

Council Chair's Report and Update on Strategic Objectives

Regular meetings. Weekly operations meeting with County Manager Anne Laurent. 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. I and some other Councilors took the V-Site Tour on April 7, which was part of the 10th anniversary of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park (MAPR) celebration. On April 8, the County, NPS, the Friends of MAPR hosted a public celebration for the 10th anniversary at Fuller Lodge. The Federal Work Group, County Manager, Deputy County Managers, Utility Manager met with NM Environment Department Secretary Kenney on April 7. We discussed our concerns about the interim measure for the Hexavalent Chromium plume (extraction and treatment with no injection, could land apply), remedies being required for the radioactive waste landfills, and the issues with the County getting permitted for food waste composting at the Ecostation. NPS meeting On April 30 we had a meeting with Bandelier National Monument Superintendent Patrick Suddath and some of his staff to discuss the current operations and limitations of the Atomic City Transit. Mr. Suddath explained that the problem with the busses leaving from White Rock to Bandelier was poor customer service. At peak times there was too long of a wait and at other times the busses were fairly empty. The limited service running from Juniper Campground to the parking was expected to continue for the foreseeable future. Mr. Suddath mentioned some alternatives were being considered like having busses going two directions from Bandelier (towards the back gate and to Los Alamos or Valles Caldera and other being to White Rock). This alternative would be a much longer total route.

The members of the former Local and Small Business Working met two business owners on April 29. The business owners wanted to discuss several topics including; they would like to see more champions of small business, thought that the Los Alamos Business Coalition was positive in getting some collaboration, and there should be a small business ombudsman.

I was interviewed on May 4 by a KRQE reporter on zoom about impacts of LANL expansion on our community. Others also interviewed and the story was published online on May 5 [<https://www.krqe.com/news/new-mexico/northern-new-mexico-divided-as-lanl-expansion-raises-economic-hopes-and-environmental-fears/>].

On May 4 I received an email from Lodgers Tax Advisory Board and asked that I review and pass along recommendations we have from their March 17th LTAB Meeting: facilitate a RV Park in the County (for workforce housing and tourism), address downtown blight, and conduct visitor surveys.

County staff organized ribbon cuttings on May 5 at Piñon [Rocket Park] and 37th St Playlot, which had adaptive play equipment. On May 6 I attended LosAlamos.com launch event at SALA; tag items with #losalamosnm to be added to their site. On May 12 we had the Atomic Fiber groundbreaking. Councilor Hand attended the May 14 B&C luncheon and provided me with the reports. On May 20 we had the Fire station 4 groundbreaking. Also on May 20, I attended a webinar on anti-donation, George Hypolite, General Counsel for the DFA. He indicated that donation is transfer without any consideration. There are six exemptions in statute and he had a checklist to evaluative scenarios. The webinar was recorded. Lastly on May 20 I listened to BPU meeting N3B presenting on Hexavalent Chromium. On May 21 I was at the Farmer's Market with Councilors Cull and Neal-Clinton.

We had the schools and County meeting on May 21. Items discussed included the potential County purchase of the School of Gymnastics building, development on North Mesa LAPS land, County needs more lifeguards. LAPS discussed Aspen fencing, that Pinon and Chamisa to be both done soon, and Safety Town graduation scheduled for June 5. UNMLA discussed a plutonium workforce initiative and that they had a new director of workforce development and training.

On May 22 I attended the LARSO annual meeting along with Councilor Hand and presented the older Americans proclamation and noted the new functional and decorative gate by the back patio of the Betty Ehart Senior Center. Also on May 22 was the Rose Garden fence ribbon cutting.

The State and Regional Work Group met on May 27 to prioritize the ICIP list. Also on May 27, Councilor Cull and I had meeting with Stewart Liley, NMDG&F Wildlife Division, to discuss deer in Los Alamos County. This problem is faced in many places in NM. Some cities have allowed local bow hunting to help reduce populations [Raton and Taos]. More information was sent to me and I shared with County staff to share with our Wildlife management contractor.

I met with a constituent on June 2 who wanted to discuss several issues mostly regarding spending waste management/recycling. On June 3 I and other Councilors

attended the 10 year anniversary ribbon cutting at the Pig and Fig restaurant in White Rock.

On June 3 I attended part of the N3B and LANL presentation on wildfire preparedness and then joined the BPU meeting in which the NMED presented on the hexavalent chromium plume with their perspectives on why the interim measure injection was suspended and what is the status of the plume.

On June 4 we discussed an opportunity for ICMA to create a short film about Los Alamos County. Also on June 4, I along with the County Manager and the Intergovernmental Affairs Manager had lunch with City of Espanola Mayor, City Manager, and Lead Administrative person. We discuss some initiatives of common interest including the development of a northern NM regional landfill.

On June 5 I attended the Safety Town graduation at Barranca Elementary and then on June 6 I attended Chamberfest in White Rock. Lastly on June 13 I attended the mosaic ribbon cutting at the Justice Center.

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

Strategic Goal for Quality Governance

FY2027 Budget Hearings and changes to Financial Policy, April 27 and 28

Report and recommendations from the Council Work Group on of Possible Changes to the Charter. Possible Council action to proceed. May 5

Possible Action to Give Direction on Draft Ordinance Regarding the Formation of the Inclusivity Board, May 19

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, Introduction May 5, Public Hearing June 9

Discussion and Possible Action of the Council Charter Review of Utilities Profit Transfer; Council Procedures for Filling Partial Terms of Elected Officials; and Party Affiliation Requirements for Boards and Commission Members

Possible Approval of the Submission of the 2027 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), June 9

Discussion and Possible Approval of Los Alamos County Policy Proposals to the National Association of Counties (NACo), June 9

Consideration of Sending Letter from the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Council to the Carson National Forest Supervisor Opposing Uranium Exploratory Drilling in Carson National Forest, June 9

Consideration of Sponsoring the Los Alamos Nuclear Forum August 25, 2026, June 23

Appointments to Board of Public Utilities, Health Council, Historic Preservation Advisory Board, and Planning & Zoning Commission

Briefing presentations to Council by the Transportation Board and Planning and Zoning Commission, May 12

Briefing presentation to Council by the Arts Public Places Advisory Board, June 23

Communication and Engagement Objective

Various public meetings and outreach, based on press releases

County's new business and event directory. <https://www.losalamosnm.gov/Business/Business-event-directory>

Interactive housing project location map with links to information about the development is live <https://www.losalamosnm.gov/Community/Housing/Housing-development>

Engagement events for the Los Alamos Historic Preservation Plan, May 27-29, June 4

Engagement session to review community design concepts for North Mesa Picnic Grounds renovations, June 10

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 has not attended meetings of the LANL Chromium Groundwater Plume Remediation Steering Committee since DOE EM decided to

drop out of these engagements. 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.

Presentation by Mark Davis, Deputy Laboratory Director for Operations (DDOPS) at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), May 5

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.

Fiscal Stewardship Objective

Budget hearings were held April 27 and 28

Approval of Authorized Signers for County Investment Accounts, May 5

Strategic Goal for Operational Excellence

Effective, Efficient, and Reliable Services Objective

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, May 5

Approval of Budget Revision No. 26-69 in the Amount of \$550,000.00 and Approval for the Placement of an Order for a Vacuum Excavator Truck ("Vactor") in the Amount of \$549,720.28, May 19

Approval of Budget Revision No. 26-58 for the Repair of an 18" Water Transmission Line with Brad Parker Construction in the amount of \$234,827.00, May 19

Approval of the Reinstatement of Contract for IFB 25-31 for the Bayo NP Booster Station Rehabilitation Project including the two prior change orders in the Amount of \$1,427,586.41 plus Gross Receipts Tax and Approval of Change Order No. 3 with TLC Company, Inc. in the amount of \$34,983.25 plus Gross Receipts Tax with a New Final Completion Date of June 30, 2026, May 19

Introduction of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-379; An Ordinance Amending Chapter 40, Article III, Sections 40-151, and 40-152 of the Code of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Pertaining to Gas Service

Rates, Introduction May 19, Public Hearing June 9 [ordinance failed, BPU to modify and re-introduce]

Approval to Execute a Power Purchase Agreement in an Amount not to Exceed \$4,725,000 Plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, to Supply Power and Energy to the Los Alamos Power Pool for the Month of July 2026, June 9

Vacation of Utility Easement Within Lot 4 of Eastern Area No.2 (1110 Canyon Road), June 9

Approval of Budget Revision 2026-81 for an Additional Increase of \$40,000 to the Municipal Court Budget for Software Integration, June 9

Introduction of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-380; An Ordinance Amending the Department of Public Utilities' Water Service Rate Schedules, Chapter 40, Article III, Sections 40-171, 40-173 and 40-175, and adding new Sections 40-176, 40-177, and 40-178 to the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code, Introduction June, Public Hearing scheduled for June 30

Approval of Department of Energy / Los Alamos County Electric Resource Pool Budget for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028, June 9

Briefing on the FoxTail Flats Ground Breaking and Construction Status, June 23

Vacation of Utility Easement Within A-8-A Property on DP Road, June 23

Approval of Budget Revisions 26-87 to Increase the Transfer from Water Distribution to Water Production for the Cost of Water, June 23

Infrastructure Asset Management Objective

Award of Bid No. 26-61 for the Western Area Twin Tanks, Tank Piping Upgrades Phase 2 Project to NM Underground Utilities, Inc. in the Amount of \$607,890.00 plus Applicable NMGRT, June 9

Approval of NMFA Binding Letter of Commitment for the Denver Steels Phase II Water Service Line Replacement Project in the Amount of \$525,000, June 23

Employee Recruitment and Retention Objective

Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters (UAPP), Local Union No. 412, Covering the Period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031, June 9

Strategic Goal for Economic Vitality

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

Presentation and Possible Action on the Temporary Sign Code Revision, May 5

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, Introduction May 5, Public Hearing June 9

Consideration and Possible Approval of Task Order No. 31 under Service Agreement No. AGR-22-18a with All-Rite Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$578,117.43 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax for the Demolition of Three Buildings on County Owned Land at 112, 124, and 126 Longview Drive and Establish a Project Budget in the Amount of \$750,000, May 19

Housing Objective

Consideration of a financial policy to provide funding for affordable and work force housing, included in the revised Financial Policy during the budget hearings April 27 and 28

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, Public Hearing May 5

Update on County Housing Projects, Programs and Activities, June 23

Local Business Objective

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). Public Hearing May 5

Downtown Revitalization Objective

Introduction and Discussion on the Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) Public Participation Agreement High Level Terms for the 1735 Central Avenue Redevelopment Project (AKA Former CB Fox Building), June 23

Introduction and Discussion on the Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) Public Participation Agreement High Level Terms for The Rock Redevelopment Project (AKA Former Time Out Pizza Building) Located at 116 and 118 State Route 4 in White Rock, June 23

Educational, Arts, Cultural, and Historical Amenities Objective

Approval of Recommendation from the Art in Public Places Board to Deaccession the Broken Wind Sculpture “Split Infinity” by Artist Mark White and to Accept “Blooming Lily 3 Medium” as a Replacement at No Cost to the County, June 9

Approval of Recommendation from the Art in Public Places Board to Deaccession the “Aquatic Figures” Mural at the Larry R. Walkup Aquatic Center and to Authorize the Use of Art in Public Places Funds in an Amount Not-to-exceed \$45,000 Plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, to Return the Wall To Its Original Condition, June 9

Approval of Budget Revision 2026-79 to Budget the Transfer from Major Facilities Maintenance (MFM) in the General Fund to the Arts in Public Places (AIPP) Fund, June 9

Tourism and Special Events Objective

Nothing specific this period

Community Broadband Objective

Nothing specific this period

Strategic Goal for Quality of Life

Update on Council Strategic Goal - Quality of Life, May 12

Health, Wellbeing, and Social Services Objective

Approval of Submission of 2028-2032 Capital Outlay Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for Senior Centers to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), as Required by the New Mexico Aging and Long Term Services Department (ALTSD), June 9

Inclusion, Access, and Belonging Objective

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No.02-383 An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinance of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos by Repealing Chapter 8 Boards and Commissions, an Article XIV, in its Entirety and Replacing it with Provisions to Create an Inclusivity Board, Introduction June 9, Public Hearing scheduled for June 30

Mobility Objective

Update and Discussion Regarding Traffic Safety, May 12

Award of Bid No. 26-30 in the Amount of \$7,120,655.79 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax to Hasse Contracting Company Inc. for the Trinity Drive/NM502 Safety and ADA Improvements Project and Establish a Project Budget in the Amount of \$8,172,067.28 for Roadway and Utility Work, May 19

Consideration and Possible Award of Bid No. 26-22 in the Amount of \$2,023,166.50 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax to H.O. Construction, Inc. for the Finch Street Extension Project and Establish a Project Budget in the Amount of \$2,720,000, June 9

Update on the Actions Taken to Address Citizen Petition for the North Road and Urban Street Intersection, June 23

Open Space, Parks, and Recreation Objective

Discussion of the Possible Purchase of the Los Alamos School of Gymnastics Building, June 9

Approval of Amendment No. AGR24-28b-A2 with Sky Elements to Increase the Contract by \$51,250, With a Total for the Life of the Contract Not to Exceed \$522,500 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the Purpose of Providing a Second Drone Show at the 2026 4th of July Event, June 23

Public Safety Objective

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, Public Hearing May 5

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 26-04; A Resolution Removing the Unsecured and Uncollectible Ambulance Billing Accounts from the

Accounts Receivable List of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, Public Hearing May 19

Award of Bid No. IFB 26-21 for the Purpose of the Jemez Mountain Fire Protection Phase III Project with Dub-L-EE, LLC in the Amount of \$3,904,195.98, plus a 15% Contingency and Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, May 19

Approval of Contract for General Services, Agreement No. AGR25-963-A2 with Stryker Sales, LLC, Increasing the Contract Not-to-Exceed Amount to \$1,201,186.57 plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the Purpose of Six (6) Additional LifePak35 Cardiac Monitors, Including Software and Maintenance, for a term of up to Seven (7) Years, June 9

Introduction of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 756; An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of The Incorporated County Of Los Alamos, New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A (The " Bonds"), In The Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$35,000,000 For The Purpose Of Acquiring, Extending, Enlarging, Bettering, Repairing And Otherwise Improving Fire Station Number 4, Fire Fighting And Safety Facilities And Equipment, And Other Public Buildings, Facilities And Infrastructure; Providing That The Bonds Will Be Payable And Collectible From Certain Gross Receipts Tax Revenues Distributed To The County; Providing For The Disposition Of The Receipts Derived From Certain Gross Receipts Tax Revenues; Delegating Authority To The County Council Chair And County Manager To Approve Certain Terms And Details Of The Bonds At The Time The Bonds Are Priced; Prescribing Other Details Concerning The Bonds And Gross Receipts Tax Revenues, Including But Not Limited To Covenants And Agreements In Connection With The Bonds And The Form And Manner Of Execution Of The Bonds; Authorizing The Preparation Of A Preliminary Official Statement And The Form Of A Final Official Statement For The Marketing Of The Bonds; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Bond Purchase Agreement If The Bonds Are Sold In A Negotiated Sale, And Other Agreements And Certificates In Connection With The Bonds; Ratifying Action Previously Taken In Connection With The Bonds; And Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict Herewith, Introduction June 9, Public Hearing scheduled for June 30

Introduction of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-384, Amending Chapter 6, Article I, Section 6-10, Bites; Impounding, Introduction June 9, Public Hearing scheduled for June 30

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 26-11, Proclamation Imposing Restrictions and Limiting the Use of Fireworks During Severe Drought Conditions, Public Hearing June 9

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 26-10; 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, Public Hearing June 9

Approval of Budget Revision 2026-80 for FEMA Grant to Fund the Jemez Mountain Fire Protection Project - Electrical Undergrounding in the Federal Share Amount of \$2,632,746.18 and accept sub-grant agreement DR-4652-0006-NM, June 9

Strategic Goal for Environmental Stewardship

Natural Resource Protection Objective

Nothing specific this period

Water Conservation Objective

Presentation on the Wildlife Assessment Project by Representatives from Environmental Solutions and Innovations, Inc., June 9

Climate Action and Resiliency Objective

Nothing specific this period

Waste Management Objective

Nothing specific this period