

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, October 4, 2018**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in Special Session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2018 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: Assistant Manager Glory Juarez, Executive Assistant Yossie Nieblas, Attorney Charles K. Kretek, Clerk Andrea Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk Pilar Salcido, Assessor Delilah Rojo, Chief Deputy Assessor Barbara Cobos, Chief Deputy Treasurer Dora Madrid, Chief Appraiser Michelle Holguin, Emergency Services Director Mark Jasso, Community Health and Welfare Director Jessica Jara, DWI Program Compliance Officer, Brenda Ramirez, DWI Program Administrative Assistant Charmaine Sias, DWI Coordinator Edith Vasquez.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 10:02 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**

PUBLIC INPUT: Assessor Delilah Rojo reported that she will not be here for the Luna County Commissioners meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2018. She presented a letter to the Commission explaining her absence due to major surgery October 17, 2018 and will be out of the office beginning October 10th which is next Wednesday until both doctors release her. Her anticipated time off will be six to nine weeks. Chief Deputy Assessor Barbara Cobos will step in as Assessor during her absence.

Chair Smrkovsky wished Delilah the best with her surgery and asked her to keep us posted.

Because Assessor Delilah Rojo will not be at the meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2018 she wants to bring to the attention of the Commission that Resolution 09-30 needs to be revisited and renewed if this tax fund will continue to be in effect. Assessor Delilah Rojo gave a copy of the Resolution to the Commission for review. The County Commissioners in July of 2009 signed Resolution 09-30 which was implemented to have a predator control program in Luna County. This Resolution took effect in 2010 and was signed for a period of five years. Resolution 09-30 allows for monies to be collected by Luna County for an actual program in which Joe Johnson, Jim Woods, Joe Bill Nunn and Mike Hatcher were appointed as the Luna County Predator Control Board to serve for a period of five years. We are collecting .50 cents per head of cattle, the money is applied to predator control fund. In order to continue collection of this fund the Commission needs to renew Resolution 09-30.

Assistant County Manager, Glory Juarez explains that we contract with USDA Wildlife Services to hire a Predator Control Officer, Cody McDuggle. He is paid for the work he does out in the County through this tax fund which he is contracted annually. We will research to see if this Resolution has already been revisited and renewed or what action the Board has taken recently.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Red Ribbon Week Proclamation:** Edith Vasquez from Luna County DWI program presented a list of events going forward. Commissioner Reedy motioned to approved Red Ribbon Week Proclamation. Commissioner Sweetser seconded the motion, which followed by a roll call vote carried unanimously.
- b. **Domestic Violence Awareness Month:** Jessica Jara presented on National Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention month. Healing House, our local domestic violence shelter serves 280 individuals yearly. Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve Domestic Violence Aware Month. Commissioner Reedy seconded the motion, which followed by a roll call vote carried unanimously.
- c. **Resolution 18-43 Providing Financial Support for Corre Caminos:** Assistant County Manager reports that this is our payment to the Southwest RTD and it's budgeted for \$70, 000. The Resolution is for funding of the next fiscal year, however they have requested a resolution so that they can submit it with their grant application. Please note we added to the Resolution "contingent upon budget approval" so that we are not completely committed to the \$70,000 in case of a budget cut next fiscal year. The Village of Columbus does reimburse us a portion of that. Commissioner Reedy motioned to approve Resolution 18-43 Providing Financial Support for Corre Camios. Commissioner Sweetser seconded the motion, which followed by a roll call vote carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session to discuss Limited Personnel Matters pursuant to §10-15-1 (H)(2) NMSA 1978 pertaining to the County Manager's contract and Internal Affairs Investigation: Chair Smrkovsky requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Limited Personnel Matters pursuant to §10-15-1 (H)(2) NMSA 1978 pertaining to the County Manager's contract and internal affairs investigation. Commissioner Reedy so moved, Commissioner Sweetser seconded and the motion which carried unanimously following a roll call vote. The Board went into Executive Session at 10:20 a.m. and returned at 2:45 p.m.

Commissioner Reedy motioned to return from Executive Session where no other matters were discussed other than limited personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sweetser and carried unanimously upon a roll call vote.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Sweetser motioned to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Reedy seconded, in which motion carried unanimously. Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, CLERK

APPROVED: 11/09/18




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BARBARA L. REEDY, DISTRICT 1



LINDA M. SMRKOVSKY, DISTRICT 2



JOHN S. SWEETSER, DISTRICT 3