



County of Los Alamos

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Minutes

County Council – Regular Session

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

Tuesday, May 5, 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 6:05 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 Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, and Councilor Neal-Clinton

Remote: 1 – Councilor Reagor

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Cull, 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

5. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Proclamation Declaring May 2026 as "Building Safety Month in Los Alamos County" (Accepted by Elias Isaacson, Community Development Director, Colorado Cordova, Fire Battalion Chief, and County Staff (Interdepartmental Review Committee))

Councilor Neal-Clinton read and presented the proclamation.

Mr. Colorado Cordova spoke.
Mr. Elias Isaacson spoke.

No action taken.

- B. Proclamation Designating May 2026 as "Historic Preservation Month in Los Alamos" (Accepted by Patrick Cruz, Chair of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board and Todd Nichols, Executive Director of Los Alamos Historical Society)

Councilor Hand read and presented the proclamation.

Mr. Patrick Cruz spoke.

No action taken.

- C. Presentation by Mark Davis, Deputy Laboratory Director for Operations (DDOPS) at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

Mr. Mark Davis presented.

Public Comment:
Mr. Sam Gardner spoke.

No action taken.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

None.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Motion:

A motion was made by Councilor Herrmann, seconded by Councilor Neal-Clinton, that Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented and that the motions in the staff reports be included for the record.

- A. Approval of County Council Minutes for the March 31, 2026, and April 7, 2026, Regular Sessions

I move that Council approve the Minutes for the March 31, 2026, and April 7, 2026, Regular Sessions.

- B. Award of Bid No. IFB 26-25 for the Purpose of the Piedra Loop Underground Replacement Project with Bixby Electric in the Amount of \$1,182,877.44, plus Applicable GRT for a Term of 4.5 Months

I move that Council approve the award of Bid No. IFB 26-26 for the purpose of the Piedra Loop Underground Replacement Project with Bixby Electric in the amount of \$985,731.20, a 20% contingency in the amount of \$197,146.24, for a total of \$1,182,877.44, plus applicable Gross Receipts Tax.

- C. Approval of Authorized Signers for County Investment Accounts

I move that Council approve the individuals authorized to sign on the County of Los Alamos new Investment accounts as presented in the attachment, to be effective on May 5, 2026.

- D. Board/Commission Appointment(s) - Los Alamos County Health Council

I move that Council nominate and appoint Matthew McCleary to the Los Alamos County Health Council for a term beginning on May 5, 2026, and ending on May 5, 2028.

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. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S)

- A. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 755; An Ordinance Proposing Amendment to Article iii, Section 305, Subsection 305.4, of the Charter of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos to be Submitted to the Electorate for Adoption or Rejection at a General Election on November 3, 2026, Pertaining to Standing Boards and Commissions and Ad Hoc Advisory Committees

Councilor Cull introduced, without prejudice, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 755; An Ordinance Proposing Amendment to Article iii, Section 305, Subsection 305.4, of the Charter of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos to be Submitted to the Electorate for Adoption or Rejection at a General Election on November 3, 2026, Pertaining to Standing Boards and Commissions and Ad Hoc Advisory Committees and ask the staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter.

- B. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 754: An Ordinance Granting a Cable Franchise to Comcast of Florida/Michigan/New Mexico/Pennsylvania/Washington LLC, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Cable System in the Public Rights-of-Way and to Provide Cable Service, Within the Incorporated County of Los Alamos; Establishing the Terms and Conditions of the Franchise Agreement; and Establishing Certain Remedies for the Violation of the Franchise

Councilor Cull introduced, without prejudice, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 754: An Ordinance Granting a Cable Franchise to Comcast of Florida/Michigan/New Mexico/Pennsylvania/Washington LLC, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Cable System in the Public Rights-of-Way and to Provide Cable Service, Within the Incorporated County of Los Alamos; Establishing the Terms and Conditions of the Franchise Agreement; and Establishing Certain Remedies for the Violation of the Franchise and ask staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter.

9. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-378; An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos by Amending Sections 38-92 and 38-315 of Chapter 38, Traffic and Vehicles, Relating to the Penalty for Use of Handheld Mobile Communication Devices While Driving

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, presented.

Public Comment:
None.

A motion was made by Councilor Havemann, seconded by Councilor Cull, that Council adopt Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-378; An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos by Amending Sections 38-92 and 38-315 of Chapter 38, Traffic and Vehicles, Relating to the Penalty for Use of Handheld Mobile Communication Devices While Driving and ask the staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter.

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. 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

Mr. Dan Osborn, Housing and Special Projects Manager, presented.

Public Comment:
None.

A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Herrmann, that Council adopt 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.

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. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 26-07, A Resolution of Support and Funding Commitment by the Incorporated County of Los Alamos for the Local MainStreet Program, as a Partner with Los Alamos MainStreet, a Program of The Los Alamos Commerce and Development Corporation (LACDC).

Mr. Elias Isaacson, Community Development Director, presented.

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.

Ms. Jacquelyn Connolly, Executive Director, Los Alamos MainStreet and Creative District, spoke.

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, spoke.

Public Comment:

Mr. George Marsden spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Havemann, seconded by Councilor Herrmann, that Council adopt Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 26-07, A Resolution of Support and Funding Commitment by the Incorporated County of Los Alamos for the Local MainStreet Program, as a Partner with Los Alamos MainStreet, a Program of the Los Alamos Commerce and Development Corporation, and authorize the County Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the New Mexico MainStreet program.

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

RECESS

Chair Ryti called for a recess at 7:47 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

10. BUSINESS

- A. Presentation and Possible Action on the Temporary Sign Code Revision

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.

Mr. Elias Isaacson, Community Development Director, presented.

Mr. Alvin Leaphart, County Attorney, spoke.

Ms. Jacquelyn Connolly, Executive Director, Los Alamos MainStreet and Creative District, spoke.

Public Comment:

Ms. Denise Derkacs spoke.

No action taken.

Councilor Reagor left meeting during the discussion of this item at 8:54 p.m.

11. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. General Council Business

None.

B. Appointments

None.

C. Board and Commission Vacancy Report

Chair Ryti noted that the Vacancy Report was included with the agenda.

D. Board and Commission Reports

Councilor Neal-Clinton reported on the Personnel Board.

Councilor Cull reported on the Planning & Zoning Board and the Parks and Recreation Board.

Councilor Hand reported on the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) Finance committee, an NCRTD Board Meeting, North Central New Mexico Economic Development, and the Los Alamos Health Council.

E. County Manager's Report

1) County Manager's Report for March 2026

Deputy County Manager Linda Matteson reported that the anticipated Environmental Protection Agency grant for the food waste composting has been denied. Future applications will need to be for projects closer to launch.

County Manager Anne Laurent reported on

- Reaccreditations for the Fire and Police departments
- Early voting
- Employee annual performance evaluations
- LEDA retail and large project grant applications

F. Council Chair Report

Chair Ryti reported on:

- Attending the Nuclear Forum in Georgia
- Attending a New Mexico Counties Board meeting
- Being interviewed by KQRE about the buildup of operations at LANL
- Attending ribbon cuttings at Pinon and 37th Street parks
- ADA-compliant play equipment

G. Approval of Councilor Expenses

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Cull, seconded by Councilor Havemann, that Council approve expenses for 1 councilor to attend the ECA Intergovernmental League meeting June 23-24, 2026, in Arlington, VA.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, and Councilor Neal-Clinton

Absent: 1 – Councilor Reagor

A motion was made by Councilor Cull, seconded by Councilor Neal-Clinton, that council approve expenses for 2 councilors to attend the cleanup workshop meeting for ECA September 14-16, 2026, in Crystal City, VA.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, and Councilor Neal-Clinton

Absent: 1 – Councilor Reagor

A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Cull, that council approve expenses for 1 councilor to attend the NMML Conference September 1-4, 2026, in Las Cruces, NM.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, and Councilor Neal-Clinton

Absent: 1 – Councilor Reagor

H. Preview of Upcoming Agenda Items

1) Tickler Report of Upcoming Agenda Items

Chair Ryti highlighted items on the report attached to the agenda and reported that an item related to plastic waste management may be added.

12. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Herrmann commented on the ribbon cutting held at the parks and noted that the Parks Department has been nominated for a National Gold Medal Winner Award, recognizing staff for their good work.

Councilor Ryti commented on the beginning of Early Voting at the Municipal Building and the new “I Voted Early” stickers designed by students.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

Randall Ryti, Council Chair

Attest:

Michael D. Redondo, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Allison Collins, Senior Deputy Clerk and Adrienne Lewis, Deputy Clerk

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**Incorporated County of Los Alamos
 Authorized Signers on Bank and Investment Accounts
 May 5, 2026**

A. The following individuals are authorized signers for the **UMB Bank**, which are Certificate of Deposit Investment accounts.

Anne Laurent, County Manager
 Helen M. Perraglio, Administrative Service Director
 Mrs. Melissa Dadzie, Chief Financial Officer
 Beatrice Odezulu, Deputy Chief Financial Officer
 David Griego, Accounting Operations Manager

	Institution	Account Name/Purpose	Account # For Finance Use Only
1	UMB Bank	Certificate of Deposits	

This list of Authorized Signers was approved by County Council on May 5, 2026.

Randall T. Ryti, Council Chair

Los Alamos County Council Regular Session May 5, 2026 Item 7.A Attachment A
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