



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 19, 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. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Havemann, seconded by Councilor Neal-Clinton, that Council accept 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 the week of May 17-23, 2026, as “National Public Works Week” (Accepted by Eric Martinez, Public Works Director and Keith Wilson, Deputy Public Works Director)

Councilor Reagor read and presented the proclamation.

Mr. Eric Martinez, Public Works Director, spoke.

- B. Proclamation Declaring the month of May as “Mental Health Awareness Month” (Accepted by the Los Alamos County Health Council)

Councilor Hand read and presented the proclamation.

Ms. Lisa Hampton, Los Alamos County Health Council Chair, spoke.

Ms. Jessica Strong, Social Services Manager, spoke.

- C. Recognition of Atomic City Transit for Earning the 2025 New Mexico Transit Association (NMTA) and New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) Rural Transit System of the Year Award and the Avail Transit Vanguard Award.

Mr. Eric Martinez, Public Works Director, spoke.

Mr. James Barela, Transit Manager, spoke.

- D. Recognition of the 2026 "I Voted" Sticker Contest Winners

Mr. Michael Redondo, County Clerk, presented.

- E. Overview of Council Strategic Goal - Quality of Life

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, presented.

Mr. Cory Styron, Community Services Director, spoke.

Mr. Erik Litzenberg, Fire Chief, spoke.

Ms. Jessica Strong, Social Services Manager, spoke.

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.

Public Comment:

None.

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 Hand, 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 May 5, 2026, Sessions

I move that Council approve the minutes for the May 5, 2026, Regular Session.

- B. 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.

I move that Council approve the 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.

- C. 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

I move Council approve Budget Revision No. 2026-58 for \$234,827.00 for the repair of an 18" Water Transmission Line with Brad Parker Construction.

- D. 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.

I move that Council approve 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.

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. 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

Councilor Hand introduced, without prejudice, 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 and asked the staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter.

9. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. 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

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.

Public Comment:
None.

A motion was made by Councilor Herrmann, seconded by Councilor Havemann, that Council continue item OR1127-26b, a public hearing on Ordinance No. 754: An Ordinance Granting a Cable Franchise to Comcast of Florida/Michigan/New Mexico/Pennsylvania/Washington LLC, to the June 9, 2026, County Council meeting, which will be held at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1000 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

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. 26-04; A Resolution Removing the Unsecured and Uncollectible Ambulance Billing Accounts from the Accounts Receivable List of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos

Mrs. Melissa Dadzie, Chief Financial Officer, presented.

Public Comment:
None.

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

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

10. BUSINESS

- A. 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

Mr. Eric Martinez, Public Works Director, presented.

Public Comment:
None.

A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Havemann, that Council approve Task Order No. 31 under Services 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.

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. 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

Mr. James Martinez, Deputy Utility Manager — Engineering, presented.

Public Comment:
None.

A motion was made by Councilor Neal-Clinton, seconded by Councilor Havemann, that Council approve the award of Bid No. IFB 26-21 for the purpose of the Jemez Mountain Fire Protection Phase III project with the base bid amount of \$3,904,195.98 from the lowest responsive bidder, Dub-L-EE, LLC and a 15% contingency in the amount of \$585,629.40, for a total project amount of \$4,489,825.38, plus applicable Gross Receipts Tax.

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 8:03 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

- C. 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.

Mr. Eric Martinez, Public Works Director, spoke.

Ms. Jennifer Morrow, Engineering Project Manager, spoke

Public Comment:

None.

A motion was made by Councilor Neal-Clinton, seconded by Councilor Hand, that Council Award 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.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

No: 1 – Councilor Reagor

11. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. General Council Business

- 1) Possible Action to Give Direction on Draft Ordinance Regarding the Formation of the Inclusivity Board

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, presented.

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.

Ms. Katie Thwaites, Deputy County Attorney, spoke.

Public Comment:

Ms. Lisa Hampton spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Havemann, seconded by Councilor Hand, that Council direct the County Manager to move forward with development of a code ordinance to form the Inclusivity Board as shown in Attachment A with the removal of “Advisory” from the board name.

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. Appointments

1) Board/Commission Appointment(s) - Board of Public Utilities (BPU)

A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Herrmann, that Council nominate Matt Heavner and Richard Nebel to fill one vacancy on the Board of Public Utilities for Position UT1 and that Council appoint one nominee to the vacant position as follows:

By roll call vote, Councilors vote for one nominee, and the nominee with the highest total of four or more votes will be appointed to fill the term for Position UT1 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2031.

Councilors Ryti, Herrmann, Cull, Hand, Havemann, and Neal-Clinton voted for:
Matt Heavner

Councilor Reagor voted for:
Richard Nebel

After a roll call vote, Mr. Heavner was appointed to fill the term beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2031.

C. Board and Commission Vacancy Report

None.

D. Boards and Commission Reports

Councilor Havemann reported on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

E. County Manager's Report

1) County Manager's Report for April 2026

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, reported on an introduction at the June 9th meeting for an amendment Chapter 6 related to dog biting. The hearing on this item will be at the June 30th meeting.

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, reported on items related to the bond sale for the County's broadband project. She also reported that there is no update for LEDA and MRA applications and that one will be provided at the meeting on June 9th.

F. Council Chair Report

Chair Ryti reported on:

- An online story from his interview with KRQE
- Requests from the Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board (LTAB) report provided at the Board and Commission luncheon
- An upcoming update related to LTAB and Economic Development
- Attending the following:
 - losalamos.com launch event and a request for people to tag items with #losalamosnm
 - Energy Communities Alliance executive board meeting
 - Groundbreaking for Atomic Fiber
 - Congressional delegation meeting
 - National League of Cities meeting and the availability of a position as a trustee member
- The upcoming groundbreaking for Fire Station 4
- 70H compound request for information
- A request for information about Uranium mining in the Pecos
- A request for Los Alamos to become a Dark Sky community

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, confirmed that an update on economic development will be presented at the next meeting.

Councilor Hand mentioned that she has the report from LTAB.

Councilor Cull clarified that the Uranium mining is happening in the Chama River Valley, not in the Pecos.

G. Approval of Councilor Expenses

None.

H. Preview of Upcoming Agenda Items

1) Tickler Report of Upcoming Agenda Items

Councilor Havemann reported that the public hearing for changes to gas rates will be on June 9th.

Chair Ryti highlighted additional items in the Tickler Report.

12. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

None.

13. WORKING GROUPS AND EXTERNAL ENTITIES REPORTS

Chair Ryti called attention to the reports included in the agenda packet.

Councilor Reagor reported on the Western Regional National Association of Counties' discussion of Hawaii's use of land trusts for affordable housing.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 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

May 19, 2026

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5. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

D. 21547-26 Recognition of the 2026 “I Voted” Sticker Contest Winners

REVISED RECOMMENDED ACTION

REVISED 5.D

Attachment B - Presentation - 2026 Election Sticker Contest

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Item 5.D

Congratulations!

2026 ELECTION STICKER DESIGN CONTEST WINNERS

"I Voted"

"I Voted Early"

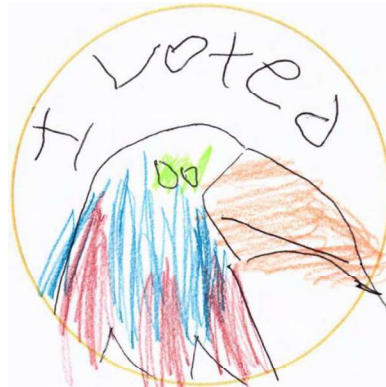
"Future Voter"

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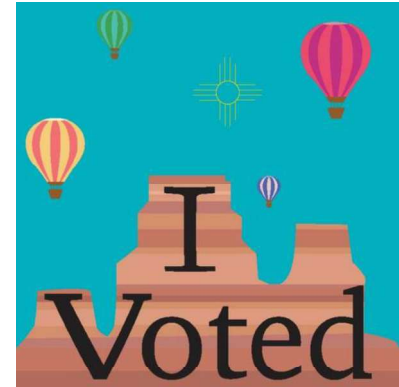
"I Voted"



**Laurel
Redman**
1st Place



**Beau
Stephens**
2nd Place



**Brooke
Smidt**
2nd Place

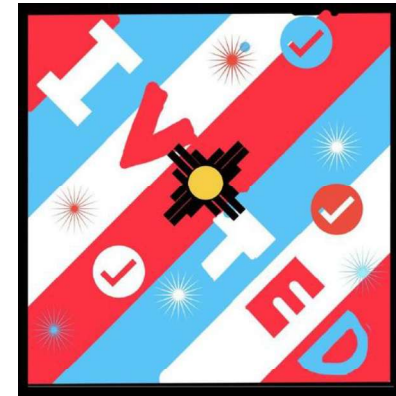
"I Voted"



**Piper
Finnegan
Runner-Up**



**Aubree³
Haver
Runner-Up**



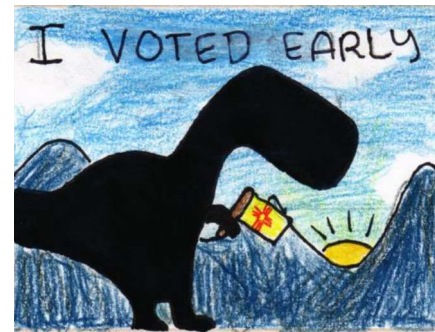
**Evelyn
Fobes
Runner-Up**

"I Voted Early"



**Olivia
Conner-Lee**
1st Place

4



**Mia
Lin**
2nd Place

"I Voted Early"



Jayden Muck
Runner-Up



Fionn Curry
Runner-Up



Lane Cleveland
Runner-Up

Future Voter



Daiyani
Bear Ground
1st Place

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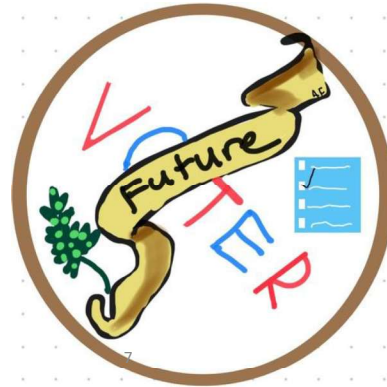


Brooke Smidt
2nd Place

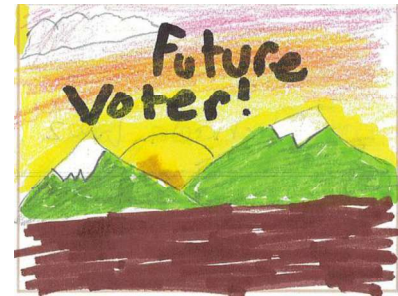
Future Voter



Elise Thalacker
Runner-Up



Astrid Fobes
Runner-Up



Michaela Lopez
Runner-Up

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS CODE ORDINANCE NO. 02-383

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES 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 ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS,

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THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS that:

Section 1. Article I, Section 8-4 is amended as follows:

Sec. 8-4. - Standing advisory boards or commissions; terms of existence.

(a) The following standing boards or commissions are hereby continued or established although not all are governed by the provisions of this chapter: arts in public places board; board of public utilities; historic preservation advisory board; labor management relations board; library board; lodger's tax advisory board; parks and recreation board; personnel board; planning and zoning commission; environmental sustainability board; transportation board; valuation protests board, and the ~~variance~~ inclusivity advisory board.

(b) All standing boards and commissions will continue to function indefinitely, unless specifically discontinued by the county council or as otherwise provided by county ordinance. Boards or commissions shall be terminated only by express action of the county council. A board or commission may be assigned more than one task concurrently, but the absence of one or more assigned tasks at any time shall not affect the board or commission's continuing status.

Section 2. Article XIV, of Chapter 8 of the Code of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, is repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

ARTICLE XIV. – Inclusivity Advisory Board.

Sec. 8-294. – Purpose.

The inclusivity advisory board is established to serve as the central point of contract for public input on inclusivity issues and serve as an advisory body to the county council regarding inclusivity within the community. Inclusivity as determined for this purpose of this advisory board, includes race, culture, sexual orientation/gender identity, income, physical/mental ability, gender, age, and other traits as appropriate. Organization-specific diversity recruitment is not considered within the scope of this board.

Sec. 8-295. – Membership, terms and qualifications.

The inclusivity advisory board shall consist of seven members and shall represent a broad, diverse range of perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds within the community.

Members shall serve for staggered two-year terms beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30, except that three members on the initial board shall only serve for one-year terms.

Sec. 8-296. – Duties and responsibilities.

The inclusivity advisory board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the county council and shall have the following functions, responsibilities and duties:

- (1) Gather and provide citizen input to staff and council on inclusivity-related matters within the community. For this purpose, the board shall gather public input in ways appropriate to the circumstances, which may include public hearings dedicated to specific topics, outreach, or other engagement methods;
- (2) Identify opportunities to promote a sense of belonging and inclusion within the community;
- (3) Review and provide recommendations on policies, programs, or initiatives related to inclusivity when requested by the county council or county manager;
- (4) Review emerging trends, best practices, trainings, speakers, and community needs related to inclusivity and provide recommendations to the county council;
- (5) Coordinate with other boards as appropriate on inclusivity issues and/or activities;
- (6) Perform such additional related duties as may be assigned by the county council or requested by the county manager; and
- (7) Provide recommendations to the county council on ways to promote a sense of belonging for community members and to support inclusive practices within the community.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication of its notice of adoption.

Section 3. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2026.

**COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS**

**Randall T. Ryti,
Council Chair**

ATTEST: (SEAL)

**Michael D. Redondo,
Los Alamos County Clerk**