

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
Friday, April 22, 2016**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in Special Session at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2016 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:

Interim County Manager Glory Juarez, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Deputy Clerk JoAnna Zurinsky, Chief Deputy Treasurer Gloria Rodriguez, County Assessor Delilah Rojo, Community Projects Director Jessica Etcheverry, Special Projects and Facilities Management Director Billy Ruiz, Human Resources Director Danny Gonzales, Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox, Starmax Facilities Director Ira Pearson, Public Information Officer Matt Robinson, Emergency Services Director Mark Jasso, Grant and Compliance Officer Palmira Valentine, IT Technician Manny Armendariz

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Diaz called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and 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:

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The Agenda for today's Special Meeting was presented to the Board for approval. Commissioner Smrkovsky motioned to amend and approve the Agenda, removing *New Business Item 'A'*. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chairman Diaz opened the floor to Public Comment. Ann Shine-Ring came before the Board with comments and questions pertaining to the hiring process of a New County Manager. Ms. Shine-Ring commented on Open Government Law, and that a hiring process for the County Manager should not be done in Executive Session, and her concerns pertaining to the need to amend the job description and the lack of public input.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Interim County Manger Glory Juarez reviewed each item on the New Business agenda with the commissioners:

- a. **Amended Job Description for the County Manager's Position:** This item was removed from the agenda, therefore no action was taken.
- b. **Resolution 16-25 Intergovernmental Transfer of Property from Luna County to the General Services Administration (GSA) for Land Port of Entry Expansion Project (Property formerly known as the Herman Property):** Interim County Manager Glory Juarez outlined the history on this item, and explained that this Resolution, as well as Resolutions 16-26 and 16-27 are technical requests, and it is necessary for the Transfer of Properties to go before the State Board of Finance. Ms. Juarez further stated that the Transfer of Property must be done as part of the Port of Entry Project. Community Projects Director Jessica Etcheverry came before the Board, and explained how the property transfer works, and why it needs to be done. Ms. Etcheverry provided a timeline and history of the property acquisitions. Commissioner Smrkovsky motioned to approve Resolution 16-25 Intergovernmental Transfer of Property from Luna County to the General Services Administration (GSA) for Land Port of Entry Expansion Project (Property formerly known as the Herman Property), and to allow the Interim County Manager to make any necessary changes as recommended by the State Board of Finance, and execute the closing documents. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously following a roll-call vote.
- c. **Resolution 16-26 Intergovernmental Transfer of Property from Luna County to the General Services Administration (GSA) for Land Port of Entry Expansion Project (Property formerly owned by Ruis/Ortega):** Commissioner Smrkovsky motioned to approve Resolution 16-26 Intergovernmental Transfer of Property from Luna County to the General Services Administration (GSA) for Land Port of Entry Expansion Project (Property formerly owned by Ruis/Ortega), and to allow the Interim County Manager to make any necessary changes as recommended by the State Board of Finance, and execute the closing documents. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously following a roll-call vote.
- d. **Resolution 16-27 Intergovernmental Transfer from Luna County to the General Services Administration (GSA) for Land Port of Entry Expansion Project (Property formerly owned by the Village of Columbus):** Commissioner Smrkovsky motioned to approve Resolution 16-27 Intergovernmental Transfer of Property from Luna County to the General Services Administration (GSA) for Land Port of Entry Expansion Project (Property formerly owned by the Village of Columbus), and to allow the Interim County Manager to make any necessary changes as recommended by the State Board of Finance, and execute the closing documents. . Commissioner Milo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously following a roll-call vote.
- e. **Resolution 16-28 Joining the Coalition of Local Governments (2.0 Coordination Coalition):** Interim County Manager Glory Juarez explained that this item pertains to an ongoing issue, and the County Manager sent a letter on March 25, 2016 in regards to extending the comment period for this rule, and there are soil and water conservation groups and counties getting together to oppose the BLM planning rules. Commissioner Smrkovsky reviewed a brief history and provided information on the coalition. Commissioner Smrkovsky motioned to approve Resolution 16-28 Joining the Coalition of Local Governments (2.0 Coordination Coalition). Commissioner Milo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously following a roll-call vote.

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Diaz adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

Andrea Rodriguez  
ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, CLERK

APPROVED: May 12, 2016



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