

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, October 13, 2016**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 13, 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:

County Manager Ira Pearson, Assistant County Manager Glory Juarez, Executive Administrative Assistant Yossie Nieblas, County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Deputy Clerk JoAnna Zurinsky, Captain Kelly Gannaway, Lieutenant Richard Cowles, Dispatch Supervisor Lauree Sanchez, Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox, Human Resources Director Danny Gonzales, Community Health and Wellbeing Director Jessica Moreno, CASA Director Jecca Jara, Detention Director Matt Elwell, IT Technician Manny Armendariz, Grant and Compliance Officer Palmira Valentine, Assistant Emergency Services Director Sonia Arteche.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Diaz called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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
R. Javier Diaz, Chairman, District 3

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda for today's Regular Meeting was presented to the Board for approval. Commissioner Smrkovsky motioned to amend and approve the agenda, tabling items *E* and *I* on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Milo which carried unanimously.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS: County Clerk Andrea Rodriguez reported that her office has been busy preparing for the General Election, and that Early Voting has begun in the Clerk's Office. The hours for Early Voting are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Early Voting at the Mimbres Valley Learning Center begins on October 22, and the hours are Tuesday-Friday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ms. Rodriguez also added that Sample Ballots can be viewed on the Luna County website on the Clerk's Page.

County Manager Ira Pearson stated that both the County Assessor and County Treasurer could not be present at today's meeting, as their departments are busy working on property taxes.

Captain Kelly Gannaway reported on crime statistics, and stated that burglaries and larcenies are up. However, on a positive note, numerous stolen vehicles have been recovered, two individuals have been arrested, and more than \$28,000 in stolen property has been recovered. Captain Gannaway

further stated that a homicide victim has been positively identified, and that leads are being investigated, but the reports that there is a suspect, is incorrect. Captain Gannaway thanked the Maintenance Department for their work at the complex in constructing a wall.

PRESENTATIONS: Lieutenant Richard Cowles and Dispatch Director Lauree Sanchez presented recognition awards to Mari Prieto and Erica Gamboa for their role in dispatching and responding to a recent call involving a suicidal subject.

Adult Drug Court Coordinator Rachel Pelz came before the Board and gave a presentation on the Adult Drug Court. Ms. Pelz's presentation included statistics and funding costs on the Adult Drug Court, and testimony from Adult Drug Court participants, and how the program has made a positive impact in their lives.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Diaz opened the floor to Public Comment: Lauri Findley came before the Board and thanked the Commissioners for their continued support for the Main Street program.

Mainstreet President Christie Ann Harvey also thanked the Commission for their support and funding for the Main Street program, and also reported on the status of the fountain renovation in Leyendecker Plaza.

Russ Howell made inquiry in regards to item I on the Consent Agenda. Ms. Howell asked the Board if the Emergency Operations Plan was available as public knowledge, and if the meetings were open to the public.

George Gillespie spoke on behalf of how his ministry, Agape Ministries assist in the rehabilitation of the Adult Drug Court participants.

James Paltza, Jr. came before the Board and spoke on items not related to the Agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: County Manager Ira Pearson reported on the following items:

- Dispatch filled one position and there is currently one position still open.
- The Maintenance Department recently placed a new metal roof on the pavilion.
- Community Projects reported that the Hump Day Academy was a huge success.
- Economic Development states that the Alta Luna Solar Project construction is underway.
- The Luna County Detention Center population statistics for the month of September were as follows: Average Daily Population 265, U.S. Marshals Service 113, and Sierra County inmates 58.
- Road Department: Hermanas Grade ROW is finalized, and the Department expects to finish the final phase of this project sometime this year.
- Human Resources and Budget and Procurement is working on incorporating the HIDTA grant through the Sheriff's Department.
- Starmax: Sales for September were \$91,000, which is the same as last year. Starmax will be hosting the Senior Regional tournament October 22-23.

CONSIDER MINUTES: Upon motion of Commissioner Smrkovsky, seconded by Commissioner Milo, the minutes of the September 8, 2016 Work Session were unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Milo, seconded by Commissioner Smrkovsky, the minutes of the September 8, 2016 Regular Meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Smrkovsky, seconded by Commissioner Milo, the minutes of the September 16, 2016 Special Meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Milo, seconded by Commissioner Smrkovsky, the minutes of the September 29, 2016 Special Meeting were unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon motion of Commissioner Smrkovsky, seconded by Commissioner Milo the following items on the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved following a roll-call vote.

- a. **Accounts Payable:** Accounts Payable Registers totaling \$758,163.81.
- b. **Payroll Registers:** Payroll Registers totaling \$1,472,528.58.
- c. **Resolution 16-49 Budget Increases**
- d. **Resolution 16-50 Budget Transfers**
- f. **Luna County Proclamation for 2016 Pro Bono Legal Clinic**
- g. **Luna County Red Ribbon Week Proclamation**
- h. **Luna County Proclamation for National Medicine Abuse Awareness**

NEW BUSINESS: The tabled items from the Consent Agenda were submitted as New Business items.

- e. **Resolution 16-51 Supporting Tax Increment Development District:** County Manger Ira Pearson stated that this item was presented during the Work Session as a Presentation Item. Mr. Pearson further outlined the terms that the County states in regards for the Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) in the Resolution. Mr. Pearson also stated that the County is in full support of the Resolution and the TIDD Board. Commissioner Smrkovsky inquired about the projects contained in the Resolution, and Mr. Pearson stated that specifics will come in a later Resolution. Commissioner Smrkovsky motioned to approve Resolution 16-51 Supporting Tax Increment Development District. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll-call vote.
- i. **Luna County Emergency Operations Plan as Amended October 2016:** Assistant Emergency Services Director Sonia Arteche came before the Board and outlined the amended Emergency Operations Plan. The plan encompasses Luna County, The Village of Columbus and the City of Deming. Ms. Arteche stated the annexes have not been changed, and is required by FEMA and the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and must be on file in order to receive any emergency funds. The plan is required to be updated every 5 to 7 years, and the deadline for the update is approaching. Ms. Arteche also included that the meetings are public, and anyone that is interested is welcome to attend. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month. Commissioner Smrkovsky motioned to approve the Luna County Emergency Operation Plan as Amended October 2016. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUESTS: There were no Travel Requests submitted, therefore no action was taken on this item.

INDIGENT CLAIMS REPORT: Upon motion of Commissioner Milo seconded by Commissioner Smrkovsky, the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was unanimously recessed and the meeting of the Indigent Hospital Claims Board convened. Budget and Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox recommended approval of zero claims dated October 13, 2016 in the amount of zero dollars and zero denials. The monies received for September 2016 totaled \$48,427.61. The balance in the Indigent Funds Accounts as of September 30, 2016 is \$692,193.72, with an Encumbered Balance of \$454,354.70. Commissioner Smrkovsky moved to approve zero claims dated October 13, 2016 in the amount zero dollars and zero denials. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion which carried

unanimously. Commissioner Milo moved to recess as claims board and to reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Smrkovsky seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETING: Chairman Diaz announced that a Work Session will be conducted on November 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and the next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Chairman Diaz stated that he is going to find the status of a presentation request for next month's agenda with CAP Entity member Anthony Gutierrez.

ADJOURN: Chairman Diaz adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

ATTEST:



ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, LUNA COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: 11/10/16

**LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
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CHAIRMAN, R. JAVIER DIAZ, DISTRICT 3