County of Los Alamos

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Minutes

County Council – Work Session

Randall Ryti, Council Chair; Ryn Herrmann, Council Vice Chair;
Theresa Cull, Melanee Hand, Suzie Havemann,
Beverly Neal-Clinton, and David Reagor, Councilors

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 | **6:00 PM** | **Fire Station No. 3 129 State Road 4 - White Rock**

1. OPENING/ROLL CALL

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

Chair Ryti made opening remarks regarding the meeting's procedure.

The following Councilors were in attendance:

Present: 6 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor

Remote: 1 – Councilor Cull

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All.

3. STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

Councilor Hand read the following statement to be included in the meeting minutes: “The matters discussed in the closed sessions of County Council held on February 10, 2026, that began at 5:00 p.m. was 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 that this statement be included in the meeting minutes.”

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor

6. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Recognition of Los Alamos Fire Department Phoenix Award Recipients

Mr. Manuel Pacheco, Fire Battalion Chief, presented awards to Captain/Paramedic Chris Rondeau, Driver/Engineer Michael Manzanares, Firefighter Steven Tenorio, Firefighter Jennifer Edmunds, Firefighter Nicholas Lopez, Firefighter/Paramedic Adrian Vigil, Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Thomas, Driver/Engineer/Paramedic Dustin Rogers, and Level II Emergency Communication Specialist Amanda Bucklin. Additional recognition was presented to Destiny Montoya, daughter of Anthony Montoya (patient), and Madison Trivezo-Martinez, niece of Anthony Montoya (patient), in acknowledgment of their support and presence during the incident.
Mr. Anthony Montoya, spoke.
Mrs. Diane Montoya, spoke.

RECESS
Councilor Ryti called for a recess at 6:19 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 06:21 p.m.

B. Presentation by Fire Chief Erik Litzenberg, Wildland Division Chief Van Leimer and Fire Marshal Colorado Cordova on Wildfire Preparedness and Ready Set Go

Mr. Erik Litzenberg, Fire Chief, spoke.
Mr. Van Leimer, Fire Battalion Chief, presented.
Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.

Public Comment:
Ms. Lisa Reader spoke.
Mr. James Wernicke spoke.

7. BUSINESS

A. Action to Suspend Council Rules for Work Session

A motion was made by Councilor Herrmann, seconded by Councilor Neal-Clinton, that Council suspend their procedural rules for this work session, February 10, 2026, so that formal action may be taken.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor

B. Approval of County Council Minutes for the January 27, 2026, Regular Session

A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Herrmann, that Council approve the Minutes for the January 27, 2026, Regular Session.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor

C. Approval of Task Order No. 29 under Service Agreement No. AGR-22-18a with All-Rite Construction, Inc. in the Amount of $2,113,060.56 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Brewer Arena Improvements and Establish a Project Budget in the Amount of $2,870,000.00 which includes Contingency

Mr. Russell Naranjo, Engineering Project Manager, presented.
Mr. Eric Martinez, Public Works Director, spoke.
Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, spoke.
Mr. Miguel Jimenez, Senior Engineer, spoke.

Public Comment:
Ms. Lisa Reader spoke.
Ms. Wendy Burke-Ryan spoke.
Ms. Carol Bronisz spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Herrmann, that Council approve Task Order No. 29 under Services Agreement No. AGR 22-18a with All-Rite Construction Inc. in the amount of $2,113,060.56 plus applicable gross receipts tax for Brewer Arena Improvements and establish a Project Budget in the amount of $2,870,000.00 which includes contingency.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor

8. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Council Discussion of Possible Changes to the Charter

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.
Mr. Alvin Leaphart, County Attorney, spoke.

Public Comment:
Mr. Philip Gursky spoke.

9. WORKING GROUPS AND EXTERNAL ENTITIES REPORTS

A. Councilor Submitted Reports.

Chair Ryti highlighted his report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

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Randall Ryti, Council Chair

Attest:

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Michael D. Redondo, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Victoria Montoya, Sr. Deputy Clerk