

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.

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. Governor's Prayer Breakfast speaker was Kyle Stepp. Kyle currently serves as the National Strategic Partnerships Lead for So Every BODY Can Move, a national disability rights movement championing legislation change to create equitable and life-changing access to prosthetic and orthotic care for physical activity. SEBCM's goal is to have legislative change in 28 states by the 2028 LA Paralympics, ultimately pursuing federal nationwide reform. Also had constituent meetings regarding local business engagement and support; public safety; and housing initiatives.

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

Strategic Goal for Quality Governance

Increased Compensation for Councilors, Assessor, Probate Judge, Municipal Court Judge through Ordinances.

Council Discussion of Possible Changes to the Charter. No Council action.

Approval of annual resolution regarding compliance standards with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act

Appointments to Parks & Recreation Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, Environmental Sustainability Board, Health Council

Communication and Engagement Objective

New Public Information Officer Dave Kruger introduced

Various public meetings and outreach, based on press releases

North Mesa Picnic Grounds Master Plan listening session January 14

DPU Voice of the Customer Survey January-February 2026

Dinosaur & Grand Canyon Playlot Surveys Open February 2026

First Community Engagement Session for Bayo Canyon Trailhead
Improvements February 11

County Seeks Volunteers for Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
February 12

Discussion on Strategic Leadership Plan Performance Indicators for Launching a
2026 Community Dashboard

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 hexavalent chromium investigation.

Los Alamos County has been attending the LANL Chromium Groundwater Plume Remediation Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Group meetings since October 2025. The plan is to have a presentation and discussion of this contaminant plume at the May 2026 Council Work Session.

County staff have monthly meetings with the Pueblo de San Ildefonso leadership and management team. I was invited to attend one of these meetings at the Pueblo where we discussed the hexavalent chromium investigation and Rendija Canyon.

Chair Ryti, Anne Laurent, and Danielle Duran attended a meeting with NM Environment Department Secretary Kenney and staff to discuss cleanup priorities and maintaining a strong disposal schedule to WIPP.

The state legislative session started on January 20, 2026. Along with financial issues, the Governor put out a call for public safety, health care access, among other policies to be considered. Many of the issues LAC has supported for years are being supported.

Federal priorities will be coming to the February 17 with advocacy trip planned for the week of March 23rd.

Fiscal Stewardship Objective

Presentation and Possible Acceptance of the FY2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report with Auditor's Opinion and FY2025 Single Audit Report with Auditor's Opinion. Report was accepted by Council.

Resolution to apply for Local DWI Grant and Distribution Fund from DFA

Second Quarter Financial Overview scheduled on February 17

Strategic Goal for Operational Excellence

Effective, Efficient, and Reliable Services Objective

Award of Bid No. IFB 26-24 for the Purpose of the Guaje Canyon and Bayo Booster Fiber Optic Line Installation with TSI Tower, Inc. in the Amount of \$559,395.00 plus Contingency and Applicable Gross Receipts Tax. Council awarded contract

Approval of Budget Revision 2026-34 for Task Order No. 3 with Souder Miller & Associates under AGR22-67b for Potable Water Storage Tank Inspection and Maintenance Services. Council awarded task order

Electric coordination agreement is still being negotiated with DOE, another extension may be requested

Infrastructure Asset Management Objective

Approval of Services Agreement No. AGR 26-835 with Trane US, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$4,000,000 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for On-Call HVAC and Plumbing Services for a Seven-Year Term. Council awarded agreement

Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Services Agreement No. AGR 22-917 with TRANE US, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$815,693.08 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for HVAC Control System Services and Monitoring. Council approved amendment

Approval of Services Agreement AGR26-15 with Armystick, LLC in the Amount of \$1,000,000 for the Water Systems Mechanical Devices Rehabilitation Service and Support for a Seven-Year Term. Council awarded agreement

Approval of Grant Agreement with the State of New Mexico, Aging and Long-Term Services Department for Capital Appropriations Project J25-2037.10 To Renovate

and Replace the HVAC System, Windows and Other Renovations for the Betty Ehart Senior Center. Council approved agreement

Employee Recruitment and Retention Objective

Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Services Agreement No. AGR20-06, with Unum Life Insurance Company of America, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,250,000, plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the Purpose of Providing Long Term Disability (LTD) Insurance Benefits to Eligible Los Alamos County Employees. Council approved amendment

Approval of Amendment No. 1 to General Services Agreement No. AGR22-80 with Dearborn Life Insurance Company, in the Amount of \$950,000, plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the Purpose of Providing Basic Life, AD&D, and Voluntary Life Insurance (Ancillary Benefits) to Los Alamos County Employees. Council approved amendment

Approval of Services Agreement No. AGR26-842 with Cintas Corporation No. 2 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$310,000 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for Uniform Rental and Related Services for Public Works Electricians and Environmental Services Division for a Seven-Year Term. Council approved amendment

Discussion and Possible Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Existing General Services Agreement No. AGR24-67 with Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico. Council approved amendment

Strategic Goal for Economic Vitality

Overview of the Comprehensive Plan Update and Chapter 16 Code Amendments

Cities Work Report has been drafted and 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

Local Business Objective

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 752; an Ordinance Adopting An Economic Development Project For Public Support of UbiQD in the amount of \$800k 10-year zero interest loan

2025 Regional Development Corporation (RDC) Annual Report Briefing from Executive Director Pat Vanderpool on Current and Upcoming Activities

Downtown Revitalization Objective

Discussion on Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (MRA) Commission

Discussion and Possible Action on Establishment of a Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (MRA) Commission, Council voted to maintain Council as the governing decision-making body for MRA funding requests

Educational, Arts, Cultural, and Historical Amenities Objective

Nothing specific this period

Tourism and Special Events Objective

Council requested an overview of the Tourism Working Group at a future session

Community Broadband Objective

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 26-02 Declaring the Official Intent of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, New Mexico to Reimburse Itself from Bond Proceeds for Amounts Advanced to Pay Costs of Construction of Certain Projects of the County; Stating the Maximum Principal Amount of Bonds Expected to be Issued and Estimating the Expenditures to be Reimbursed from Proceeds of the Bonds; and Authorizing Incidental Action. Resolution passed

Discussion and Possible Approval of Amendment No. 1 to General Services Agreement No. AGR24-46a with Bonfire Engineering & Construction LLC Allowing the Purchase of Materials Associated With the Construction Phase and Approve Low Level Design, including Amending the Schedule of Construction Drawings by Construction Phase. Amendment to contract passed

Bond issuance is scheduled for a Public Hearing on February 17

Strategic Goal for Quality of Life

Health, Wellbeing, and Social Services Objective

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 26-03: A Resolution Authorizing the County to Submit an Application to the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division, to Participate in the Local DWI Grant and Distribution Program. Council voted to support this resolution

Inclusion, Access, and Belonging Objective

Girl Scouts came to the February 3 meeting to advocate for inclusive play equipment. Council asked this topic to be addressed in the Final report of the Inclusivity Task Force.

The Inclusivity Task Force final report is scheduled for a presentation and possible adoption at the March 17 Council Work Session.

Mobility Objective

Presentation and Possible Approval of a High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) Signal on NM4. Council approved this signal

Open Space, Parks, and Recreation Objective

Introduction and Presentation of the North Mesa Recreation Master Plan

Presentation and Possible Acceptance of the North Mesa Recreation Master Plan. Plan was accepted by Council

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. Council approved this agreement

Public Safety Objective

Approval of Contract Amendment for General Services, Agreement No. AGR25-963-A1 with Stryker Sales, LLC, Increasing the Contract Not-to-Exceed Amount to \$804,173.33 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the Purchase of Six (6) Additional LifePak 35 Cardiac Monitors, Including Software and Maintenance, for a Term of up to Seven (7) Years. Council approved this contract amendment

Discussion and Possible Approval of Agreement No. AGR26-858 for the Purchase of Public Safety Video Systems and Related Services from Axon Enterprise, Inc in the Amount Not to Exceed \$6,826,839.59, for a Ten-Year Term. Council approved this agreement

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

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

Quarterly Briefing on Climate Action Plan Implementation scheduled on February 17

Waste Management Objective

Waste-to-Energy Plant Presentation by Mozart Devco LLC.