

**MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in work session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday September 19, 2017 in the County Commission Chambers of the Luna County Courthouse, Deming, New Mexico, for the purpose of conducting a Work Session.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of New Mexico.

**ROLL CALL:** Deputy Clerk Myrna Duarte called roll. The following Commissioners constituting a quorum were present:

**Linda M. Smrkovsky, Chair, District 2**  
**John S. Sweetser, District 3**

**SERVICE AWARDS:** Luna County Detention Officer Mary Gooding presented a service award to Pablo Montoya for 5 years of service. Chair Smrkovsky tabled presentation of service awards for Gloria Palacios and Danny Gonzales. Neither Gloria nor Danny were present to accept their awards. Chair Smrkovsky presented Luna County Manager Ira Pearson with an award for five years of service.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Luna County Detention Center officers Mary Gooding, Moses Pastran, Jennifer Tone presented a plaque to Yolanda Edwards in honor of her retirement. Luna County Manager Ira Pearson gave a brief presentation on behalf of Diana LeMarbe on Braceros Melding History & Art Proposal. Robyn Callo gave an update on the services provided by Luna County Animal Guardians.

**DISCUSSION:** Chair Smrkovsky discussed the six legislative priorities set by the NMAC Board.

**COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF DISCUSSION ON REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:** The Luna County Board of County Commissioners presented the Regular Meeting Agenda items for discussion. Chair Smrkovsky and County Manager Ira Pearson recommended amending the *Consent* Agenda by pulling items *F* and *G*, and moving those items to the *New Business* portion of the agenda pending further discussion amongst the Board. Mr. Pearson also recommended taking no actions on the *Old Business* items of the agenda. (*\*Note: Items were presented for discussion only and no actions were taken.*)

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Bill Hudson with the Southwest Chapter of ACLU-NM, touched on subjects regarding the Luna County Detention Center's conditions. He pointed out the lack of

maintenance on the facility, leaking roofs and lack of insulation. Also the lack of programs for inmates to help with research laws to appeal cases. He stated that a Law Library needed to be provided for inmates.

Linda Pafford also spoke about the living conditions for inmates at the Luna County Detention Center regarding the leaking roofs.


George Carr advised the board to look into making an insurance claim to help with the expense to fix the roof at the Luna County Detention Center. Mr. Carr also wanted the board to look into providing AAA meetings for the inmates.

Chair Smrkovsky and County Manager Ira Pearson discussed Resolution 17-51 approving the County Continental Divide Trail Promotion Committee.

**ADJOURN:** Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

**ATTEST:**

**LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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**Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk**

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**(VACANT)**

**Approved:** Oct. 11, 2017

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

  
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**John S. Sweetser, District 3**