



**LUCAMA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024
LUCAMA TOWN HALL
BOARD ROOM**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor, Matthew Creech, (hereinafter "Mayor Creech") called to order the emergency special-called meeting of the Town of Lucama Board of Commissioners (hereinafter "Board") at 3 pm on January 4, 2024.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Creech conducted roll call – by use of sign-in. The following were present:

Commissioner, David Johnson (hereinafter "Comm. D. Johnson")
Commissioner, Jeff Johnson (hereinafter "Comm. J. Johnson")
Commissioner, Kim Joyner (hereinafter "Comm. Joyner")
Commissioner, Jody Teague (hereinafter "Comm. Teague")
Town Administrator, Darlene Newsome (hereinafter "Admin. Newsome")
Town Clerk, Dena Owens (hereinafter "Clerk Owens")
Town Attorney, Gabe DuSablón (hereinafter "Attorney DuSablón")

3. Request for Board Approval

Mayor Creech noted that the Emergency Special-Called meeting was called by Comm. J. Johnson and Comm. Joyner to present a resolution establishing the powers of the Mayor and Commissioners for the Town. Mayor Creech gave Comm. Joyner the floor, who then deferred to Attorney DuSablón.

Attorney DuSablón mentioned that the only agenda item was the resolution. He stated that he had been requested to draft a resolution that establishes the powers of the Mayor and Commissioners. He mentioned that State law identifies what the respective duties are the Mayor and Commissioners but, in some instances, it can be helpful to further delineate the authorities and expectations of the Commissioners and the Mayor. The resolution does that and sets ground rules for the way in which the Commissioners and Mayor are to conduct the business of the Town. Statute 160 A-67 authorizes the Board to enact such a resolution that delineates the authority of the Mayor and of the Board in terms of the organization and the government of the Town. He said that such a resolution is not

unprecedented. There are examples where such resolutions have been adopted for the clarity of all, so that everyone knows what is expected and how to proceed.

He mentioned that there are nine points. The resolution indicates that, by State Statute, the Board of Commissioners is the governing body of the Town. Any official action for the Town must first be approved by the Board to be carried out either by an individual Commissioner or the Mayor. It indicates that the individual Commissioners shall not enter into contracts, engage in business of the Town unless authorized by the Board, they are not to attend conferences or training without prior approval of the Board, and more or less the other items are consistent with those general ideas. He stated he would be happy to discuss any part of the resolution, and it was written from standard form of which he used. He said that if there were any additions or requests to remove items, it certainly could be done.

Mayor Creech asked if there was any motion on the floor to debate.

MOTION: Comm. D. Johnson made a motion to accept the resolution as is written; seconded by Comm. J. Johnson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Creech asked if there was any other business. Attorney DuSablon stated that pursuant to State Statute since the meeting was an emergency in nature, the only business that could be conducted was that for which was placed on the notice for the meetings. Therefore, there could not be any further business conducted.

4. Adjournment

Mayor Creech adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:05 pm, January 4, 2024, upon motion of Board.

MOTION: Motion was made to adjourn by Comm. Teague; seconded by Comm. D. Johnson. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted: Dena Owens, Town Clerk