

**LUNA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Barbara L. Reedy
Member

John S. Sweetser
Chairperson
Monday, March 23, 2020
12:00 p.m.
Emergency Meeting
Luna County Courthouse

Linda M. Smrkovsky
Member

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sweetser to commence meeting (At this time, please silence your cell phones and any other electronic devices) Pledge of Allegiance, State Pledge

2. **Roll Call:**

3. **New Business:** Resolution20-25 Declaring a county wide state of emergency due to the nationwide outbreak of COVID-19
MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE

4. **Adjourn:**

NOTE TO THE PUBLIC: Please use the microphone when addressing the Board. This is necessary for recording purposes. Thank you for your cooperation. Headphones for hearing enhancement are available upon request.

Be it remembered that at the Emergency Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Luna County in Deming New Mexico, on the 23rd day of March, 2020, the following proceedings were had and entered of record.

RESOLUTION 20-25

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, at present, at least sixty-five (65) New Mexicans have tested presumptively positive for the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, including four (4) in neighboring Dona Ana County;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can spread via droplets from person to person; and

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a “Pandemic”; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham proclaimed a public health emergency and invoked all powers under the All Hazard Emergency Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 12-10-1 through 12-10-10, for a minimum period of thirty (30) days;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump proclaimed a public emergency and invoked powers under the National Emergencies Act, 50 USC 1601 *et seq.*, and the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121 *et seq.*

WHEREAS, the Luna County Manager, by and through the Luna County Emergency Management Coordinator, is responsible for management of all aspects of the response to the aforementioned declarations; and

WHEREAS, Luna County is coordinating resources across local, state and federal government in an effort to alleviate the impact of the crisis on people, property and businesses and will assess the magnitude and long-term effects of the virus in Luna County; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout New Mexico and Luna County significantly impacts the life and health of the citizens of Luna County, as well as the economy of Luna County, and is a public disaster that effects the life, health, property and public peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1.** Pursuant to the All Hazard Emergency Management Act, Section 12-10-1 *et seq.*, NMSA 1978, the Board of County Commissioners of Luna County does hereby declare Luna County to be an emergency area as a result of COVID-19 for the

purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers, the expenditure of available resources, the requesting of aid and assistance from relief programs and applying for funds available from the State and Federal government;

2. The County Manager, and county agencies and departments, are directed to utilize county resources and to take all reasonable actions to assist the effort to respond and recover from the outbreak;
3. The County Manager, shall control and coordinate County resources to control the spread of COVID-19 and maintain public health; and
4. The County Manger may implement all necessary and proper measure to allow for flexibility of time and location of work, including for offsite and telecommuting for employees during the period of this emergency.

Done at Deming, New Mexico this 23rd day of March, 2020

Luna County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

**John S. Sweetser, Chair
Commissioner, District 3**

Andrea Rodriguez, County Clerk

**Linda M. Smrkovsky,
Commissioner, District 2**

**Barbara L. Reedy,
Commissioner, District 1**