

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, May 26, 2015**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in Special Session at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 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 Charles "Tink" Jackson, Assistant to the County Manager Glory Johnson, County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Deputy Clerk JoAnna Zurinsky, County Assessor Delilah Rojo, Chief Deputy Assessor Barbara Cobos, Road Director Marty Miller, Human Resources and Payroll Director Daniel Gonzales, Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox, Special Projects and Facilities Management Director Billy Ruiz, Community and Projects Director Jessica Etcheverry, Detention Director Matthew Elwell, Starmax Facilities Director Ira Pearson, IT Technician Manny Armendariz, Sheriff Lieutenant Richard Cowels, Executive Assistant Estella Ortiz, Dispatch Director Lauree Sanchez, Emergency Services Director Mark Jasso

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Milo called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. and Commissioner Linda Smrkovsky led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of the State of New Mexico.

**ROLL CALL:** Deputy Clerk JoAnna Zurinsky called roll. The following members of the Board constituting a quorum were present:

**Chairman, Joe L. Milo, Jr., District 1  
Linda M. Smrkovsky, District 2  
R. Javier Diaz, District 3**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Larry Caldwell offered suggestions on how the County could improve their budget strategy. Mr. Caldwell's suggestions included, but were not limited to: Increasing the Road Tax to eleven percent, taking excess gross-receipts taxes and giving them back to the taxpayers by putting those funds back through non-profit services in the community, deleting the Risk Assessment Department and firing the County Manager. A discussion ensued amongst Road Director Marty Miller, Mr. Jackson and the Board about the feasibility of increasing the Road Tax and optimize solid waste collection fees in the County.

**NEW BUSINESS: Resolution #15-32 Approving the 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget-** County Manager Charles "Tink" Jackson summarized the Preliminary Budget. Mr. Jackson reviewed and discussed changes with the Board. Upon motion from Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Smrkovsky, Resolution #15-32 Approving the 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget carried unanimously following a roll-call vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Chairman Milo entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real property pursuant to 10-15-1-(H) (8) NMSA 1978 for future county /community programs. Commissioner Diaz so moved and announced no other matters would be discussed. Commissioner Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

Commissioner Diaz motioned to return from Executive Session where no other matters were discussed but acquisition of real property for future county/community programs. Commissioner Smrkovsky seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Smrkovsky motioned to authorize the County Manager to proceed with acquisition of real property for future county/community programs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz which carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Milo adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

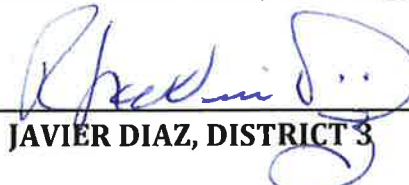
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ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, CLERK

  
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CHAIRMAN, JOE L. MILO, JR., DISTRICT 1

APPROVED: 06/11/2015

  
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LINDA SMRKOVSKY, DISTRICT 2

  
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