

Revised: September 12, 2017

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**September 14, 2017
Spaceport America
County Road A021
Truth or Consequences**

**September 15, 2017
Gadsden Administrative Complex
4950 McNutt Road
Santa Teresa/Sunland Park**

Thursday, September 14 — Spaceport America, Truth or Consequences

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order, Introductions and Approval of Minutes**
—Senator Benny Shendo, Jr., Chair
- 9:10 a.m. (1) **[Welcome and Updates from Spaceport America](#)**
—Daniel Hicks, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Spaceport America
- 10:00 a.m. (2) **[Copper Mining in Sierra County](#)**
—Jeffrey Smith, P.E., Chief Operating Officer, New Mexico
Copper Corporation
—Omar El-Emawy, Office Manager and Analyst, THEMAC Resource
Group
- 10:45 a.m. (3) **[Value Added Agriculture](#)**
—Rolando A. Flores, Dean, College of Agricultural, Consumer, and
Environmental Sciences, New Mexico State University
—Anthony Parra, Deputy Director, New Mexico Department of Agriculture
—Jay Hill, Co-Owner, Wholesome Valley Farms
—Bob Alexander, Interim Executive Director, New Mexico Livestock
Board
—Dave North, Site Director, Southwest Cheese Company
- 12:00 noon **Working Lunch**

12:15 p.m. (4) **Downtown Revitalization Through Enactment of the "Pub Bill"**
—Kasandra A. Gandara, City Councilor, City of Las Cruces
—Andy Hume, Downtown Coordinator, City of Las Cruces
—Arianna Parsons, Executive Director, Downtown Las Cruces Partnership

1:00 p.m. (5) **Barriers to Occupancy of Rural Vacant Buildings**
—Rich Williams, Director, New Mexico MainStreet, Economic Development Department
—Jack Milarch, Executive Vice President and CEO, New Mexico Home Builders Association
—Mike Unthank, Superintendent, Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)
—Pat McMurray, Director, Construction Industries Division and Manufactured Housing Division, RLD
—Michael Savage, Chief Building Official, City of Rio Rancho
—Milo Lambert, Fire Chief, City of Silver City (invited)
—Brian Moore, Board Member, New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry

2:30 p.m. (6) **Virgin Galactic and Economic Expansion**
—TBD

3:00 p.m. (7) **Public Comment**

3:15 p.m. **Depart for Tour of Spaceport America***
*This is an invitation-only tour for committee members and staff.

5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, September 15 — **Joint Meeting with the Mortgage Finance Authority Act Oversight Committee, Gadsden Administrative Complex, Santa Teresa/Sunland Park**

10:00 a.m. **Reconvene — Introductions**
—Senator Benny Shendo, Jr., Chair, Economic and Rural Development Committee
—Representative Eliseo Lee Alcon, Chair, Mortgage Finance Authority Act Oversight Committee

10:10 a.m. (8) **Overview of the Dona Ana County-Mexico Border Area — Opportunities and Challenges for New Mexico**
—Billy G. Garrett, Commissioner, District 1, Dona Ana County; Chair, Camino Real Regional Utility Authority (CRRUA)

- 10:30 a.m. (9) **Dona Ana County Projected Population Growth and Plans to Meet Housing, Utility and Other Community Infrastructure Needs**
—Vincent Pokluda, Assistant County Manager for Administration, Dona Ana County
—Angela Roberson, Interim Community Development Director, Dona Ana County
- 11:15 a.m. (10) **Water, Sewer and Land Use Projections and Challenges for Southern Dona Ana County**
—Brent Westmorland, Executive Director, CRRUA
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. (11) **Regional Future — Goals and Obstacles**
—Javier Perea, Mayor, Sunland Park
—Isabella Solis, Commission Chair, Dona Ana County
—Billy G. Garrett, Commissioner, District 1, Dona Ana County; Chair, CRRUA
- 2:00 p.m. (12) **Local Housing Availability and Demand**
—Juan Olvera, Executive Director, Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority
—TBD
- 2:45 p.m. (13) **Mission New Mexico: Affordable Housing Opportunities from the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA)**
—Jay Czar, Executive Director, MFA
—Teri Baca, Homeownership Representative, MFA
- 3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**