packet asking for input regarding County Lodger's Tax. County Attorney Charles Kretek explained Luna County has five businesses paying County Lodger's Tax at this time, which equates to \$3,500 a year. Chair Smrkovsky said she will forward to the County Manager David McSherry information she has received regarding this topic.

**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:

Executive Director of Chamber of Commerce John Richmond gave an update on local events for both Chamber of Commerce and Main Street.

**ADJOURN:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Reedy and a second made by Commissioner Sweetser. Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

**ATTEST:**

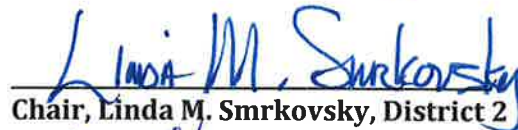
  
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Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk

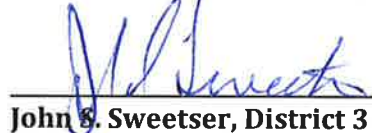
Approved: September 19, 2019



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