

MINUTES
WORK SESSION
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, August 9, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 9, 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 9:03 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

PRESENTATIONS:

- a. **Presentation Update on Rockhound Project by Lisa Campbell:** Lisa Campbell of OEI which is now Stantec stated that her engineers provided a formal written response in regards to questions brought forth by the Commissioners regarding the issues on Rockhound Road and stood for questions. Chair Smrkovsky questioned the severity of the bar ditch in regards to an elderly couple not feeling safe while getting their mail. Chris Almy, an engineer for Stantec stated that the roadway was designed to be a 10ft. lane with a 6ft. shoulder. The 6ft shoulder is enough for a vehicle to pull off the road or for a vehicle to be able to recover if they ran off the road. However, it was not designed for pedestrians and previously the channel was not as deep as it is now, so there was more room for pedestrians. Chair Smrkovsky questioned if the areas of dirt that washed away would be fixed and whose responsibility it was to fix it. Mr. Almy stated that it appears in the areas of erosion where there is a culvert, there was supposed to be a thickness of impervious material that was built up against that and the engineers are trying to figure out if the contractor built it too thin or didn't build it at all. Mr. Almy stated that they will be working with the contractor to resolve that issue. Mr. Almy stated there wasn't enough money in the project to do the crossing across Rockhound at McCan and the County was going to come in and do that culvert and also grade out to the South about 3,000 feet or so. Right now the channel bottlenecks to that existing culvert. Mr. Almy stated that someone welded a plate in one of the culverts effectively blocking the capacity of that culvert by half. Mr. Miller stated that those two culverts were not supposed to be put in and that there has been three different engineers on the project since the original meeting was held three years ago. Discussion continued regarding different aspects of the project.

- b. Presentation on Cancer Support of Deming & Luna County, Inc. by Joanna Costilla:** Joanna Costilla, Patient Advocate for Cancer Support of Deming and Luna County, Inc., gave a presentation regarding the services provided by the organization. Ms. Costilla stated that 90% of the organization is run by volunteers. She thanked Luna County for their support in providing the facility they operate out of. Ms. Costilla reported that the 2018 Celebration of Life Fundraiser has raised about \$80,000 and is still expecting more. The Cancer Support program provides transportation for the local residents to cancer treatments, surgeries, lab appointments and radiation. They have a fleet of four vans and several volunteer drivers that take patients to Silver City, Las Cruces and El Paso. There is a Voucher Program in place for patients traveling further like Phoenix or Houston. The Voucher Program also reimburses patients for fuel locally. Ms. Costilla is trained to assist patients with insurance forms and financial assistant programs. The organization is 100% funded by donations from the community. The 2019 Celebration of Life is scheduled for May 14, 2019. She provided further statistics regarding the program.


COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF DISCUSSION ON REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEMS: The Luna County Board of County Commissioners presented the Regular Meeting Agenda items for discussion only, no actions were taken. The following agenda items were discussed:

- **Jail Inspection:** Chair Smrkovsky suggested tabling the jail inspection until next month.
- **Work Session Minutes July 12, 2108:** Assistant County Manager Glory Juarez suggested the Commissioners review the minutes carefully.
- **Holiday Schedule:** Chair Smrkovsky stated that the proposal for the new schedule does not include the half day before Thanksgiving and requested it be put back in.

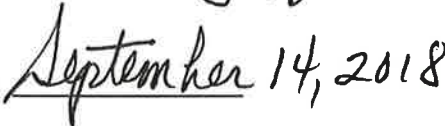
PUBLIC INPUT: Bonnie Smith of 2605 Rockhound Road came before the board regarding issues with her driveway. She stated that she has two and a half to three foot holes underneath the driveway and her gravel was removed and replaced with dirt. Road Superintendent Marty Miller stated they are meeting with the Engineers in two weeks to address those issues.

ADJOURN: Upon motion made by Commissioner Sweetser and a second made by Commissioner Reedy. Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

ATTEST:


Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk

Approved:


September 14, 2018

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Chair, Linda M. Smrkovsky, District 2


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