



# County of Los Alamos

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### County Council - Work Session

Los Alamos, NM 87544  
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*Denise Derkacs, Council Chair; Theresa Cull, Vice-Chair; Melanee Hand; Suzie Havemann;  
Keith Lepsch; David Reagor; and Randall Rytí, Councilors*

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Tuesday, August 20, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 1000 Central Avenue

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#### 1. OPENING/ROLL CALL

The Council Chair, Denise Derkacs, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Chair Derkacs made opening remarks regarding the meeting procedure.

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, listed the county employees in attendance via Zoom.

The following Councilors were in attendance:

Present: 6 - Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Lepsch, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Rytí.

Remote: 1 - Councilor Cull.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All.

#### 3. STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

Councilor Rytí read the following statement to be included in the minutes: "The matters discussed in the closed session of County Council held on August 20, 2024, that began at 4:00 p.m. were limited only to the topics specified in the notice of the closed session, and no action was taken on any matter in the closed session. We request this statement to be included in the meeting minutes."

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment:  
None.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Havemann, that Council approve the agenda as presented.

After further discussion, Councilor Ryti restated the motion.

An amended motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Havemann, that Council approve the agenda as presented, with the exception of item 6B; which will be presented at a later date.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Lepsch, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti.

**6. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- A. Presentation to Council by David Hampton, Chair of the Personnel Board

Mr. David Hampton, Chair of the Personnel Board, presented.

No action taken.

- B. Briefing Presentation to Council by Jennifer Olsen, Chair, of the Lodger's Tax Advisory Board

This item will be heard at a later date.

**7. BUSINESS**

- A. Action to Suspend Council Rules for Work Session

A motion was made by Councilor Havemann, seconded by Councilor Ryti, that Council suspend their procedural rules for this work session, August 20th, 2024, so that formal action may be taken.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Lepsch, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti.

- B.** Consideration and Possible Approval of Financial Support to the City of Espanola Regional Capital Projects in an Amount Not To Exceed \$2.415 Million

**Mr. John Ramon Vigil, Mayor, City of Espanola, presented.**

**Mr. Brandon Velasquez, Contractor, Barracuda Construction, presented.**

**Mr. Elijah Mares, Public Works Director, City of Espanola, spoke.**

**Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.**

**Mr. Pedro Valdez, City Councilor, City of Espanola, spoke.**

**Public Comment:**

**Mr. David Hampton spoke.**

**A motion was made by Councilor Havemann, seconded by Councilor Ryti, that the funds from the Regional Strategic Projects Fund be specifically allocated for future reimbursement to the City of Espanola as requested in an amount not to exceed \$2.415 million.**

**The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 – Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Lepsch, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti.**

- C.** Presentation on Unite Us Closed-Loop Referral Program that Coordinates Social Services Care

**Ms. Jessica Strong, Social Services Manager, presented.**

**Mr. Cory Styron, Community Services Director, spoke.**

**Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.**

**No action taken.**

- D.** Approval of County Council Minutes for the July 30, 2024, and August 6, 2024, Regular Sessions

**A motion was made by Councilor Ryti, seconded by Councilor Lepsch, that Council approve the County Council Minutes as amended for the July 30, 2024, and August 6, 2024, Regular Sessions.**

**The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 – Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Lepsch, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti.**

- E. Discussion and Possible Approval of General Services Agreement No. AGR24-960 with WestNet Inc. for Fire Station Alerting System in the Amount Not To Exceed \$474,013.66

**Mr. Troy Hughes, Fire Chief, spoke.**

**Mr. Kelly Sterna, Wildland Division Chief, presented.**

**Public Comment:**

**None.**

**A motion was made by Councilor Lepsch, seconded by Councilor Ryti, that Council approve for the contract for General Services AGR24-960 with WestNet for the Fire Station Alerting System in the Amount Not to Exceed \$474,013.66, plus applicable gross receipts tax.**

**The motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: 7 – Councilor Derkacs, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Lepsch, Councilor Reagor, and Councilor Ryti.**

- F. Overview of Council Strategic Goal-Quality Governance

**Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, presented.**

**Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.**

**Ms. Julie Williams-Hill, Public Information Officer, spoke.**

**No action taken.**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.**

**INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS**

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**Denise Derkacs, Council Chair**

**Attest:**

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**Naomi D. Maestas, County Clerk**

**Meeting Transcribed by: Casey Salazar, Deputy Clerk**

## August 20, 2024 County Council Work Session

### **Agenda Item 7.B #19075-25**

Consideration and Possible Approval of Financial Support to the City of Espanola  
Regional Capital Projects in an Amount Not To Exceed \$2.415 Million

Please use the following revised motion:

#### **Revised Recommended Action**

**I move that the funds from the Regional Strategic Projects Fund be specifically allocated for future reimbursement to City of Espanola as requested in an amount not to exceed \$2.415 million.**

July 30, 2024

County Council – Regular Session

For DAIS

**10. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**B. Appointments**

**F. Council Chair Report**

**REVISED 10.B.**

The following corrections were to the minutes of July 30, 2024.

**B. Appointments**

Councilor Ryti called for a roll call vote, which was seconded by Councilor Lepsch to appoint members to the Environmental Sustainability **Board**:

**REVISED 10.F.**

The following corrections were to the minutes of July 30, 2024.

**F. Council Chair Report**

Chair Derkacs reported on **the** meeting with the County Manager and the County Attorney. She attended the National Nuclear Security Administration **and Environment Management** Townhall at Buffalo Thunder. She spoke about the Los Alamos National Lab's **expanded mission** impact on housing and traffic. She participated in the Mirador Public Improvement District Annual Meeting and the Meet and Greet at Fuller Lodge with State Representatives who are members of the Legislative Education Committee.

August 6, 2024

County Council – Regular Session

For DAIS

## 12. COUNCIL BUSINESS

### H. Preview of Upcoming Agenda Items

#### REVISED 6.1)

The following corrections were to the minutes of August 6, 2024.

#### 1) Tickler Report of Upcoming Agenda Items

Councilor Derkacs noted Council will discuss the Strategic Goal of Quality Governance at the next meeting on August 20, 2024. Council will ~~have hold~~ the public hearing ~~an update~~ on ~~the updated~~ Affordable Housing ~~ePlan~~ ordinance at the August 27, 2024, meeting.