

Council Chair's Report and Update on Strategic Objectives

Regular meetings. Weekly operations meeting with County Manager Anne Lauent. Weekly agenda setting meeting with senior County staff (County Manager, County Attorney, Utility Manager, Deputy County Managers), Vice Chair Herrmann, rotating Councilor, and representative of Board of Public Utilities (typically Chair Robert Gibson). Every other week meeting with County Attorney Alvin Leaphart. Also had monthly meetings with representatives of our Federal Congressional delegation.

Vision. Los Alamos *County* is a world-renowned community where discovery and innovation are inspired by its dramatic history. Extraordinary educational, recreational, and cultural opportunities abound in a vibrant and welcoming small-town atmosphere situated in a magnificent mountain setting

Other meetings and events. The Federal Work Group met with Tim Walsh, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Environmental Management (EM) on February 18 along with some of his senior staff and EM-LA staff. We had our regular meeting with LAPS and UNMLA on February 19; the March meeting was cancelled. We discussed budgets for the schools because of actions during the Legislative session and provided County updates on workforce housing. Since I and Ms Duran were in Washington DC for the NACo conference, we went to meetings on February 24 arranged by UAMPS with our Federal delegation to advocate for energy supply and permitting reform. Mr Shelton was in Washington DC for the American Public Power Association conference. The entire Council got a tour of the new completed Chamisa Elementary School on February 26 prior to our joint session with School Board on the North Mesa property development options. I along with Vice Chair Herrmann attended the 2026 REDI Conference on March 5. Before the REDI Conference, Dr Mason spoke and answered questions as part of the first LANL Community Connection meeting of 2026. One of the topics presented at the REDI Conference was information on Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed people, you can read more about it at <https://www.unitedforalice.org/home>. A report for Los Alamos County is attached. The quarterly Boards & Commission luncheon was held on March 5. The 11 written reports have been forwarded to Council. I attended a meeting with the NMED Resource Protection Division Director and Deputy Director. The purpose of the meeting was to see if there are issues where this division could be more helpful to Los Alamos County and see if there was interest in continued engagement with all parties on the hexavalent chromium plume cleanup. The Combating Antisemitism Movement had a webinar on March 31 regarding the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism.

I have attached the one pager and draft resolution. I also met with constituents to discuss how to make progress on implementing the North Mesa Recreation Area Master Plan.

Council presentations/discussion and actions and public engagement related to our 22 strategic objectives are presented below.

Strategic Goal for Quality Governance

Report and recommendations from the Council Work Group on of Possible Changes to the Charter. Possible Council action to proceed.

Appointments to Transportation Board, Art in Public Places Board, Personnel Board, Health Council, Parks & Recreation Board, Library Board, and Planning & Zoning Commission

CASE NO. APL-2025-0023. An Appeal Application Requesting the Los Alamos County Council to Remand the Planning and Zoning Commission’s Decision in VAR-2025-0015 Back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for Rehearing and Decision. Case No. VAR-2025-0015 Requested Variance Approval from Front Setback Standards to Install a Carport Abutting the Front Property Line at 1968 40th Street, Los Alamos, NM, Zoned Residential-Mixed (RM-2), March 3

CASE NO. APL-2025-0024. An Appeal Application Requesting the Los Alamos County Council to Remand the Planning and Zoning Commission’s Decision in VAR-2025-0014 Back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for Rehearing and Decision. Case No. VAR-2025-0014 Requested Variance Approval from Front Setback Standards to Install a Carport Adjacent to the Front Property Line at 2339 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM, Zoned Residential-Mixed (RM-1), March 3

Approval of Council's Work Plan Review Working Group Recommendation on the Boards and Commission Work Plans for Calendar Year 2026, March 3

Briefing presentations to Council by the Parks and Recreation Board and Library Board, March 17

Presentation and Possible Action on the Los Alamos County Assessor Property Valuation and Maintenance Plan, April 7

Communication and Engagement Objective

Various public meetings and outreach, based on press releases

Community Meeting on Mesa Trail Improvements, March 4

Virtual Meeting to Gather Input on Grand Canyon Playlot Improvements, March 16

Community Design Workshop for North Mesa Picnic Grounds, March 19

Online sustainable landscape design class to start March 20

Bayo Canyon Community Meeting, March 24

Funding opportunities available through the Regional Development Corporation, March 25

DIY Workshop for homeowners, March 28

Notice of gas rate increase, March 31

Community Invited to Take Survey Regarding Comprehensive Plan Update, through April 3

Wildfire Day 2026, April 4

Lion Sculpture survey through April 5

Manhattan Project National Historical Park 10th Anniversary on April 8

Intergovernmental, Tribal, Regional Relations, and Partnerships Objective

Monthly meeting with representatives of our Congressional delegation. Senator Heinrich staff, Senator Lujan staff, and Representative Leger Fernandez staff. We got an update on Federal legislation and discussed the community grant funding programs and the County requests for the replacement water supply well design, the emergency operations center, and the community health action center.

Los Alamos County attended two meetings of the LANL Chromium Groundwater Plume Remediation Steering Committee and additional Technical Advisory Group meetings. This engagement has been cancelled as of February 13. We plan is to have a presentation and discussion of this contaminant plume at the August 2026 Council Work Session.

County staff have monthly meetings with the Pueblo de San Ildefonso leadership and management team.

The Federal Work Group met with Tim Walsh, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Environmental Management (EM) on February 18. We discussed the hexavalent chromium plume remediation, investigation and cleanup of TA-21 for possible land transfer, and the direction from NMED on MDA C.

The 30-day state legislative session ended on February 19, 2026. We will be getting reports on the session from Representative Chandler and our state lobbyist. Legislation related to the health care shortage did pass along with our bills addressing topics we supported.

Presentation from Ted Wyka, NNSA Los Alamos Field Office Manager on the LANL Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement and other topics, March 3

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding under the Regional Strategic Fund with the City of Espanola and Rio Arriba County with new end dates of 2036, March 3

Discussion and Approval to Authorize the Council Chair to Sign a Letter To New Mexico Environment Department Secretary on DOE Cleanup Priorities, March 31

Federal priorities were approved February 17 with advocacy trip the week of March 23rd. We had 15 meetings over four days with several meetings with entities or members that had not met with Los Alamos County previously. Our trip report is scheduled for the April 7 meeting.

Fiscal Stewardship Objective

Approval of County Manager's Delegation of Authority for Treasurer, March 3

Strategic Goal for Operational Excellence

Effective, Efficient, and Reliable Services Objective

Electric coordination agreement is still being negotiated with DOE, extension granted for 120 days, March 31

Approval of Services Agreement No. AGR26-36 with Loftin Equipment Company for a Mobile 560kW Generator and Maintenance Services for the Water Production Division in the amount of \$436,603.00 Plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for the term of Seven Years, March 31

Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Services Agreement AGR22-18a with All-Rite Construction, Inc.; AGR22-18c with GME General Building, LLC; AGR22-18d with Pluma, LLC; and AGR22-18e with R and M Construction LLC for On-Call Facility Construction Services in an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$21,000,000 Plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, March 31

Approval of the Calculation of Revenue Transfer from Electric & Gas Funds for Operations during Fiscal Year 2025 and Approval of Budget Revision 2026-48, March 31

Approval of Budget Revision 2026-52 for an Increase to the Municipal Court Budget for Software Integration, March 31

Infrastructure Asset Management Objective

Approval of Budget Revision No. 2026-41 for Task Order No. 4 with Souder Miller & Associates under AGR22-67b for Potable Water Storage Tank Inspection and Maintenance Services, March 3

Discussion and Possible Approval of Services Agreement No. AGR 25-991 with AssetWorks, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,215,609.32 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Fleet Management Software for a Five-Year Term, March 3

Approval of Task Order No. 30 under Services Agreement No. AGR22-18a with All-Rite Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$570,281.16 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Justice Center Computer Room Air Conditioning System Improvements and Establish a Project Budget in the Amount of \$790,000, March 31

Award of Bid No. IFB 26-23 for the Purpose of the San Ildefonso Waterline Replacement Project in the Amount of \$1,617,673.80 and a contingency in the amount of \$346,384.40, for a Total Project Amount of \$2,078,307, including NMGR, March 31

Possible Approval of Revision 1 of Task Order 7 with Huitt Zollars, Inc. in the Amount of \$252,382.00 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax to Perform General Renovations, at the Betty Ehart Senior Activity Center, April 7

Possible Award of Task Order AGR22-18e with R&M Construction for the Purpose of Drilling Five Piers in the White Rock Substation for the Transformer Replacement Project in the Amount of \$435,400.00, add a 10% project contingency of \$43,540 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for the Term of 90 Days and Approval of Budget Revision 2026-58, April 7

Possible Award of Bid No. IFB 26-37 for the Purpose of the East Road Project Waterline Replacement Project, April 7

Employee Recruitment and Retention Objective

Approval of the Revised FY26 Salary Plan Job Class Order, March 31

Strategic Goal for Economic Vitality

Cities Work Report is still pending receipt, once received they will be scheduled to present at a Council meeting

Housing Objective

Joint meeting with LAPS Board February 26 on the North Mesa property

Consideration of a financial policy to provide funding for affordable and work force housing, expected as part of budget hearings

Amendment No. 1 to the Purchase, Sale, and Development Agreement for Real Property Located in the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Commonly Referred to as A-8-A, March 31

Possible Approval of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 26-08 - A Resolution Relating to the Development of a Workforce Housing Facility on County Parcel A-8-A and Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Memorandum of Understanding Relating Thereto, April 7

Local Business Objective

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 753; An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of Restaurant Space at the Golf Course to the 19th Hole Sports Pub LLC , a New Mexico Limited Liability Company, to Provide Food and Beverage Services, Public Hearing March 3

New Liquor License Application, Special Independent Theater Liquor License with on Premises Consumption Only With No Patio Service, filed by Applicant, SALA Los Alamos Event Center, LLC, DBA SALA Event Center, Los Alamos, NM 87544, March 31

Quarterly Update on Small/Local Business Action Items, March 31

Downtown Revitalization Objective

Nothing specific this period

Educational, Arts, Cultural, and Historical Amenities Objective

Nothing specific this period

Tourism and Special Events Objective

Update on Tourism activities, March 17

Community Broadband Objective

Nothing specific this period

Strategic Goal for Quality of Life

Health, Wellbeing, and Social Services Objective

Approval of Budget Revision 2026-44 for Grant Agreement with the New Mexico Department of Health Increasing Funding by \$42,794 for a New Total of \$110,789, March 3

Approval of Budget Revision 2026-37 For Grant Received from the State of New Mexico Aging and Long Term Services Department for the Purchase of Equipment Vehicles for the Betty Ehart Senior Center, March 3

Inclusion, Access, and Belonging Objective

The Inclusivity Task Force final report presentation and adoption at the March 17 Council Work Session. Action taken to request that a Board be created.

Mobility Objective

Presentation and Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Services Agreement AGR 22-31 with Wilson and Co. in the Amount of \$17,477 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Construction Management and Public Outreach Services for Trinity Drive Safety and ADA, March 17

Briefing to Council Regarding Atomic City Transit Saturday Service Pilot Program and Bandelier Service Update, March 31

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Citizen Petition Requesting to make the North Rd. and Urban St. Intersection a Four-Way Stop, April 7

Open Space, Parks, and Recreation Objective

Approval of Budget Revision 2026-32 for an Increase to the Cemetery Fund for Phase One of the Master Plan, March 3

Public Safety Objective

Approval of Budget Revision 2026-47 to Budget Funds Received From the New Mexico Department of Public Safety for Law Enforcement Retention Fund (LERF), March 31

Possible Award of Bid No. 26-49 for the Fire Station No. 4 Replacement Project, April 7

Strategic Goal for Environmental Stewardship

Natural Resource Protection Objective

Nothing specific this period

Water Conservation Objective

Nothing specific this period

Climate Action and Resiliency Objective

Presentation and Acceptance of the Community-Wide Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Plan and Fleet Conversion Plan, March 17

Approval of Task Order #14 under Services Agreement No. AGR 22-18e with R and M Construction, LLC, in the Amount \$501,443.60 plus applicable Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) for the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at the Mesa Public Library, and Establish a Project Budget in the Amount of \$1,184,000 including GRT and Contingency, March 31

Possible award of Contract for General Services with National Car Charging for the Purpose of electric vehicle charging equipment operation and maintenance software services, April 7

Discussion and Possible Action on Single Use Plastics, April 7

Waste Management Objective

Nothing specific this period