

LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Vacant
Member**

**Linda M. Smrkovsky
Chairperson**

**John S. Sweetser
Member**

**Thursday, November 9, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Work Session
Luna County Courthouse**

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

Regular meeting agenda items and other necessary items will be discussed. No action will be taken during the work session.

2. **Roll Call:**

3. **Service Awards:**

4. **Presentations:**

- Presentation/update on the Deming Art Council by Marilyn Goble
- Presentation on the Adult Drug Court by Rachel Pelz
- Presentation of Workforce Mentorship Grant by Jessica Etcheverry

5. **Discussion:**

6. **Commissioners and Staff Discussions on Regular Meeting Agenda Items:**

7. **Public Input:**

8. **Adjourn:**

STATE PLEDGE: I salute the flag of the State of New Mexico and the Zia symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures.

NOTE TO THE PUBLIC: The intent of the work session is for the County Commissioners to receive any additional information from the Staff if necessary. The meeting will be held in an informal manner to provide open discussion.

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, November 9, 2017**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in work session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 9, 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: There were no Service Awards presented at today's Work Session.

PRESENTATIONS: Luna County resident Marilyn Goble of the Deming Arts Council thanked Luna County for a grant they received. Marilyn Goble's presentation included an update on future events to be held at the Deming Arts Council. The Deming Arts Council will be having a Bracero exhibit, presented by Raymond Cobos at the Deming Museum transportation room on January 6, 2018. This exhibit will also be given in Las Cruces and in Nebraska.

Rachel Pelz Coordinator of the Adult Drug Court gave a presentation on how the program works. Mrs. Pelz provided the board with a breakdown of stats.

Glory Juarez gave a presentation on behalf of Jessica Etcheverry for Workforce Mentorship Grant. Grant County Community Conservation held a workshop in Silver City at Western University. Several counties were broken up to groups and had 3 hours to develop a program from scratch. Luna, Hidalgo, Grant & Catron County received a \$20,000 grant to develop this program in their counties. Chair Smrkovsky presented the check to the board.

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF DISCUSSION ON REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEMS: The Luna County Board of County Commissioners presented the Regular Meeting Agenda items for presentation and discussion by attending members of the public.

Chair Smrkovsky discussed the auction that will soon take place to dispose of several county vehicles, along with several miscellaneous items.

Chair Smrkovsky gave an update on trash disposal hours and locations. Luna County residents can dispose at the Luna County convenience stations. Cook's Peak and Sunshine will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday November 10, 2017 and will be closed on Saturday and

Sunday November 11 & 12, 2017. The City of Deming Transfer Station will be closed on Friday November 10, 2017 and will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday November 11 & 12, 2017. The facility will resume normal hours, after November 12, 2017. If any further questions please contact the Luna County Mangers Office 575 – 546 – 0494. *(*Note: Items were presented for discussion only and no actions were taken.)*

PUBLIC INPUT: Public input on agenda items and announcements were made by the following: Mrs. Russ Howell asked the board where the public could dispose of prescription drugs. Chair Smrkovsky advised Mrs. Howell that there would be a posting in the newspaper of when there will be day for the public to take their unwanted prescriptions to. She was also advised by Safety Director Mark Jasso to check with her doctor.

Mrs. Alberta Morgan, questioned the disposal of items. Mrs. Morgan suggested that the County could look into a procedure where they can contact other agencies to see if they can use any of the items in inventory. Mr. Pearson advised that the limit is \$5,000 in value of any item that can be donated, to other agencies. Chair Smrkovsky would advise the Economic Development Projects program to look into it.

ADJOURN: Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

**LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk




(DISTRICT 1 vacant pending appointment by the Governor)

Approved: December 14, 2017



Chair, Linda M. Smrkovsky, District 2



John S. Sweetser, District 3



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**Thursday, November 9, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting
Luna County Courthouse**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Smrkovsky 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. **Approval of Agenda:**

4. **Elected Officials Report:**

5. **Announcements:**

6. **County Manager's Report:**

7. **Public Comment:** The Public has the opportunity to provide comment at this time pertaining to items on the agenda only. Please be advised that this is not a question and answer period. Your comments specific to the agenda items will be limited to three minutes unless the Board of County Commissioners requests more information. The time limit and opportunity to speak is given in an effort to allow public input on business matters of the County to move the agenda forward in a prompt yet efficient manner. Comment will not be allowed on individual agenda items as they are discussed by the Commissioners during new business.

8. **Minutes:**
 - a. Work Session- October 11, 2017
MOTION AND VOTE
 - b. Regular Meeting- October 11, 2017
MOTION AND VOTE

9. Consent Agenda:

- a. Accounts Payable: \$1,247,109.12
- b. Payroll: \$ 1,045,151.04
- c. Resolution 17-57 Budget Increases
- d. Resolution 17-58 Budget Transfers

MOTION AND VOTE

10. New Business:

- a. Disposal of Assets-Sheriff's Department Vehicles

MOTION AND VOTE

- b. Discussion of Auctioneering Services

DISCUSSION ONLY

11. Indigent Claims Report:

- a. Recess as County Commission, Convene as Claims Board

MOTION AND VOTE

- b. Presentation of Claims Report by Joanne Hethcox

- c. Consider Claims dated November 9, 2017 in the amount of \$5,904.61

MOTION AND VOTE

- d. Recess as Claims Board, Re-Convene as County Commission

MOTION AND VOTE

12. Upcoming Meetings:

Work Session- November 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Work Session- December 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting- December 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

13. Requests for Future Agenda Items:

14. Adjourn:

STATE PLEDGE: I salute the flag of the State of New Mexico and the Zia symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures.

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.

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, November 9, 2017**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2017 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 to County Manager Glory Juarez, Executive Assistant Yossie Nieblas, Luna County Attorney Charles K. Kretek, Chief Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Deputy Clerk Myrna Duarte, Treasurer Gloria Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Treasurer Dora Madrid, County Assessor Delilah Rojo, Chief Deputy Assessor Barbara Cobos, Sheriff Kelly Gannaway, Road Department Director Marty Miller and Community Health and Well-Being Director Jecca Jara.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Smrkovsky called the meeting to order at 10:04 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 members of the Board constituting a quorum were present:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for today's regular meeting was presented to the Board for approval. Chair Smrkovsky motioned to amend the agenda, adding number 5 A, to number 5. This will include recognition for Veterans Day. Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Chair Smrkovsky, which carried unanimously.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS: Treasurer Gloria Rodriguez reported that her department has sent out the 2017 tax bills and 93% of 2016 taxes were collected. The Treasurer's Report is almost balanced, the office is only awaiting two deposits. Mrs. Rodriguez reminded everyone that the tax bills are due November 10, 2017 to December 10, 2017. After December 10, 2017 one percent in penalties will be applied.

Luna County Assessor Delilah Rojo reported that her office had several protests at the 1st of the month. Three hotels were rescheduled, three orders were not changed. Mrs. Rojo thanked the Board for hiring Luna County Attorney Charles K. Kretek. Mrs. Rojo was able to attend the Fall Assessor's Conference in Silver City. Mrs. Rojo advised that the Tax Consultant has requested that the County Attorney be present at the December 4, 2017 protest. Mrs. Rojo notified that she has a position open

in her department left vacant by Becky Ramsey who has a terminal illness. The Assessor’s Office will not be posting the position until the beginning of January. Sheriff Kelly Gannaway reported that crime statistics for the month of October increased, burglaries are down, one vehicle theft, one recovered stolen vehicle and DWI accidents have decreased. The total value of stolen property is \$39,000 and the value of recovered property is approximately \$10,000. His Department has a position open for Court Security Officer. The department is processing interviews at the moment. A deputy has resigned, making November 13, 2017 his last day with the department. Two Captains traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico to pick up a new 2017 Ford. The Sheriff’s Department is currently working on preparing older vehicles for auction. Chair Smrkovsky thanked Commissioner Sweetser for attending the New Mexico of Association of Counties Meeting in her place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Smrkovsky announced to Mr. Larry Caldwell that the agenda was amended to add an announcement in recognition of Veterans Day.

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

- a. **Dispatch calls for September:** Intake on wireless phone calls are lower than the 2016.
 - Landline 911 Calls- 199.
 - Wireless 911 Calls- 1056.
 - Dispatchers will attend the new CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) Training in Las Cruces Nov. 14th -16th. Dispatch is going to be on working on the new CAD system along with State Police. The new CAD system will go live December 18, 2017 at 3:00 a.m.
- b. **Detention Center:**
 - LCDC Daily average population for October:

Population Analysis	Male	Female	Juvenile	Total
Number of Inmates Incarcerated	327	67	9	403
Number of Inmates Released	331	59	7	397
Inmate Daily Average Population	284	42	3	329
Inmate USMS Daily Average Population	179	20	1	200
Inmate Local Daily Average Population	104	17	1	122
Inmate Average Length of Stay	45		6	

- Construction is going as planned and looking to be final in May 2018.
 - Walk through of the detention center will be done next meeting in December.
- c. **Road Department:** The department has begun chip sealing and sand sealing on the following roads, Gage Station RD SW, Deming Station RD SW, Pelayo, Scallion RD, Ventura, Dona Ana RD SE, Tapia RD SE, and De Baca RD SE. The Department is currently working on the roads on the north end of town, Keeler RD NW, Overhill Drive, Apache Hills, Highland Drive, Arrowhead, and Tennyson RD. Future Roads to be worked on are New Frontier RD, Prairie RD and Lucca RD. The Road Department almost has all staff trained to be blade operators.

- d. **Leadership Training:** Jessica Etcheverry and Matt Robinson lead a class for 19 employees on November 1, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The training was very successful.
- e. **Maintenance Department:** The department is working with the Safety Department working on the lighting in the county parking lot.
- f. **Starmax:** October sales were \$84,865, sales were lower than October 2016 due to lack of movies. The arcade area is being cleared and getting new entertainment that is family oriented.
- g. **Update on Port Of Entry:** There are many complaints on the by-pass road that was made to detour to the stock yards. The Mayor of Columbus is talking to the contractor to have the by-pass road fixed.
- h. **NM 11 Corridor Study Meeting** will be held November 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will be held at the Special Events Center 2300 E. Pine St.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chair Smrkovsky opened the floor to Public Comment: Ray Krecji had questions regarding the investigation of the Luna County Detention Center. Mr. Pearson advised Mr. Krecji that the investigation is being done by the Deming Police Department and we are unable to comment.

Sean Blaine commented on the sign that is located at the front entrance prohibiting weapons into the Luna County Court House. Mr. Blaine also requested that the meetings be held at 1:00 p.m. to allow the public to attend. Chair Smrkovsky advised him the Board is still awaiting for the Governor to appoint a commissioner. At the time that the new commissioner is appointed they will discuss having afternoon and/or evening meetings.

CONSIDER MINUTES: Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser, seconded by Chair Smrkovsky, the minutes of the October 11, 2017 Work Session were unanimously approved. Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser, seconded by Chair Smrkovsky, the minutes of the October 11, 2017 Regular Meeting were unanimously approved.

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

- a. **Accounts Payable: \$1,247,109.12**
- b. **Payroll: \$1,045,151.04**
- c. **Amended Resolution 17-57 Budget Increases**
- d. **Amended Resolution 17-58 Budget Transfers**

NEW BUSINESS: Chair Smrkovsky reviewed each item on the New Business agenda with the Commissioners:

- a. **Disposal of Assets - Sheriff's Department Vehicles:** Commissioner Sweetser motioned to approve the disposal of assets listed of the Sheriff's Department Vehicles. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- b. **Discussion of Auctioneering Services:** Chair Smrkovsky suggested management look into the best way to conduct the auction. Mr. Pearson stated the County will have more information as to what, when and how the auction may take place at a later date.

INDIGENT CLAIMS REPORT: Upon motion of Commissioner Sweetser seconded by Chair Smrkovsky, the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was unanimously recessed and the meeting of the Indigent Hospital Claims Board convened. Luna County Manager Ira Pearson reported the claims for the month of October 2017 totaled \$5,904.61. Commissioner Sweetser moved to approve the claims dated for October, 2017. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Commissioner Sweetser moved to recess as Claims Board and to reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Chair Smrkovsky seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETING: Chair Smrkovsky announced the following upcoming meetings:

- Special Board Meeting November 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
- Work Session December 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
- Regular Meeting December 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Russ Howell requested the County address the conditions on county roads. She also requested the Board pressure the Governor’s Office to appoint a new commissioner.

Larry Caldwell requested the Board to consider the minimum wage in Luna County.

Chair Smrkovsky advised that the County has had a lot of rain and the county does have a new system for the Road Department. She also stated that the Board will put the minimum wage on a work session agenda for discussion.

ADJOURN: Chair Smrkovsky adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

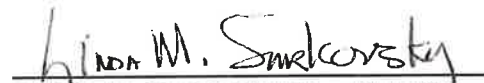
ATTEST:

LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, LUNA COUNTY CLERK


(DISTRICT 1 vacant pending appointment by the Governor)

APPROVED: December 14, 2017


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