

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Friday, April 24, 2020**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met at 10:05 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020 in the Basement Training Room of the Luna County Courthouse, Deming, New Mexico, for the purpose of conducting a Special Meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Sweetser called the virtual meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of the State of New Mexico.

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

**Barbara L. Reedy, District 1  
Linda M. Smrkovsky, District 2  
John S. Sweetser, Chair District 3**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chair Sweetser opened the floor to Public Comment. Comments were made by chat virtually or telephonically by Director of Main Street Christine Ann Harvey, Local Business owner Gabriel Dominguez & Lorraine Dominguez, Local Business owner Larry Dennison, Local Business Owner Dan Lucas, Dennis West, Debbie Collinge, Deming Chamber of Commerce Director John Richmond, Mary Valdez and Mario LaFragola.

County Manager Chris Brice stated that we cannot defy the Governor but this County is unique to others and he would like to be able to take the initiative to decide in a safe manner how to re-open local businesses. Resolution 20-29 which is presented today is an attempt to be able to do that.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Resolution 20-29 – Requesting the Governor to Delegate Authority for the Reopening of Business:** Mr. Brice stated that he felt maybe a letter would be more effective instead of the Resolution. Commissioner Reedy stated that she also felt that a strong letter would also be effective. Commissioner Smrkovsky stated that a letter alone is not a binding document, so she believed a letter attached to Resolution 20-29 would be effective. Commissioner Smrkovsky also stated wording in Resolution 20-29 should include “Recognize and take input” replacing “To grant” in part 1 of Resolution. Commissioner Reedy concurred with sending both a letter and the Resolution. Ms. Reedy also stated that she believes Luna County should create a local task force. Commissioner Smrkovsky moved to approve Resolution 20-29 as amended. Commissioner Barbara Reedy seconded the motion which carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

**ATTEST:**

*Andrea Rodriguez*

Andrea Rodriguez, Luna County Clerk

Approved: *May 14, 2020*



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Chair, John S. Sweetser, District 3