

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

November 10, 2009

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, in the County Commission Chambers of the Luna County Courthouse, Deming, New Mexico, for the purpose of conducting a work session. The following members of the Board were present:

Commissioner Fred D. Williams, District 1
Commissioner Debra French, District 2
Chairman R. Javier Diaz, District 3

Also present were the following staff and elected officials: County Manager John Sutherland Jr., Executive Assistant Glory Johnson, County Clerk Karen Smyer, Deputy Clerk Berenda McWright, Director of Healthy Start Claudia Pena, Director of Joint Communications Center Mirna Grado, Dispatcher Lauree Sanchez, Detention Center Director John Krehbiel, Budget/Procurement Director Joanne Hethcox, DWI and MCH Coordinator Joe McClintock, Special Projects Coordinator Rheganne Vaughn and Sheriff Raymond Cobos.

Chairman Diaz called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of the State of New Mexico.

PRESENTATIONS:

Claudia Pena, Director of Healthy Start: Claudia Pena gave a presentation to the board regarding her position as Director of the Healthy Start Program. She stated the purpose of the program is to focus primarily on the reduction of infant mortality, low birth weight babies, and health disparities among families in Luna County. The goal of the program is to accomplish these tasks in such a way as to make valuable the use of program resources, preserve its flexibility and offer seamless services with the intent of improving the quality of life of children, mothers and their families.

Mirna Grado, Director of Joint Communications Center: Mirna Grado gave a presentation to the board regarding her position as Director of the Joint Communications Center. She stated the primary mission of the Luna County Central Dispatch is to provide and insure the safety of the public, police, fire, and EMS personnel by making diligence, speed, accuracy, and professionalism a priority when gathering information and dispatching calls for all the citizens of Luna County. The goals for the dispatchers are to provide 24-hour per day availability for receiving 911 and other public safety calls and either dispatch law enforcement, fire protection and emergency medical ambulance services as needed or

transfer calls to the appropriate public agencies. Also, to provide an effective and efficient system that processes incoming calls as necessary.

John Krehbiel, Detention Center Director: John Krehbiel gave a presentation to the board regarding his position as the Director of the Detention Center. Mr. Krehbiel stated the purpose is to be the best run, most progressive detention center in the State of New Mexico and farther. The goal is to be the very best, never accept mediocrity and always strive for betterment. The facility provides care, custody and control of all incarcerated individuals. The facility is charged with doing so in a safe, secure and humane manner. It is their goal to provide fair, consistent and firm treatment to all inmates. The facility takes into consideration safety of the public, incarcerated inmates, staff, and the law in all decision making. It is their intention to provide programs which might influence as well as motivate offenders in a positive manner, so they can return to their environment and provide vital resources back to the community.

Joanne Hethcox, Budget/Procurement Director: Joanne Hethcox gave a presentation to the board regarding her position as Budget/Procurement Director. Ms. Hethcox stated the purpose of her department is to promote fiscal responsibility through accountability with exemplary service, integrity and vision to expand for the future. Also, to provide quality service to the taxpayers, administration and personnel of Luna County, state and federal agencies and many others. The goals of her department are to achieve the following: timely audits, transparent financial reporting, open budgeting, asset management and continued professional development.


Discussion of Ethics Document: The item was tabled until the next work session.

John Sutherland requested the commissioners plan a work session to begin planning for the coming budget year. A work session was scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: The meeting concluded at 4:15 p.m.

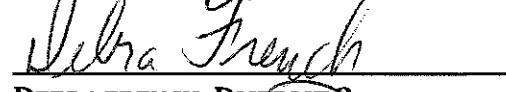
ATTEST:



KAREN SMYER, LUNA COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: 

LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


FRED D. WILLIAMS, DISTRICT 1


DEBRA FRENCH, DISTRICT 2


R. JAVIER DIAZ, DISTRICT 3, CHAIRMAN

