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This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:05 p.m. by Chair Liz Stefanics, in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Donna Morris and State Pledge led by Karen Griego, roll was called by Deputy County Clerk Vicki Trujillo and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

#### Members Present:

Commissioner Liz Stefanics, Chair Commissioner Kathy Holian, Vice Chair Commissioner Robert Anaya Commissioner Danny Mayfield Commissioner Virginia Vigil Members Excused: [None]

### V. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

The moment of reflection was led by Maria Elena Montoya from the Fire Department.

#### VI. <u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u>

- A. Amendments
- **B.** Tabled or Withdrawn Items

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Madam Chair, yes, there are two amendments to the agenda. On page 2 of the agenda, item X. A. 2 was added for just limited personnel issues only, and then on page 3 of the agenda, under item XIV. B we added item 1, the Santa Fe County Fair Board. And those are the only changes to the agenda.

> COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Madam Chair. CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes. COMMISSIONER VIGIL: I move to approve with additions. COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second. COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair. CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, we have our County Extension Agent here and I know he's going to be very brief, but he could do the Fair Board presentation briefly after approval of the minutes?

CHAIR STEFANICS: If it's a very brief presentation, yes.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Would be the same presentation that we were amending the agenda for under item B. 1?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Yes, Madam Chair. COMMISSIONER VIGIL: I'm fine with that, Madam Chair. COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I'm also fine with it. CHAIR STEFANICS: Any further discussion?

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

# VII. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>

# A. Approval of April 10, 2012 BCC Minutes

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Madam Chair, I move for approval of the April 10, 2012 BCC minutes.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Second. CHAIR STEFANICS: Any discussion?

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

# VIII. Approval of Consent Calendar

# IX. Consent Calendar

- A. Resignations
- 1. Accept Resignation of Steve Shepherd From the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Madam Chair, I move for approval of the Consent Calendar.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Okay, there's a motion and a second for approval of the Consent Calendar.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I just want to commend Steve Shepherd on his work. We previously acknowledged him on his work in the Health Department and he is now helping in Corrections but I appreciate his efforts on the Council on Food Policy.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. I would concur with that.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

# XIV. B. 1. Santa Fe County Fair Board Update

PATRICK TORRES (Extension Agent): Madam Chair, I will keep this very brief. I just wanted to inform you all that the Santa Fe County Fair Board continues to prepare and plan for the upcoming annual Santa Fe County Fair which takes place in August. In doing so they have been developing a list of improvements that need to take place, whether it's repairs or minor touchups to the existing facilities. So they have been in contact with Public Works and Public Works has been very attentive to the requests of the board.

The other thing I wanted to mention is the recommendations that have been brought forward from this governing body have been shared with the Fair Board as well in terms of reaching out to the greater community to try to be more inclusive of everyone out there in Santa Fe County, particularly in trying to encourage entry of more indoor exhibits, whether it's through the senior programs that are out there or even reaching out to the schools, the art classes, home economics classes and so forth. And then of course I personally as I deal with garden clubs and master gardeners and so forth I too will encourage their participation in entering what the produce whether it's vegetables, fruits, flower exhibits and so forth.

So your recommendations are being shared with the Fair Board.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. And I'd like to ask, Mr. Torres, have you provided the County Manager with your budget requests?

MR. TORRES: Yes, I have.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I'm glad you brought up that last point. I want to acknowledge Mr. Torres, our Extension Agent. He's classified as a tenured employee, New Mexico State University, correct? Professorship status, so that is definitely – you're a valuable asset to the Extension Service in the County and I want to publicly acknowledge you for your assistance with the Fair Board, with the activity center around 4-H and with your activities as our extension agent and tell you that I sit and stand in full support of continuing to work with you and the budget for the fair operations for the county but also the continued partnership that we have statutorily. It's an obligation but it's something we do openly and with very much appreciation. I just want to publicly acknowledge you and your team, Pat, at the Extension Service and all the help and partnership we do with you and New Mexico State.

MR. TORRES: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, rest of the members of the Board of County Commission, New Mexico State University has truly enjoyed the relationship we have had for many, many years here with Santa Fe County and working together to improve the lives of the citizens of Santa Fe County and we will continue to work hard for you in the years to come and hopefully we can continue this strong partnership that we have had for many years.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Great. Anything else? Thank you very much, Mr. Torres.

#### X. Staff and Elected Officials' Items

A. County Manager

1. Employee Introductions

CHAIR STEFANICS: I believe that we might have some new employees

again.

MS. MILLER: Commissioners, yes. As a matter of fact we have quite a few employees throughout the County. We got the wildland fire grant so we hired quite a few – and rehired, luckily, a lot of the forestry technicians that we had last year on that grant and then we also have quite a few election clerks, temporary positions for the election. But there's two employees that are here that I wanted to introduce to you from the Legal Office. We have a new admin assistance in the Legal Division, Danielle Valdez. She's at the front desk at the Legal Department. And then also I had mentioned previously that we had hired another attorney but we kept him in hiding because he's working on the code, and that's Steve Laurent.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Great, and welcome to both of you. So that's it for new employees?

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, yes, that's all that could make it in here. We also have several detention officers and a custodian and a new Sheriff's deputy and a volunteer firefighter.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Great. Okay. Thank you very much. Anything else under County Manager before I move on.

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, I do later have items from after we go through the – you wanted to have limited personnel item first so I have that now, and then later I'll have more stuff for you.

# X. A. 2. Executive Session a. Limited Personnel Issues

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Members of the Commission, we had discussed going into executive session early in the afternoon so that we could complete or continue the County Manager's evaluation. That is what that is listed here for. Could I have a motion from someone?

> COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So moved, Madam Chair. CHAIR STEFANICS: Is there a second? COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

Pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1-H (2) the Commission voted by unanimous roll call vote to meet in closed session to discuss the matters delineated above with Commissioners Anaya, Holian, Mayfield, Stefanics and Vigil all voting in the affirmative.

CHAIR STEFANICS: And for the public, this could be anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour, and we will be back.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, real quick. Are we going to go into executive session twice today?

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes, we are. This one is specifically for limited personnel issues.

[The Commission met in closed session from 2:20 to 4:20.]

CHAIR STEFANICS: We are back from our adjournment. Could I have a motion to come out of executive session?

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: So moved. COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

#### The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR STEFANICS: During our executive session we completed the evaluation of our County Manager. We were a little late, about six to eight months late in completing that evaluation. I would first like to say thank you very much. Twenty-six out of 28 senior managers completed an evaluation. Thank you very much. The County Manager did a self-evaluation and the County Commissioners did a written evaluation and we just did an hour and half-plus verbal evaluation, at which time we had the opportunity to talk about commonalities, goals and many of the things we have been accomplished by our County Manager and some improvements that we're all recommending for our County Manager. We'd like to congratulate her on her successful term to date and the Commission, along with the County Manager have some goals set for us to work on together. And I'd open it to any other Commissioner who'd like to make any other comments. Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I would concur with your comments and appreciate the efforts of the Manager and the staff and look forward to building and growing and continuing to improve as a County for the citizens of Santa Fe County. But thanks again to Ms. Miller and her staff.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Vigil.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Madam Chair, Commissioners and members of the public and staff, division directors, from my perspective this was one of the most productive sessions that I've sat in as a County Commissioner and I'm the most tenured one here. There was a lot of opportunity to identify as was stated some of the accomplishments that have been done. I'm particularly impressed with how much support our County Manager has and I'm particularly impressed with the direction that we continue to go as a result of the discussions that we're having, and I think that this discussion that we had in closed session was particularly one of the most fruitful ones that I've ever been involved in.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Madam Chair, and I would concur with Commissioner Vigil. I thought it was a very productive discussion. I think that there were areas in which we had a lot of commonality in the way that we viewed how the County should go forward. I think it was a discussion about much more than just a performance

evaluation. I think it was also about how we move forward together as a Commission, as a County, all of us. But I would also like to personally thank our County Manager, Katherine Miller. I said that she must have the hardest job in the County and I think that that is absolutely true and I just so appreciate her hard work and what a great job that she's done since she's been here. Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Commissioner Mayfield.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Thank you, Madam Chair. Again, I also feel it was very productive, very good benefit, use of our time in there. I look forward to the County continuing to move in a very positive direction and I just look forward to it. Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. So Ms. Miller, thank you for being here at Santa Fe County. Thank you for your good word, and thank you to all the senior management staff who participated in this process and also who are going good work for the County. You will probably see more of the Commissioners at some of the senior management meetings. Every now and then we'll pop in. We'd like to see how business is run here and we oftentimes don't know what the staff are doing to carry out our goals. We know they're getting done but we'd like to see you in action, so we'll be around more.

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes, Ms. Miller.

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, I'd like to thank you and the rest of the Commission for the discussion and the feedback on my performance and the things you appreciate, things you'd like to see me do more of, and I felt like it was really productive and I really appreciate all of your comments and I also want to thank the staff for their comments and in particular the fact that they were very candid about things they like and things that they'd like to see me do. I think it's very helpful for me in being more responsive to the staff, to the community and to you. So thank you very much.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you.

- X. B. Public Works Department
  - 1. Request Approval of an Agreement Between Santa Fe County and the State of New Mexico for the Lease, Operation, and Maintenance of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Located at the New Mexico State Penitentiary for a Period of Twenty-Four Years

ADAM LEIGLAND (Public Works Director): Madam Chair, Commissioners, the County has been trying for many years to get a lease on the wastewater treatment plant so we're very excited that it's come to this point. We see this plant – it will be a cornerstone of our growing and expanding County utility. And the conditions of the lease are very favorable to us so I think its' a win-win for the County and also for the state. And I just want to remind you that after this Board – if this Board approves the next step is it will go to the Board of Finance. I believe it will be at their next scheduled meeting.

I also want to note that the next item on the agenda is a resolution. The Director of the Board of Finance recommended we put this resolution in just in case this Board approves the lease and then at their meeting, if they approve it, if they make some sort of non-substantive

change in order – for timeliness they recommended we put it in a resolution to allow the County Manager to sign on your behalf. So the two items are related and the second one was put in at the Board of Finance's recommendation. So with that I'll stand for questions.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Leigland. Questions?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, Mr. Leigland, I don't know if you could answer or maybe Mr. Guerrerortiz. Could you just, yourself or him, provide a brief statement of what we're utilizing the facility for? I met with many members of La Cienega community, the water association and the ditch association and they always have concerns about use of water in the aquifer and this is a wastewater facility. But could you give a little more history just for the people listening on the radio or maybe watching as to what we're utilizing the facility for and kind of what the project has entailed?

MR. LEIGLAND: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, of course. The wastewater treatment plant, as you said, it does create sewer and it's immediately adjacent to the penitentiary. I understand that it was understand it was probably built and operated by the penitentiary to serve primarily their wastewater treatment. It's also connected to the National Guard Complex, the Department of Military Affairs Complex, and it's also connected to the Santa Fe Studios and the County's own Public Safety Complex across the highway, and then we also serve about 400 residential customers, primarily in the Valle Vista. So all their wastewater gets collected there and gets treated and we do normal wastewater treatment and from there we have access to the treated effluent, which we can use as irrigation; we have the rights to that and we can irrigate some of that land.

As you're driving down the highway you may have looked off to the right and there used to be the buffalo farmer there. He's no longer there but we hope to get him back. That's on the land that's irrigated by the effluent from this wastewater treatment plant. So our plan for this, we have some residential customers hooked up to it but there's a lot of communities that are clamoring, actually in that area probably more than a lot of others they're clamoring for wastewater service. So we've been reluctant to do any kind of expansion because we didn't have a long-term lease. Now with this lease we'll be able to expand to communities like La Cienega or even farther north. There's actually a whole bunch of communities we could string together and lift stations or whatnot and eventually bring into that wastewater treatment plant. So that's why I mentioned we think it could be a cornerstone. There's a lot of potential customers for wastewater that are just waiting for us to get a long-term lease so we can do the capital expansion necessary building the lines and also do some improvements to the pipe itself. Does that answer your question?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: That does, Madam Chair, Mr. Leigland. I would ask that as we go through with our staff evaluations and discussions that we continue to engage that community. As you know, effluent water on the Santa Fe River side, on the other side that the City accesses, we've asked them to put more effluent for agricultural use into the river. Maybe that's a dialogue we need to continue to have with our effluent, and maybe it's not a matter of utilizing it at the state penitentiary property but maybe it's an opportunity that we might have to utilize that effluent now and as it grows to offset some of the needs that we know have been shortened in recent years because of drought and other use of groundwater.

So those are discussions that we should continue to have and I know we will with the La Cienega community mutual domestic and the ditch association there, as well as at La Bajada.

Thank you, Mr. Leigland. I'd move for approval, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Is there further discussion? Yes, Commissioner Mayfield.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, Mr. Leigland, in the third paragraph, what does the County anticipate general operating or standard operating cost and maintenance expenses, including utilities will be? What are we paying right now?

MR. LEIGLAND: Madam Chair, Commissioner Mayfield, well, right now we're not paying utilities, but I think that's just kind of been an oversight in the current lease, and then there are operating expenses are just the staff. That's what we're staffing it at right now, and then there's electricity and stuff. I shall turn it over to -I don't have an exact idea of the operational expenses. Mr. Guerrerortiz can probably answer that.

PEGO GUERRERORTIZ (Utilities Director): Madam Chair, Commissioner Mayfield, the existing agreement requires that we pay for the utilities, both electric, telephone and gas. There are some improvements that need to be made and we have primarily staff. If the state had to operate that facility on their own the cost of operations would be between \$150,000 and \$200,000 a year. Obviously, they get it for much less than that from us. We figure that we need to have at least four operators, two of them full time and two part time but their supervisors to have the facility operating according to the permit.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Thank you, Madam Chair, Mr. Guerrerortiz. I see in your summary memo that I think the Military Affairs Complex is going to pay us about \$60,000 a year. What do we anticipate receiving from the penitentiary on this?

MR. GUERRERORTIZ: The penitentiary will be paying about \$72,000 to \$90,000, depending on how much flow they have coming into the plant.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: So, Madam Chair, Mr. Guerrerortiz, from what you told us it's kind of going to revenue neutral pretty much right now from what we're going to receive in revenue to what our operating expenses are going to be?

MR. GUERRERORTIZ: I think a little better than neutral. I think we're getting the benefit of having the facility there for future growth and it costs us to operate and it will continue to cost us to operate about what we're going to be getting in revenue. With respect to the – let me put it this way. Each one of the contributors to that plant, 300 or 400 residential customers, plus the state, plus the County facilities making more than we have today.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: And Madam Chair, Mr. Guerrerortiz, we have our Santa Fe County business complex on this wastewater system right now, and also, what about say, Turquoise Trail Elementary? Can they access this complex right now?

MR. GUERRERORTIZ: We would have to have conveyance facilities for them to be served.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: So even for our County business park? MR. GUERRERORTIZ: The County business park is already connected.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: And our jail is connected? MR. GUERRERORTIZ: The detention center is connected. Yes. COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: And then Madam Chair, Mr. Guerrerortiz, what are we – are we going to receive any return flow credits right now?

MR. GUERRERORTIZ: The return flow credits are a different story. We would not qualify for return flow credits until we can prove how much of the effluent that is placed on the ground actually ends up in the main stem of the Rio Grande and that is going to take time and money to develop. We're much better off having the official use of that effluent in the vicinity and making that a district facility than it would be to go for the return flow credits.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Pego. CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Any further questions or comments. We have a motion. We have a second.

### The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

# X. B. 2. Resolution No. 2012-59, a Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Sign an Amended Agreement Between Santa Fe County and the State of New Mexico for the Lease, Operation, and Maintenance of the Wastewater Treatment Facility at the State Penitentiary

MR. LEIGLAND: Madam Chair, Commissioners, as I mentioned, now that this Board has approved it the next step is to be approved by the State Board of Finance because the General Services and the Department of Corrections are kind of the co-signees on the state sign. The Director of the Board of Finance in an email to me last week recommended that we put this resolution in in the interest of timeliness in case the Board of Finance made some sort of non-substantive changes to the agreement, so we wouldn't have to necessarily have to bring it back to this Board.

So this is just a resolution authorizing the County Manager to sign the agreement in the event that changes are made at the Board of Finance.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.

CHAIR STEFANICS: We have a motion and a second to approve. Are there questions? Comments?

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Still allow for public comment?

CHAIR STEFANICS: Oh, I'm sorry. It is a resolution. We're now on the point where we would take any public comment regarding this matter. This is separate from a public hearing for an ordinance, but this is public comment. If anybody has any public comments on the resolution for us to enter into this agreement with the State Penitentiary please come forward. Okay, no one is here to comment. So now we're at the point of a vote.

#### The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much and thank you for the reminder.

X. B. 3. Request Authorization to Publish Title and General Summary of Ordinance No. 2012-\_\_\_, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2010-5, Section 13, Paragraph (a) (1) to Extend the Time During Which Permits Will Remain Valid, and Section 13, Paragraph (a) (4) to Suspend Scheduled Fee Increases for Residents Outside of Incorporated Areas for Twenty-Four Trip Permits for FY 13 and Thereafter

MR. LEIGLAND: The Board of County Commissioners has been interested in changing the solid waste fee structures, and to remind the Board, the fee structure as it is now is residential users have the ability either as a one-time fee, a one-time visit to take their solid waste to one of the County transfer stations, or they can buy a 24-punch annual pass for \$75. The 2010-5 Ordinance included an automatic annual fee increase and so if that were to continue at the beginning of the next fiscal year, July, this 24-punch pass would increase to \$85.

Also, we heard from the constituents that a lot of people felt that the 24-punch pass was onerous in that they were buying 24 passes but they weren't getting a chance to use it and the passes expired at the end of the fiscal year regardless of what point in the fiscal year you bought it. So we wanted to address those things but we felt that the Solid Waste Ordinance required a more wholesale change and we feel that that's going to be addressed by the recently established Solid Waste Task Force. So we realize that we're not going to have results from that back until December. So that was going to be halfway into the new fiscal year. So we wanted to put forward a short-term measure that would address the concerns from the constituents and the Commission but allowing us to do more wholesale changes through the Solid Waste Task Force.

So this ordinance addresses those two things. It freezes the planned fee increase. It freezes it at \$75 indefinitely, and then it also allows you an extra month on your 24-pass – it gives you a bit of a cushion there. And that's what this ordinance would do. And with that I stand for questions.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, Mr. Leigland, I very much appreciate it and I know that the Commission and in particular Commissioner Mayfield and I appreciate this amendment. We've got a resolution or an ordinance change that would have lowered the \$75 permit to a \$40 permit for 12 passes. I think this is an interim step to where we want to be. I know Commissioner Mayfield had brought it up as an item that he had concern about and we both supported it and so I am very appreciative that you brought it back and I stand in full support because this reduces the burden on the tax paying citizens and affords them to use the full value of something that they're buying for their 24 punches.

So I thank you for that and I also want to acknowledge that we have Walt in the room with us that's on the task force that's a very astute person with solid waste and what's gone

on in Santa Fe County. So I look forward to seeing more feedback and recommendations but stand in support of this change. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Is there further discussion or any motions? COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes, Commissioner Mayfield.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, Mr. Leigland and staff, thank you for bringing this forward. I wish we could make it null all together but I think there's a fair compromise. But real quick, as far as this one-month extension on the current pass, residents have until the end of July to use it. Also though for next year's pass, the task force will evaluate this or are we putting a definite time line on next year's pass? Is it only going to be good, arguably, from July through July next year or the following year of 2013? Or are we saying let's start the new pass at 24 punches in July and we're going to leave the back end kind of open still?

MR. LEIGLAND: Madam Chair, Commissioner Mayfield, yes, we're going to do the latter of what you said. So we're going to still issue the 24 passes in FY 13 and then depending on what the Solid Waste Task Force comes up with, which will be half way through the year, so it will be sort of open ended. But this amendment will actually allow the 2013 pass to go until the first month of 2014, so it's like a 13-month pass now. But I think it's fair to say we should consider it open-ended because I have hopes for the Solid Waste Task Force and I think we're going to come back with some fairly comprehensive changes and so I think we'll have to see what we come up with and what's approved in December or January.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Great. Thanks. And thank staff for bringing this forward.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Is there a motion.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move that we publish title and general summary of this ordinance.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Okay. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second, Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Any further discussion.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, just a question of staff. How complicated would it be to make it two months or three months as opposed to just one month longer, on the 24 pass. Given that we have the task force, given that we're going to be working through some solutions and that's going to take a little time. Would it be that much more difficult to add a couple months to that? For 90 days?

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, I think from a technical perspective it's not a difficult issue to accept them for longer. The bigger issue is estimating what that budget impact would be. We were trying to find a solution that helps not have an increase, allowed for some flexibility in the transition over, but didn't have a major budget impact, because that was one of the concerns of just using it till it ran out that we would have several people – because the 24-punch issue came about not to try to make it last longer but to give people the opportunity to take their trash more often without it costing them more.

So we were trying to find a compromise of that, not having an increase but allowing people to have a transition period because last year one of our complaints was that it cut off and they didn't have time to get a new one. So that was one piece. It's more of a budget issue. We would not be able to determine that budget impact very well while we're trying to go into our budget.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: We're actually in the budget process now so if you could let us know what that two-month additional 60 days would be then that might be something as this ordinance goes through that we may want to consider as a Commission. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. There is a motion and a second.

#### The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair. CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, if I could just take a point of personal privilege, but just to let the folks know real quick we just passed this ordinance but there's also a free day for green waste this weekend I believe, at the Jacona, Eldorado, San Marcos, and the BuRRT transfer station. Just so everybody knows you can take green waste free this weekend.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much for reminding us about that.

#### XI. Matters From the County Manager

Annual Report [Exhibit 1] A.

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, I believe that you all have a draft of an annual report that we put together. I want to explain what this is because we've never actually done a formal annual report, and get some feedback from you as to whether you like this concept and if so, to move forward with a couple of steps to publish it.

What we tried to do with the staff is to gather up all of the accomplishments based upon directions by the Commission relative to sustainable community infrastructure, community health, public safety, government efficiency, transparency – all of these items, and look at what we have accomplished over the last 18 months based upon direction from the Commission. And I want to stress that this is really a report from me and the departments under the Manager's organization, not the elected officials' offices, so it doesn't include the Treasurer, the Assessor, Clerk or County Surveyor or Probate. These are just those under the purview of the County Manager and what has been accomplished based upon directions set out by the Commission. So it's at this stage a report back to you about here's the things that have been done.

So it is kind of my report to you based on where you put budget priorities, where you've set policy priorities, what we have been able to accomplish and provide that information back to you. And what we'd like to do is this is really kind of a biannual because I came in about mid-way through fiscal year 2011 but through calendar year 2010. What we'd like to be able to do is from the department, from the Manager's Office be able to provide a

report back to you on an annual basis around the first quarter of the calendar year so that it would include the audited financials from the previous fiscal year. We turn the audit in in December; we would get our audited financials so the financial information that would be in it would be based on being audited financial information.

The accomplishments would be more based on a calendar year, what we completed in a particular calendar year, any infrastructure projects that we've got going, any community plans that we've been able to start or complete that you have approved, any of the other resolutions that you've set forward, what progress we've made on the direction. So for instance, in this report there's a lot of feedback – you had passed a resolution on transparency. We report what was accomplished on that, on all the budget initiatives, what we've accomplished.

Then in the way of government efficiencies, the reorganization, how the County is reorganized. It has also all of our Community Service programs, people we serve, what the program does. So it's just – one, it's a report to you but it's also a report to the residents. If you like this report what I would ask is that we get a letter from the Commission and add a letter from the Commission at the beginning of it saying this is what the Commission has put in motion and that the County management and staff has accomplished as a result, and to put that at the front of the report, and then to publish this for the public.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you, Ms. Miller. So if the Commission is ready to review this document then what we would add, as she indicated is the Commissioner list and the letter from the Commission at the beginning of the document. Are there any general comments? Would you like to bring this up again next time? Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I actually would like – I like it. I like the structure. I would like to see representation of those projects within the realm of the Commission districts. I think that's helpful to the public so they can see what's taken place in the county in respective Commission districts and maybe some snapshot or representation of prior projects that have been completed within a range of, I don't know, five years maybe, that's also represented in there so that they can get a historical quick snapshot and then a snapshot of these projects and where they were located within the Commission districts so that they can see it. But I like it and is that something we could incorporate, Madam Chair?

CHAIR STEFANICS: I don't think there would be a problem with that, would there, Ms. Miller?

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioners, no. This has been a working document all the way till this morning. So we were making adjustments and working with the graphic designer, so it would be easy to add some thing like that.

CHAIR STEFANICS: So Ms. Miller, what's your goal for getting us to bless it so you can move it on to print?

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, I wanted to get some feedback from you, if you liked this format and then if you had a couple of things that you wanted and then also to add a letter from the Commission, and then we would make those changes and have it ready to go to print.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes, Commissioner Mayfield.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, Manager Miller, I think this is great. Are we the only county in the state to do something like this?

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MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioner, I don't know. I know every county does a budget that has a lot of this stuff and they do their audits, but I don't know that too many have done an actual annual report. I wanted this to be a tool so that when you talk to your constituents you can easily reference it, and they would have it. They would know what the County does, what programs we have, how many people we serve in each one of those programs, and from year to year I'd like to make it an annual report so that from year to year you can see the progress in each area.

So I don't know if any do. I'm used to it from a quasi-governmental board perspective or a non-profit perspective but I'll find out whether they do but maybe we'll set a trend if they don't.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Again, I think it's great and Madam Chair, Ms. Miller, I just didn't know if maybe this is something we could talk to local governments about. Maybe the cost to some counties would be too much to do that. But with that being said, Madam Chair, Ms. Miller, we're producing this all in-house, right? We're not going to farm this out, contract it out? It's an in-house production?

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, we did most of it. We did have a graphic designer help us set up the graphic design format, but almost all of it was done in-house. But we wanted to have a professional graphic designer look at it for giving it a real professional kind of final sheen. But almost every bit of it, all the writing of it, all the pictures, all of the constructing of it was done in-house.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Great. And then Madam Chair, Ms. Miller, you may have said it, but we'll put this on our website and make it available electronically to everybody?

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioners, yes.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Thank you. Great job.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Any other questions? So Commissioners, do we want to bring this back up in three weeks? Or do we want to just set a date and give your individuals comments to the Manager so she can move on with it? Our next meeting is not until May 29<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Vigil.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: I actually like the length of this and if there's a way you want to be able to incorporate the projects within the individual districts perhaps there could just be a listing but I don't think you want to add on more photos because this is lengthy as it is. I think the right length. I like the way it is: I like the way it's formatted. We've done similar things like this before, but never with the graphics and the presentation that you have with this, so I'm really pleased to see this.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes, Commissioner Mayfield.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, I don't know if it has to come back to us but I'd just like that one letter from the Commission with all five signatures on it. I don't know if we have to do that formally. If not maybe it could just be circulated individually.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Right. So I hear two things we're going to be adding. We're going to be adding the list of projects by district that are either completed or are still being worked on, and the letter from the Commission with a signature. So if there's anything else maybe we'll just ask you to make your comments to the Manager so we can move ahead with it, because we do plan on doing what? Another one next January?

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, probably next March. This pretty much took is through the March-April time frame where just anything we were kind of finishing up we went and added in here, but as we go forward we'd like to do it on a yearly basis and get it out in the first quarter.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I'm fine with – I'll provide some comments by the end of this week if that's okay.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Great. So it looks like you have a go-ahead and we'll all give you our final comments by the end of this week, and then you can move ahead.

# XI. B. Miscellaneous Updates

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioners, we had a conversation earlier during the budget session about a joint City Council-County Commission meeting. I have been working with the City Manager to establish a date for that and the date that we both came up with, based on input from a couple Commissioners and also from what the City Manager had it looked like it would be that second week in June and June 14<sup>th</sup> being a Thursday was the suggested date. I wanted to know if that date would work for you and if it would be better in the morning or the afternoon.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Okay, Commissioners, we alerted you to this date earlier. Is there anybody who's not available some time on June 14<sup>th</sup>?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Morning would be good but whatever works. June 14<sup>th</sup>'s open.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Ms. Miller, do I have the date right? Thursday, June

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COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, how much time do we need

on that?

CHAIR STEFANICS: We had suggested two to three hours for the first

meeting.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Okay. Because we're all here on the 15<sup>th</sup>, but okay. Next week, right?

CHAIR STEFANICS: No. June.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Oh, June. Okay. Whatever you guys want to

do is okay.

CHAIR STEFANICS: June 14<sup>th</sup> was the date, so morning is better, I'm hearing? Okay, so the morning of June 14<sup>th</sup> and we had proposed that the agenda be tight, that the County Manager have a role, the City Manager have a role, and that we also discuss a couple of very specific items: annexation, RECC, and then come up with other topics that we'd like to see and frequency of meetings. So if we can discuss more than that, more than two topics that evening, great. If not, that's what we're doing. So you've got the go-ahead.

MS. MILLER: Thank you. And then the next update was on the Water Trust Board meeting. The Water Trust Board had their meeting, it was about the 25<sup>th</sup> of April where they went through the recommendations of funding for projects, and I believe we received funding – we put in for La Cienega, La Bajada and the watershed project of metering in La Cienega. We did receive recommendation for funding on all three of those, and also within the County boundaries there were five other mutual domestics that had put in for funding and they all received recommendations for funding. So we will be working with the Water Trust Board and the New Mexico Finance Authority and all of those communities to assist them in getting the funding and executing their agreements and getting their projects done.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes, Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I appreciate your efforts and the efforts of staff. Is it my understanding that they still have to go back for a formal vote on the projects, based on those recommendations? Or are those recommendations done? Just so we can convey officially to the community. Do you know?

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, the Water Trust Board is one entity and then the New Mexico Finance Authority as the financing entity is another, but I believe that the Water Trust Board, they approved those allocations. Then it will go to the New Mexico Finance Authority Board for the actual loan/grant financial agreements. So it still has another step but usually they, because the same staff staffs the Water Trust Board as the Finance Authority Board, usually they stay pretty lock-step in recommendations once the Water Trust Board has made their recommendation.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, Ms. Miller, can you make sure that you give some advance notice so that I can notify the community members and they can be present when it does go to that last phase? I know that there will be a lot of people who will want to participate and happily go and continue with the process of getting them some needed services. Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Anything else, Ms. Miller?

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, if we could, I would like Mark Hogan to give you an update on La Bajada, the recommendations on moving forward on a focus group that we had discussed when we were in the community meeting and where we are in moving forward with that.

> CHAIR STEFANICS: You're talking about the ranch. MS. MILLER: Yes. CHAIR STEFANICS: When you say La Bajada I think water. Thank you very

much.

MS. MILLER: I didn't finish my sentence.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Okay, Mr. Hogan.

MARK HOGAN (Facilities Director): Madam Chair, Commissioners. Let's keep this fairly brief but I wanted to give an update on what's going on at La Bajada Ranch. We've broken that project into immediate tasks that have to do with securing the property, taking care of deferred maintenance. That is ongoing but I'll report in more detail on that. And then we're getting further along in organizing the planning effort and how we would like to proceed forward in mobilizing the community, coming up with an established work plan, and then a way to implement it.

The last time we spoke was after we did a community meeting in La Cienega where we identified the property and areas in it for suitability for either preservation or potential for development. We got input from the community. I think the response was very positive and we were able to identify other issues that the community wanted us to be looking out for.

So in the months since then we've been putting together a steering committee for proposals for development within the property. Maybe I should back up a little bit and tell you a little more on how we're seeing that. For example, we've identified some areas that were suitable for different types of development. What we would like to do is take each of those different areas and put those out for proposals from different interest groups, whether it's for housing or other types of community activities, and then have those proposals be evaluated by the steering committee. And we set up some criteria on how those would be looked at and that sometimes has to do with protecting the natural resources. Sometimes it would be weighted on return to the County.

We've got a couple of other areas such as the compound where the existing structures are where we've got a limited amount of area to work with and there's also some sensitive environmental areas along where the Bonanza Creek flows, and so areas like that we thought might be more beneficial for community services, whether it might be something like an Audubon South where kids can be educated during the summer months. It could be a camp program, as well as there's some suggestions for community health programs, community oriented health facilities.

So that area could almost be a small village of community activities. And again, what we wanted to do is create a sieve for collecting proposals and evaluating them against some specific criteria. So we at this point have put together criteria and how we would be looking at those things, put together a schedule for getting those proposals or requests for proposals out. And the last part really is to finalize the formation of this steering committee and perhaps one of the questions I wanted to bring back to the Commissioners, after discussion with the County Manager and that really was is that committee something that the BCC actually wants to nominate those people or should we put together a slate and why different interests are on there and ask for your approval. I guess really I'm here just to ask what the preferences of the Commission might be.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Hogan. I had a mini-conversation with Commissioner Anaya about this and since this is primarily in his district I think he might have some opinions about who should be on the task force. Perhaps you could just give us the types of recommendations before we go to general discussion.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Respectfully, I'm going to ask – I've had a lot of concerns with La Bajada/Santa Fe Canyon Ranch. Number one, what it's worth. I don't believe this has been properly noticed for discussion; it's just coming up as a staff update. If we just – and I respect the village and the community of La Bajada, but this was bought with general fund money throughout Santa Fe County. So I'd hope that other people have a say as to what's going to happen with this community, and maybe that say is at least having something noticed on this agenda that we're going to be speaking about this before we start making some plans or some suggestions, even from today's meeting. And again, I just don't view it as being properly noticed.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Well, I have to agree with Commissioner Mayfield because when Mr. Leigland talked to me I thought that Commissioner Anaya and I were meeting with Mr. Leigland first about this topic and then it was going to come to the May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. So, Commissioner Anaya, could we hold off on this discussion or not?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Could I just make a couple of brief comments? CHAIR STEFANICS: Certainly.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I'm respectful that we could put it on as an agenda item and I think what we were moving towards on capital projects, and this would definitely fall under it would be that once we have our comprehensive capital list, and this is definitely on our comprehensive capital list, that we don't necessarily each meeting have to notice each item. If they're on the capital list we would have the discussion. That being said, we can wait to have the broader discussion, but I do appreciate that you have brought it back, and I would say this. I know at the discussion at the community level when we had the active discussion we talked about some interim, simple things that we could do to begin to engage the community that are not as far-reaching as a proposal for a development or a project, but more local in nature to actively get the people in the community to participate.

So what I would say is we can defer the broader discussion but if you guys could continue to work with La Cienega and the neighboring communities and all county residents who want to participate to begin the process of some of the cleanup and the community day. I think we talked about they were excited about that and I think we should start with that and at least show some progress and then we can get into a broader discussion at the next meeting if the Commission feels more comfortable at that time. But I appreciate that you have it on the radar. I appreciate that you're having the discussions and I think we need to continue to move forward to provide a useful use of that property that we acquired. So thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. So at this point – Commissioner Mayfield. COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, thank you. And just some discussion has been led in. Mr. Hogan, I'm going to ask you this question then.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Wait a minute. Are we continuing this discussion or are we ending it until May 29<sup>th</sup>?

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: I don't know if we're continuing it or ending it, Madam Chair, but I just want to get one question asked and if you guys want to continue with it, that's fine. But with that being said, do we know what the value of this property is?

MR. HOGAN: There was an appraisal done prior to the purchase. There's not been appraisal done since then. The market's obviously changed. So I don't think that we have a today's assessment of what the value of that property is.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Thank you. And Mr. Hogan, as far as I've seen the appraisal, what appraisal I saw, I believe that appraisal was for the whole Santa Fe Canyon Ranch, La Bajada Ranch, not just the parcel that Santa Fe County purchased. Do you know? If not, Madam Chair, that will be the resolution, I guess I should have had it for this meeting, but that will be a resolution that I'll be bringing forward.

CHAIR STEFANICS: My understanding, Ms. Miller, is that we appraised the piece of property we were purchasing; noting else. We had no other interest in any other piece of the property except for what we were purchasing and that's what the appraisal was needed for. Is that correct, Ms. Miller, Mr. Ross?

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, Commissioners, that's correct. Our purchase was based upon the appraisal of the parcels. The appraisal was based upon the parcels that we purchased. The reason for calling Mark up, there's been a lot of questions as to where we were. The community has asked what are we doing. So I just wanted – this wasn't meant for any action. It wasn't meant for anything other than to say we're working on it.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Right. That's why I think Mr. Hogan has gone to the next step and we need to just stop. So thank you very much, Mr. Hogan, for your presentation and it should be noticed for either May 29<sup>th</sup> or June.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, on this point, a couple meetings back our County Attorney very clearly conveyed to the Commission that we need to be careful about having discussions on items that aren't on the agenda. And my feedback to that at the time was if we have a capital list of projects, that I know Mr. Leigland and the Manager has been working on, that lists all of our capital projects, and we have a caption on our BCC agenda that says capital projects update, then that would encapsulate discussion on any project that we have therein on that list. So I respect Commissioner Mayfield and Commissioner Stefanics' comments associated with this item and in the future I would just suggest we put a capital projects update under the Manager or wherever it's appropriate, so that any capital project – because I have many that I want to continually ask updates on – that any capital project we would have the discussion and the update if a Commissioner wants to bring it up. Because I think if we said you verbatim have to list every single item each time I think we'd have months that would pass where we wouldn't have progress.

So I respectfully will leave this along but will say that on capital projects going forward we will have discussion on this and many other capital projects on a monthly basis. Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. Ms. Miller.

MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, so to that – on the capital projects update that list will be done and will be in the packet at the end of the month. And then so any projects on there we could have discussion on as to where we stand on it. And then that is the last item that I had.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Commissioners, we're going to keep going to matters of public concern. We'll have the executive session at the end since we're now after 5:00.

### XIII. Matters of Public Concern (Non Action Items)

CHAIR STEFANICS: Is there anyone in the audience that has come for an item that is not on the list at a later time, that would like to speak to the Commission? We're always willing to hear from the public but if you're here for an item that's still coming up on the agenda that's the time later. So is there anybody now who wants to speak to us now about any other item? Okay, the Matters of Public Concern is now closed.

#### XIV. Matters From the Commission

A. <u>Resolutions</u>

# 1. Resolution No. 2012-60, a Resolution Endorsing Efforts to Maintain the Amtrak Southwest Chief Passenger Service Through Lamy (Santa Fe), New Mexico

CHAIR STEFANICS: Could I see a show of hands? Are there people here about the railway? Okay, thank you for coming. You'll have your opportunity to speak about this as well. Commissioner Stefanics and I brought this forward. I'm sure other Commissioners are very interested in this. We don't want to lose our railway, our Amtrak, our Southwest Chief. So let's hear from the community please, anybody who'd like to come forward to speak about this. I know we have some organizers so please come forward. We appreciate so many people coming out about this topic.

FORD ROBBINS: Madam Chair, members of the Commission, I'm Ford Robbins. I'm the local chair, if you will, although we don't have a chair. We run our organization very loosely. But I'm the leader of the local group of a three-state coalition called the Southwest Chief Coalition. We're working to try to save this train. I've provided you with written materials which I believe address the issue thoroughly, and I thought I'd just introduce myself and make myself available for questions at this point.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Why don't you have a seat and we'll have the other testimony and the Commissioners might have a question for you? So why don't you stay up front. Is there anybody else from the public, please come forward to speak about this. Just work your way up to the front, please.

NORMA MCCALLAM: I'm Norma McCallan and I'm representing the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club. And I just wanted to tell you your passionate resolution we think would be a wonderful idea. We strongly support public transportation everywhere and we particularly support train service because train service is the most efficient way and the least carbon footprint way of moving people and goods across our country. And we would like to see people get out of their gas-guzzling cars and take the train more often. I have often ridden this train. I love it. It's an economic boon to Santa Fe because of the many, many tourists that come here. When I take the shuttle back and forth from my house to the station so I don't have to leave my car there inevitably the shuttle is mostly full of tourists, all excited about coming into Santa Fe. So I hope you do pass this resolution. I think it would be good for Santa Fe, good for Amtrak and good for the whole country.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. Dr. Mary-Ray Cate.

MARY-RAY CATE: I'm Mary-Ray Cate, and I've lived here in Santa Fe for 35 years, and I love riding the train. Most of my family is in California and my dear friends are on the east coast. So I've ridden the Southwest Chief for many years. In fact I haven't been on a commercial or any sort of airliner within the United States for about five years. My reasons are one) because it's one of the least polluting forms of public transportation, and two) it's a very comfortable and relaxing way to travel, compared to buses or airplanes, and three) you meet all sorts of people. There's boy scouts and Amish and foreign visitors and it's a great – I love to talk to people on the train as we're going through New Mexico and point out various landmarks and I've also learned something more about our state through talking with people on the train. So I urge you to pass this resolution and urge you to pass it.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much for coming today. Yes, sir.

Who's next?

JOHN MESSIER: Madam Chair, members of the Commission, my name is John Messier and I'm from Albuquerque and I'm here to support your efforts to pass this resolution. Communities between Kansas City and Albuquerque are passing resolutions very similar to this to retain the Southwest Chief service to New Mexico. The basic issue is outlined in a paper which we prepared for you and I believe you have copies of it. It's a forward-thinking kind of resolution and I urge you to pass it. Thank you very much.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you.

ALAN MASON: Madam Chair, ladies and gentlemen of the Commission, my name is Allan Mason. I'm a Santa Fe resident and an occasional user of the service to Chicago, and I ask your support on both environmental interest and the interests of people who are unable or unwilling to fly and I believe this to be a move in the environmentally sound direction. Thank you very much.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Yes, ma'am.

MELISSA WILLIAMS: My name is Melissa Williams and I've lived in Santa Fe for approximately 15 years and I've ridden Amtrak to LA and Chicago maybe several times every year during the course of my stay here. It's economical, it's affordable, it brings tourism into our state, it's a beautiful sightseeing trip. When you go between New Mexico and Arizona you often have tour guides who talk about the land and the Native Americans. It's an educational service from Lamy to Los Angeles. I urge you to pass this and retain the link from New Mexico to California and to Chicago and the east. And hopefully we can build a track up to Colorado too. It's affordable and one of the least polluting and efficient means of transportation that we have.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. Is there anybody else here who's here to speak on this resolution? So specifically, I'd like to just let the public know that we cannot change the actions, but we as a County Commission can speak to our legislators, to our Governor and to our Department of Transportation to become involved in the decision. So before I go to comments and questions I'd like to move the resolution. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Now we're on to comments. I have Commissioner Holian and then Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Madam Chair. My husband and I have taken the Southwest Chief ourselves many times, both to Los Angeles and Chicago. I like taking the Southwest Chief much better than driving. I even like it much, much better than flying and I'm resolved now to only take it when I go to Chicago or LA because I think it's the only way to go. And it's just so fun to see the scenery, to really feel like your part of the country as your going through it, and it's also a great place to meet people. I just really enjoy being in the dining car, and you end up sitting with people that might not ever otherwise meet and talk to them over dinner and so on. So I just think it would be an incredible tragedy to lose this train and I'm certainly going to do everything I can to make sure that it stays and it keeps going through Lamy. I do also believe that the tracks need to be improved. They are a little bit ragged. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I very much appreciate your efforts and Commissioner Holian's efforts on this initiative. I think that beyond the resolution I stand ready to actively advocate to keep the train and the service in place. If we think back historically to Santa Fe County and the state of New Mexico, this state was criss-crossed with rail throughout every sector and section of the state. And I bet if you would have asked the people at that time if they ever thought that rail would be not in existence or use they would have laughed at you.

But the reality is that things have happened in Washington due to budget cuts that have effectively cut back on rail service throughout the country and in particular the state of New Mexico and rural states seem to take the largest hits the soonest. So I think we need to be organized. I think we need to keep this issue at the top of our advocacy agenda, not only here at the state legislature but at the federal level, and not lose sight of it. So, Madam Chair, I stand ready to help. If there's a task force or some other group that needs to convene to make sure that we don't lose sight of it I definitely would be advocating and supporting that. So thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Commissioner Vigil.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: I actually, Madam Chair, want to make my statement of support also for this. I'm just curious if anyone who testified that's here can answer the question as to whether or not they know who in Congress might be taking the lead with regard to any kind of funding that may be available for the infrastructure that's needed to be replaced or even on the state level. Anyone who could answer that I'm happy to learn about that because I think that is who we would be talking to also.

MR. FORD: Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the Commission, I do have some information to at least partially answer that question. The City of Garden City, Kansas has taken the lead in the Southwest Chief Coalition, initially organized by the former executive director of the Western Governors Association, Mr. Jim Suby, who was in Denver, Colorado.

Garden City, Kansas has taken the lead in organizing the state governments, the three state governments affected by this issue, plus many cities in each of the three states. I would suggest that the Commission through the County Manager at least contact the City of Garden City, Kansas. In addition, former Kansas Senator has volunteer a good deal of his time as an attorney to represent the various states, three states and several communities dealing with this issue. So I hope that this information that I'm giving you at least partially answers your question.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Do we know if there's a bill before Congress at all with regard to any funding on this project?

MR. FORD: I don't believe that there's any specific bill except the annual Amtrak authorization and appropriation. And I think that's where the issue lies in not having sufficient appropriation to be included in Amtrak's payments to BNSF for ten-year track maintenance and replacement issues. Senator Udall of New Mexico is on the appropriate Senate committee.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Okay. And I would just suggest, Madam Chair, members who are on the Metropolitan Policy Board that this issue be brought before staff there through the Department of Transportation and their connection to the federal government with regard to the kind of bills that do come down to provide funding for

projections such as this. Perhaps there's another avenue that we can discover, whether or not there's financial support.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Great. I think that's an excellent idea. I think it's too late to get on the agenda for this week but we will certainly pursue that at the MPO. Commissioner Mayfield.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, I echo all the support that's been made. I had the opportunity and the benefit of taking my family on this train and it gives you great quality time. It's inspirational to be on that train and just ride through that. So you have my full support on this.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. Is there any further discussion?

### The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much and thanks to everybody in the audience who came today on this particular topic.

# XIV. A. 2. Resolution No. 2012-61, a Resolution in Support of Issues and Concerns of Constituents in District 3 of Santa Fe County and Throughout the Entire Santa Fe County

CHAIR STEFANICS: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, thank you for the opportunity to present this resolution. Before I present this resolution I would like to acknowledge our State Representative Hall, who's in the room. If you would wave and let everybody know where you're at, Representative.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. I didn't even recognize you, Representative Hall. Sorry.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Also, I would like to acknowledge the passing of one of our valued members of the Village of Galisteo. His name was Onesimo Montoya. He lived in the village and raised his family there. Anna Cardenas is here. Anna Cardenas Montoya is here with her husband, Sr. Freddie Cardenas, a former teacher of mine. And I would like to, for just a brief moment, have a moment of silence in his memory.

[Those present observed a moment of silence.]

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The resolution that I have before you, I would like to publicly state that the Commission has had numerous discussions on several of the items and actually had most of the items approved by the Commission in our capital ICIP projects request and have been supportive as a Commission on the items. So I appreciate that the Commission has had that in our package. Some of them directly impact District 3. Others impact the entire Santa Fe County. So I would just read the resolution. A resolution in support of issues and concerns of constituents in District 3 in Santa Fe County and throughout Santa Fe County:

Whereas, the County of Santa Fe currently benefits from numerous bus transportation routes from the North Central Regional Transportation District; and

Whereas, constituents residing along Highway 14, and in the communities of Golden, San Pedro, Madrid, Cerrillos and La Cienega would benefit from a bus route through their communities; and

Whereas, the crimes such as burglary occur within Santa Fe County and constituents have been victimized and are concerned about public safety and desire that Santa Fe County provide more deputies throughout the entire county; and

Whereas, the County of Santa Fe has taken steps to purchase the Mt. Chalchihuitl turquoise mine and the Cerrillos Gravel Products tract and constituents desire that Santa Fe County continue taking steps to complete these acquisitions; and

Whereas, the County of Santa Fe has numerous community centers and the community of Stanley would benefit from a wellness center which would provide great opportunities for the ranching and farming community and agricultural youth programs; and

Whereas, the County of Santa Fe has several senior centers; however, seniors residing along the Highway 14 Corridor have no easy access to a senior center and would benefit from a County senior center in the area.

We had a discussion earlier on this item and I would quantify that we have work that's going on in the Rufina area that would help the residents of Agua Fria and this particular senior center would help offset the needs in the Village of La Cienega and we would work through transportation to get those seniors to the most appropriate center.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County to respond to the issues and concerns of the constituents in District 3 and throughout Santa Fe County.

Madam Chair, I have several people that I know are here that want to speak, that are here from the villages of Galisteo, Cerrillos, Cedar Grove and the Highway 14 area, and so, Madam Chair, I would defer to their comments before I make a motion.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya. How many people here would like to speak on this resolution? Okay, great. So if you would just start coming forward up to the front, and when you come to the podium please introduce yourselves and make your comments to the Commission please.

ANNA CARDENAS: Madam Chair and Commissioners, Thank you. And thank you, Commissioner Anaya, for your thoughts on my dad. He will be truly missed. One of the greatest things that I got to do with my dad was to look for a senior center, since we don't have one in Galisteo. The closest one was that Adam Center over in Eldorado but being the generation that my dad was from – he's not really big into yoga and that type of stuff, so I drove into Santa Fe on Fridays, or the second and fourth Fridays to look for a particular event, and that was the traditional Hispanic music that was played by three gentlemen over at the meg??? Center, and my dad would go. He really enjoyed it. So that's one of the memories that I'll keep with me.

It's important to support our seniors in any possible way that we can. You guys are really not only financially strapped. The families that help them also have to find many ways to help them. So we support this, the senior center for sure, and all the other resolution, the entire resolution we are in favor of. We have seen our share in Galisteo of burglaries, breakins, vandalism and it will really be very helpful if we can get a sheriff out there quicker than 20 minutes and sometimes even longer than that. Thank you very much. I support it.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. And please accept the sympathies of the entire Commission.

WALTER WAIT: Madam Chair and members of the Board, my name is Walter Wait. I'm here representing the San Marcos Association and indirectly the San Marcos District. We would first like to thank Commissioner Anaya for presenting this initiative to the Commission, and we clearly support all of the items that he has identified as important to the residents of District 3. We do have a few specific comments in support of this initiative.

First, we have supported a proposed bus route down Highway 14 for quite a few years, even going to the extent of offering suggestions concerning routes, stops, and scheduling. The San Marcos Association believes that as the population of the San Marcos Area, Cerrillos and Madrid ages, it becomes more and more important for the County to offer alternative methods for our residents to reach both alternative transportation hubs like the Railrunner and the Santa Fe City bus system, and vital services like hospitals, dentists, pharmacies and food services. We strongly support any attempt to influence the North Central Regional Transportation District to inaugurate such a service, and suggest that the County investigate additional funding sources such as the New Mexico Finance Authority to help build necessary infrastructure.

In so far as increasing our law enforcement capabilities, we all understand the problems of an enormous county and relatively few resources – especially at certain times of the night. We believe, however, that even during times of decreasing revenues, the public would be willing to support a reasonable increase in staffing levels.

In terms of the procurement of the Mt. Chalchihuitl mine site, we simply must not let any opportunity to obtain this site for the public pass us by. It is an extremely important site, perhaps the oldest and largest prehistoric open pit mine in North America. It is easily interpreted and would provide a large tourist related economic boost to the Cerrillos area. Basically, the County cannot afford to let any of its major archeological sites be either carved up by development or underdeveloped as significant reminders of our prehistoric and historic past. A tourist based economy requires such government attention. The CGP property is also critical to the refinement of our area's cultural heritage.

Senior centers and community centers – we have had enormous success with the development and management of our community and senior centers. Each has become a focal point for a community. Placing a community center in Stanley and another in the San Marcos Area would pull these communities together in ways that cannot be envisioned without them. Funding and development should be a major priority. A senior center along the Highway 14 Corridor closely coupled with a bus route would provide a major focal point for senior support services.

Finally, the initiative states that the Commission should respond to these issues and concerns of constituents in District 3 and throughout the County. "Respond" is a very nebulous word, although we will take what ever we can get in terms of a resolution from the Commission. We see this resolution as a first step and hope that the Commission can get to the doing phase as quickly as possible. We urge the commission therefore, to pass the resolution and get on with the design and implementation of programs that will make these initiatives realities. Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much, Walter, for coming. Next please.

MELISSA SNYDER: Madam Chair, Commissioners, my name is Melissa Snyder. I am the president of Tierra Encantada, which is a subdivision in southern Santa Fe County. We are here in support of Commissioner Anaya's resolution and to thank him for bringing it forward. He has been a part of our effort to make a southern Santa Fe County Neighborhood Watch Coalition a reality. He met with us and with Sheriff Garcia and together we have tried to make efforts that we need to as a community to make ourselves safer. We are not asking for others to do it for us; we are asking to help to help us do it as well.

As a subdivision we've had to erect an entrance gate and are now a gated community, unfortunately. The break-ins and property crimes in our neighborhood have exceeded any in the nation. I moved from Detroit, Michigan and the properties in my neighborhood now exceed ten-fold my neighborhood in Detroit, Michigan. Unfortunately, it is a very large county and the resources are small. By our gating our community we've taken a big step towards keeping our neighborhood safe but unfortunately now we're pushing people to other neighborhoods who are not going to be as safe now. So we are in support of Commissioner Anaya's resolution and we ask for any assistance you can give in that effort. Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Next please. If there's other people in the audience, anybody else who wants to speak please come up to the front row please so we can keep going.

MARIE DAVIS: Madam Chair, Commissioners, my name is Marie Davis and I'm from Cedar Grove. I also met with Commissioner Anaya and Sheriff Garcia and Officer Pacheco at the end of November because we had huge community safety concerns. And we brought together a group that's representative of San Pedro Neighborhood Association and South Mountain Neighborhood Association as well. We then arranged to have Sgt. Sisneros and Officer Lucero come down and we set up a neighborhood watch. But we wanted to make it bigger than Cedar Grove. We wanted to have alliances with South Mountain Neighborhood Association, as well as with Galisteo, and so on, each of us keeping our own records of instance of crimes to prove that we really deserve an allocation of a more permanent police presence in southern Santa Fe County. So it was Commissioner Anaya and his assistant who suggested that we come here and talk to you.

We realize there are budgetary problems but we are also willing to work. They brought up a number of our problems that have to do with crime and so on and it takes sheriff's resources. We would be willing to work with you guys any way that you can to help get rid of the budgetary constraints that there are so that our area can be more secure and as I said the whole alliance of neighborhoods would be glad to work with you. Thanks.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. Mr. Dickens.

CARL DICKENS: Thank you very much, Madam Chair and Commissioners. I'm Carl Dickens, president of La Cienega Valley Association. There's a bigger discussion in my mind when we start to discuss services and things that we need as a community. We need all these things and we really are very supportive of the resolution that's been brought forward by Commissioner Anaya. But there's a bigger question too, a bigger issue that we and the community feel we want to deal with, and that is we can't expect County government to do everything for us. We want to be able to participate and help any way that we can to minimize the budgetary impact to some of these proposed services.

One of the things that just happened last night at a board meeting – we had three residents, including a former Commissioner, Linda Grill, who came forward to discuss a

summer youth program. And all of a sudden you've got something that, wow, we could actually start to do this. It would be an all-volunteer thing. We think we have enough people in our community that would be interested in supporting this. There would be an age range of 6 to 11 year old kids. We will actively be soliciting kids to participate in this program. We haven't defined it yet. That's one of the things that we will start to do really very quickly. We hope to have this up and running by July/August. All we need is a community center. That's all we need. We need a space. We need some help in terms of being provided a location to be able to provide this program.

This is where a community – and I'm very proud of our community because we do this a lot, is our ability to come forward in certain situations to provide our help in supporting what the County government does. And that's the thing. I think we sometimes depend too much on governmental agencies to solve our problems when a lot of those problems are things that we need to address as a community, and we're very willing to do that.

And a real quick mention about La Bajada Ranch. We are ready and willing to come forward and – we'll help clean. We've got people, electricians, good people who are willing to help out, so as soon as that door's open we're ready to come forward and assist. But we definitely, deeply support this resolution and think it's important for the people of District 3. So thank you very much.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much.

ROSS LOCKRIDGE: Madam Chair, Commissioners, my name is Ross Lockridge. I'm from Cerrillos. Thank you, Commissioner Anaya, for listing in this resolution some of our community's major issues. Really appreciate it. Upon first reading the resolution I was a little concerned about how the County could fund the list, at least right away, but I think it's good for all the Commissioners to hear and that they recognize some of our community's needs. And then perhaps the Commission can work together to prioritize. I join with many others in the need to obtain Mr. Chalchihuitl and the Cerrillos Gravel Products property. Concerning the Cerrillos Gravel Products parcel it should be remembered that there are important archeological sites there too. The silver mine, the Tiro, is an important historic Spanish silver mine, perhaps the oldest, and the Bathsheba provided the lead glazes to the San Marcos Pueblo pottery.

The property would add needed trails. A fraction of the property could be used as a destination for the needed cleanup of Mt. Chalchihuitl and CGP properties. Both these acquisitions should permanently resolve friction between out of state landowners and the community. I add my support. Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. Ms. Murray.

ANN MURRAY: Commissioners, my name is Ann Murray. I'm from the Village of Cerrillos and I'm here to support this resolution. Thank you, Commissioner Anaya. CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. Representative Hall.

REP. JIM HALL: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll try to be brief. I'm here to

support this resolution and any resolution which supports the rural parts of Santa Fe County. And for me especially, my constituents in La Cienega, La Cieneguilla in La Bajada. First though I want to say that I've been an elected official at the county level and the local level, so I'm acutely sensitive to not interfering with local government. So I want to make it very clear, I'm here to offer support, not interference, so let's start there if we possibly can.

I've been spending quite a bit of time in La Cienega and in those areas in my district and having spent a lot of time growing up in New Mexico I'd just like to offer a couple things which may be useful. I think one of the most valuable things that Santa Fe has, offers, is it's attention to diversity, its attention to livability, and its attention to the past traditions starting hundreds of years ago. And I'd like to report that in my opinion, the traditional way of life in the rural parts of the county are under threat, and I'm deeply concerned about that. And this resolution addresses parts of that, specifically in the areas in which my constituents live people are really trying, as you heard, to maintain a sense of community and build that and maintain it in spite of some of the other things going on.

So I just want to say that I support this because I think this helps. It does not address some of the other major issues. And anything I can do from a state legislative prospective I'm happy to do and happy to support it. So thank you very much.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you, Representative, from coming today. Just before you leave, we'll have a long list from Santa Fe County for you to consider. And we would appreciate your looking at them, seriously.

REP. HALL: And let me just comment on that. My district is composed of all of Los Alamos, then rural areas of Santa Fe County, Sandoval County and Rio Arriba. So I've got a lot of rural areas to cover. And as I said, I grew up, did a lot of my growing up north of Abiqui, so I'm pretty committed to this tradition, to maintaining those deeply valuable traditions and you'll find me supportive all the way through in all of those areas. Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Is there anybody else from the audience that wishes to speak? Mrs. Boyce, please come up. Anybody else? First of all, I know the Commission appreciates everybody who's come today. We really appreciate citizen involvement. Sometimes we sit here and talk to a totally empty room, so thank you for coming. So go ahead. Please introduce yourself for the record.

HELEN BOYCE: My name is Helen Boyce and I'm a resident on State 14 for 50 years and have seen the changes. But I'm also a taxpayer. I also am getting very old and I'm a little concerned that my children will say one day, Mom, we want the keys to your car. I'm terribly independent and it would be a wrestling match for sure. But the bus service that we don't have and have asked for for a long time, it really must come onto 14. It allows us who may have to give up the car, to be mobile. Plus we can't walk, we can't ride a bicycle. It takes us to the train station and it would, as I see it personally would be very helpful to not sink into depression because we have to stay home and can't get around. So I'm in total support of this resolution. I hope it will happen. Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. Any further comments? Thank you for coming today, and I have Commissioner Anaya and then Commissioner Vigil and Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I wanted to acknowledge and appreciate all of the comments made by every single one of the residents. I'm simply carrying the information that you asked me to carry. Representative Hall, specific to some of the concerns on acequias and water issues that you participated in, a long discussion in La Cienega the other day, I want to let the public know that the representative carried a memorial to help preserve the water running in the Santa Fe River and to help those agricultural communities in La Cienega, La Cieneguilla and La Bajada, and that he's been very

supportive of the issues associated with maintaining the aquifer in not only the district but throughout New Mexico to be quite frank.

But I sincerely thank all of you for coming and taking time out to come and look forward to listening to my fellow Commissioners' comments and then I'd be happy to make a motion.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Commissioner Vigil.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Thanks. I guess maybe this is for Commissioner Anaya. This is something that I think really all of us fully support. We all represent different districts and recognize the needs of all other districts but I almost have to say that any one of our constituents could have come up here and reiterated similar requests that the members of this community do.

So I guess my question to you, Commissioner Anaya, and again, I don't want this to be misunderstood in terms of not supporting it because I think if Agua Fria or north of 599, the people who aren't getting bus service in my district were coming for these things I think you'd probably support them too. I guess my specific question is if we pass this resolution do you intend it to be a priority above and beyond our current CIP and ICIP and capital improvement process?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Vigil, what I've found in sitting at this Commission bench as well as observing as a citizen and as an active volunteer is that you have to get community involvement and support and then make sure you convey that support to the right places. And the right place is this Commission right now for consideration. All of the items that I listed, and I did them on purpose, all of them, Madam Chair, Commissioner Vigil, and the entire Commission, because these are all items that as the Commissioner for District 3 and in many case the Commissioner for the whole county to say these are issues not just in District 3 but issues that affect the whole county. I reiterate things that we have already discussed before.

All of these priorities, with the exception of the budgetary aspect for the Sheriff's Department, all of the other aspects are things that we've discussed as a Commission. I realize and understand that there's a process that we go through through the budget process and that these will be weighed in with all of the other difficult challenges, but I think it's important to highlight the input of all the community members and I think it helps to have all the community members to come and support one another. And I want to emphasize that. This group of people that have come are people that have come to various meetings that I've had and more and more they're beginning to understand what each other are faced with. And so I think the good thing that is coming from this is that they are supporting one another and we're trying to collectively work towards things that help each other.

But no. I understand that these are things that will be put in the mix, if you will, with all the other challenges that the Commission has to consider.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Well, given that, Madam Chair, there's absolutely no reason not to support this, so long as there's a clear understanding that we do have our prioritization process and the needs of the county are widespread and varied, and certainly if one of the commonalities in this of course is law enforcement, a response, that's something we discussed at length earlier in our budget hearings. Certainly the senior centers, those are resolutions that we may have even on a crystallized response to what areas are senior centers are going to service, not only on Highway 14 but on the southern part of Santa Fe. A lot of

what we're gong to be deciding here will have our own prioritization process, once we know how those services will be provided and to whom they will be.

But I think we have a good process in place, our capital improvement process, and certainly I think these are already on there, and I think you've made sure that they're on there. So so long as we have a clear understanding that the prioritization process will, as you said, Commissioner Anaya, will be factored into the mix of everything else that is a part of priority needs in Santa Fe County, I'm perfectly fine supporting this.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Holian. COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Madam Chair. First of all, thank you all for coming. I think it's really great when people come to really talk to us and support the issues in their community and so on. I also want to say that I've known about all these issues for a long time and I'm very supportive of all of them. But you know the question is for all of us up here is how do they fit into the larger context of the county. And that's why we are in fact working on creating a CIP list with prioritization. That's in fact why we have a COLTPAC Committee which again considers various land acquisitions and then makes

recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. And that's also in fact why the NCRTD has to consider routes in a regional sense, because we are a large and diverse community. We are a large and diverse county. There are a lot of needs out there. There are a lot of needs in your neighboring districts as well.

So I think that's why we really need to work together to figure out a way to figure out what all of our needs are and then be able to prioritize them in some way. And so I was wondering, Commissioner Anaya, if you might consider sort of a friendly amendment that says that the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the vital importance of all these above-listed issues and all of them will then be included in the appropriate process for prioritization and consideration.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I would accept that. I think that's implied. I think that these people – they're high priorities for me and I think they cross Commission districts and I don't want to lose sight of that that the majority of these items aren't just for District 3. But I would accept that as a friendly amendment. I guess I'm not sure what the fear is but I think it's clearly articulated where they stand. I think one comment I would add, Madam Chair and for members of the public, at our last Commission meeting we talked about the route, in particular the Santa Fe to Golden bus route, and from a regional significance that route would be the last connection in Santa Fe County that would literally provide every segment of Santa Fe County the opportunity of public transport, with that one route alone. Because there's service from park 'n' ride from Las Vegas to Santa Fe, there's service from Taos to Santa Fe, Los Alamos to Santa Fe. Every other route is covered. So from a regional significance standpoint that's one example. But I appreciate and if there's no other comments, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Yes, I'm fine with that. I would reiterate though that a lot of these issues are near and dear to my heart too, even though they're not necessarily in District 4, like the Mt. Chalchihuitl.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Okay, so for process, are you moving to -

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Chris Barela, Chris, wave your hand back there. You helped organize this and I want to appreciate your work and effort. If you want to move the amendment, I'll accept it as a friendly amendment.

> CHAIR STEFANICS: Commissioner, could you move the resolution first? COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I'd move the resolution with the friendly amendment.

CHAIR STEFANICS: And I'll second it.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: So Commissioner Holian, your friendly amendment was accepted in the Commissioner's resolution.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Madam Chair, do we need to vote on that? CHAIR STEFANICS: No, he incorporated it. We're on any other comments. Commissioner Mayfield.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, I'll be brief. I just want to thank the constituency for coming forward tonight. You guys, at least a good majority of you folks, have probably the longest trek to come to this county seat here in downtown Santa Fe County. So with that, I appreciate that. I'd also just like to recognize Representative Jim Hall who is your representative on the state legislature, that he is also here supporting you and I stand in full support of this resolution. Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. And many of the items that are in this certainly border my district and all areas of the county are going to profit from us continuing to work on projects in communities. Are there any other comments?

# The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

[Commissioner Holian left the meeting.]

### XV. Public Hearings

A. Growth Management Department

1. <u>BCC Case # MIS 12-5100 Global Wine Connection, Inc.</u> Global Wine Connection, Inc., dba VinGararge, Applicant, Nancy Frith, Owner, Requests Approval of a Spiritous Liquor and Wine Wholesaler Liquor License to Allow the Wholesale Distribution of Spirituous Liquor and Wine. The Property is Located at 17 Bisbee Court, Unit H, within Section 24, Township 16 North, Range 8 East, (Commission District 5) Jose E. Larrañaga, Case Manager

CHAIR STEFANICS: Now, we have to make sure we're going to have a quorum so I will wait a minute.

JOSE LARRAÑAGA (Case Manager): Thank you, Madam Chair. Global Wine Connection, dba VinGararge, applicant, Nancy Frith, owner, requests approval of a spirituous liquor and wine wholesaler liquor license to allow the wholesale distribution of spirituous liquor and wine. The property is located at 17 Bisbee Court, Unit H, within Section 24, Township 16 North, Range 8 East.

In September of 2002 a master plan for the Thornburg property was approved by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners. The master plan approval included commercial zoning for Lot C-1, located at 17 Bisbee Court. The zoning approval allowed for wholesale distribution of spirituous liquor and wine. Ordinance 2000-12, Community College

District, designates Lot C-1 as an employment center zone which allows for wholesale distribution as a special use. A special use is a use allowed in the approved master plan.

The applicant requests approval of a spirituous liquor and wine wholesale liquor license, a wholesale license to allow the applicant to warehouse and distribute spirituous liquor and wine wholesale. The State Alcohol and Gaming Division granted preliminary approval of this request in accordance with Section 60-6-B-4 NMSA of the Liquor Control Act. Legal notice of this request has been published in the newspaper. The Board of County Commissioners is required to conduct a public hearing on the request to grant a spirituous liquor and wine wholesaler liquor license at this location.

Growth Management staff has reviewed this project for compliance with pertinent code requirements and finds the following facts to support this submittal. Ordinance 2000-12, Community College District designates Lot C-1 as an employment center zone which allows for wholesale distribution as a special use. The Board of County Commissioners approved the Thornburg property master plan which allows wholesale distribution of spirituous liquor and wine. The applicant has met the State of New Mexico requirements for noticing, distance from schools and churches. Staff's recommendation is approval of a spirituous liquor and wine wholesaler liquor license to be located at 17 Bisbee Court. Madam Chair, I stand for any questions.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. We're going to move right to public hearing. This is a public hearing. Is there anyone here to speak on behalf of or against this approval? Is there anyone who'd like to speak? Would you as the applicant like to come forward? Right now, you're seeing no opposition, no anything. Is there anybody here to speak? Okay. The public hearing is closed. Commissioners, are there any questions before I move for approval?

I would move BCC Case #MIS 12-5100 for approval. COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Second, Madam Chair. CHAIR STEFANICS: There's a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote. [Commissioners Holian and Vigil were not present for this action.]

XV. A. 2. <u>BCC Case # MIS 10-5151 the Downs at Santa Fe Master Plan</u> Extension. The Pueblo of Pojoaque Development Corporation, Applicant, Requests a Two-Year Time Extension, of a Previously Approved Master Plan, for the Downs at Santa Fe. The Property is Located within the La Cienega Traditional Historic Community, at 27475 I-25 West Frontage Road, within Sections 26 & 27, Township 16 North, Range 8 East (Commission District 3) Jose E. Larrañaga, Case Manager

MR. LARRAÑAGA: Thank you, Madam Chair. The Pueblo of Pojoaque Development Corporation, applicant, requests a two-year time extension, of a previously approved master plan, for the Downs at Santa Fe. The property is located within the La Cienega Traditional Historic Community, at 27475 I-25 West Frontage Road, within Sections 26 & 27, Township 16 North, Range 8 East, Commission District 3.

On August 13, 2001 the Board of County Commissioners granted master plan approval to allow recreational non-residential uses at the Downs at Santa Fe on 321 acres. On July 14, 2004 the BCC granted approval of reconsideration and clarification to conditions of the previously approved master plan. On November 9, 2004 the BCC granted approval of a preliminary development plan for phase 1, subject to conditions and final development plan to be approved administratively.

On April 13, 2010 the Board of County Commissioners granted a request made by the Pueblo of Pojoaque Development Corporation for a two-year time extension of an existing master plan for the Downs at Santa Fe. The applicant requests a two-year time extension of the existing master plan for the Downs at Santa Fe which was originally approved in 2001. The applicant states that representatives of the Downs are working with the La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Planning Committee and the Santa Fe County Planning Department on a community plan update to develop options for the use of the Downs property.

Article V, Section 1.2.1.d states a master plan is comprehensive in establishing a scope of a project yet is less detailed than a development plan. It provides a means for the County Development Review Committee and the Board to review projects and the subdivider to obtain concept approval for proposed development without the necessity of expending large sums of money for the submittals required for preliminary and final plat approval.

Article V, Section 5.2.7.b states master plan approvals may be renewed and extended for additional two-year periods by the Board at the request of the developer.

Growth Management staff has reviewed this project for compliance with pertinent code requirements and finds the following facts to support this submittal: the application meets code criteria to allow a two-year extension of the master plan. The existing master plan meets the criteria as set forth in Article V, Section 5.2.4; the application meets the criteria set forth in Article V, Section 5.2.7.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends approval of a two-year time extension for the existing master plan for the Downs at Santa Fe. Madam Chair, I stand for any questions.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Questions for staff?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, Mr. Larranaga, has the Pueblo been working closely with the Village of La Cienega and staff and other community members on this particular issue?

MR. LARRAÑAGA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, yes. They have representatives as stated in the summary working with the planning group and with our planning staff as far as making that area, Los Pinos and the Downs – what they're going to do on the Downs property and the Los Pinos area, maybe changing it into a mixed use and working on that plan to incorporate it into the Sustainable Land Development Code.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Is the applicant here? Commissioner Mayfield, did you have a question from staff?

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, I'll hear from the applicant first.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Okay. So let's hear from the applicant. Do you have anything you'd like to say? And then we're going to the public hearing. Could you introduce yourself please?

JANNA WARNER: Madam Chair, my name is Janna Warner. I'm general counsel with the Pueblo of Pojoaque Development Corporation. The Pueblo of Pojoaque Development Corporation is the owner of the Downs at Santa Fe and we respectfully request a two-year time extension of a previously approved master plan. A very brief history, to repeat, as Mr. Larranaga has stated, in 2001 the Board of County Commissioners originally approved our master plan for recreational and non-residential use. A key in the master plan at that time of course was a historical use for the horse racing. In 2008 the New Mexico State Racing Commission denied the Downs' application for a horse-racing license. By state statute in New Mexico there is a limit of five horse racing licenses to be granted and the last one had been granted to Raton.

Then in 2010 the Board of County Commission again granted a two-year extension of the master plan. Over the past year we've met regularly and worked with the La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Planning Committee and the Santa Fe County Planning Department on the community plan update. As Mr. Larranaga stated, we're looking for a change to mixed use for that property. It's 321 acres. We continue to work with the local community. Currently, we're in the third year of a lease for a local flea market and farmers market at the site.

In conclusion then the Pueblo of Pojoaque Development Corporation respectfully requests the approval of a two-year time extension of our master plan.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. Just have a seat up front in case there's any questions later. Is there anybody here – this is a public hearing, so this is the point in time we would like to hear comments supporting or in opposition and if you'd come up as a group so that we can have you sworn in. We need to have you sworn in before you can make your comments. So anybody else besides these two gentlemen?

[Duly sworn, Carl Dickens testified as follows:]

CARL DICKENS: Again, my name is Carl Dickens from the La Cienega Valley Association. I'm happy to report that we have had a very strong and ongoing relationship with the Pueblo of Pojoaque in terms of planning for not just for their property but for the entire community. They have had representatives at each of the La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Planning Committee meetings that have been meeting now for almost 18 months in an effort to amend our community plan.

Rick Dumiak who is the facilities director has been an important and essential part of that committee. So we're looking forward to – we feel like we've developed a really good relationship with the Pueblo of Pojoaque and we look forward to their proposed development plan that we expect to see within the next year or so. We're confident they will take into account our concerns, our needs of the community and that we will have a development that will be a vibrant part of our community. So we absolutely support the extension of this master plan. Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much.

[Duly sworn, J.J. Gonzales testified as follows:]

J.J. GONZALES : Thank you, Commissioners. My name is J. J. Gonzales. I have to say that I would like you to support the two-year extension. For the first time in many years the race track area has been a good neighbor. Prior to that we had many, many problems

with the previous owners but since Pojoaque took it over they have done more than anything to work with the residents of La Cienega. They've been supportive. They've given donated space for the growers market. They've done everything that the community has asked them to do. They're good neighbors.

I would like to emphasize that I hope that at some point they would do a connection to the County water system because they have a lot of water rights on that property and I think that to help out the community I think it would be very wise of them to kind of hook up to the County water system and help out the agricultural aspect of La Cienega. But I support this two-year extension and thank you very much.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you for coming today, Mr. Gonzales. Anybody else who didn't get sworn in, come on up. Anybody else in the audience who wants to speak. [Duly sworn, Armando Jurado testified as follows:]

ARMANDO JURADO: My name is Armando Jurado and I own property right next to the Downs, and I'm just here to support the two-year extension for them. Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. Anyone else? Thank you. The public hearing is now closed. We are back to questions and comments from Commission members.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I appreciate the comments and especially appreciate the presence of the La Cienega Valley Association and Mr. Gonzales who's a member from District 3 on the CDRC. I thank them for their work and service and with that said I would move for approval.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Second, Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion?

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, I'd just like to recognize the Pueblo of Pojoaque and thank them for working well with the community members, even if they are outside of District 1. That's just reassuring to know. Thank you.

The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote. [Commissioners Holian and Vigil were not present for this action.]

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: May I ask just a procedural question of Mr. Ross. Madam Chair, Mr. Ross, if a two-year extension, if an applicant or the development process doesn't come to this Commission within the two-year expiration does it automatically go away?

MR. ROSS: Madam Chair, Commissioner Mayfield, Mr. Larranaga has the answer to that question.

MR. LARRAÑAGA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Mayfield, as the code reads they could come in for a two-year time extension. So they could come in for another two-year time extension until they maybe – the planning for the mixed use hasn't been developed yet or they still have fit in a development plan. Or even if they're working on the

development plan and the two-year time extension expires they could come in for a two-year time extension and go on with the final development plan.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, Mr. Larranaga, I guess my question is is let's say they miss that two-year window. Then do they have to start the process over again or can we just kind of say, we'll you guys missed that two-year window. Ask for your extension.

MR. LARRAÑAGA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Mayfield, I believe we passed an ordinance that allows them – well, I'd have to read that ordinance again, but if the two-year window expires then they may be able to qualify under the ordinance that allows them to come back on expired master plans. But I'm sure they would, on this occasion, keep up with it because they're already working on the development plan for the property.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Well, Madam Chair, and I'm going to go ahead and ask this question, and maybe it's not the right time to ask it, but I'm going to ask it on Santa Fe Canyon Ranch, if that master plan has expired and gone out the window. But I guess I'll save that for two weeks from now. Put that on my request. Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you.

XV. A. 3. <u>CDRC Case # V 11-5400 Jenny Cocq Variance</u>. Jenny Cocq, Applicant, Matthew McQueen, (Attorney at Law), Agent, Request a Variance of Article III, Section 10 (Lot Size Requirements) of the Land Development Code to Allow Two Dwelling Units on .79 Acres. The Property is Located at 131 County Road 84, in the Vicinity of Jacona, within Section 12, Township 19 North, Range 8 East, (Commission District 1) Wayne Dalton, Case Manager

WAYNE DALTON (Building & Development Services): Thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioners. Jenny Cocq, Applicant, Matthew McQueen, attorney at law, agent, request a variance of Article III, Section 10, Lot Size Requirements, of the Land Development Code to allow two dwelling units on .79 Acres. The property is located at 131 County Road 84, in the Vicinity of Jacona, within Section 12, Township 19 North, Range 8 East, Commission District 1).

There is currently four dwelling units on the property. The structures consist of a main residence, a studio and a garage. The studio has been converted into a dwelling unit with a kitchen and bathroom facilities. The garage, which was permitted on May 2, 1994, has been converted into a dwelling unit with the potential of having a second unit with kitchen and bath facilities.

On October 10, 2011 Code Enforcement received a complaint on the subject property saying the property owner was exceeding density on the property. On October 18, 2011 Code Enforcement conducted an inspection and observed multiple dwelling units on the property. Code Enforcement then issued a notice of violation to the property owner for exceeding density.

The applicant states that as a result of the lack of experience and some bad advice the applicant was encouraged to convert the two accessory structures into dwelling units. The applicant now understands and acknowledges that this was in error. The applicant proposes to remove the kitchen facilities from the studio and bring it into compliance for its original

purpose as a working artist's studio/office. The applicant also proposes to convert the two dwelling units within the garage into a single dwelling unit for a total of two dwelling units on the property.

On March 15, 2012 the County Development Review Committee met and acted on this case. The decision of the CDRC was to recommend approval by a 4-2 vote.

Growth Management staff has reviewed this application for compliance with pertinent code requirements and find the project is not in compliance with County criteria for this type of request.

Hydrologic zone: This property is located within the traditional community of Jacona. Minimum lot size per code is .75 acres per dwelling. The two proposed dwelling units exceed the number of units allowed on the property.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends denial of the variance from Article III, Section 10 of the Land Development Code. If the decision of the BCC is to approve the applicant's request staff recommends imposition of the following conditions. Madam Chair, may I enter those into the record?

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes, you may.

[The conditions are as follows:]

- 1. Water use shall be restricted to 0.25 acre-feet per year per home. A water meter shall be installed for each residence. Annual water meter readings shall be submitted to the Land Use Administrator by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Water restrictions shall be recorded in the County Clerk's Office. (As per Article III § 10 and Ordinance 2002-13)
- The Applicant must obtain a development permit from the Building and Development Services Department for the second dwelling unit and the studio. (As per Article II § 12)
- 3. Prior to submitting for a Development Permit, an inspection must be conducted to ensure the additional kitchen facilities have been removed. This will consist of core filling drainpipes and capping all gas lines. Code Enforcement must be present at that time. (As per Article III § 10) [Removed at motion.]
- 4. The Applicant shall provide an updated liquid waste permit from the New Mexico Environment Department with Development Permit Application. (As per Article III § 2.4.1.a.1(a)(iv))
- 5. The placement of additional dwelling units on the property is prohibited. (As per Article III § 10)
- 6. The Applicant shall comply with all Fire Prevention Division requirements. (As per 1997 Fire Code and 1997 NFPA Life Safety Code)
- 7. No more than two electric meters shall be allowed on the property. Additional electric meters must be removed from property. (As per Article III § 10)

CHAIR STEFANICS: Okay, so at this point we will hear from the applicant or the applicant's representative.

MATTHEW MCQUEEN: Madam Chair, members of the Commission, I'm Matthew McQueen. I'm here on behalf of Ms. Jenny Coq who's here with me. Mr. Dalton I

think has it right. We acknowledge the property is not in compliance. We're trying to do the right thing without giving up the entire investment that's been made to the property. We've been working through the process with County staff. I do have three additional letters of support if I may share those with you. *[Exhibit 2]* 

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes.

MR. MCQUEEN: These letters include – two of these letters are from the immediate neighbors to the property. There were five neighbors within the 100 feet radius, and we have the written support from three of them at this point. I would also like to call your attention to the aerial photograph that's in your packet. I think it's page 30. And this was something that was actually pointed out at the CDRC hearing, that if you look at the neighboring properties in this community the density on this lot is pretty consistent with the neighboring properties. We don't know what the structures are on the neighboring properties, whether they're residential or not, and I'm not suggesting that they're not permitted. We simply don't know. But the structures and density we're requesting on this property is consistent with community standards, although not the zoning standard.

We did receive the recommendation of the CDRC and we ask for your approval tonight. The applicant is happy to live with all the conditions recommended by County staff. We do have one request on condition #3 regarding the studio. The condition states that the sinks, or the drains should be backfilled. In the studio there is a large sink; it currently is configured as a kitchen sink. We're happy to remove all the kitchen facilities but that sink is still useful in the studio for washing brushes and things like that. And we would like to be able to keep that as part of the functioning studio. And that's all I have for you. I'm happy to answer any questions you might ask.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Let's go to public hearing. We are now on the phase of public hearing for this case. Is there anyone in the audience that came to support or oppose? Anybody at all? So please come up so you all can be sworn in at once.

[Duly sworn, Andrea Fisher testified as follows:]

ANDREA FISHER: My name is Andrea Fisher. My address is #1 Jacona Plaza, Santa Fe, 87506. I live directly across the road from Jenny. I've been there for 38 years. She has been there for about 22. We've been friends ever since. She's been a good neighbor. I think what she has done on her property has always been in the best interest of the area. It's been done aesthetically beautifully. She has a beautiful adobe wall that surrounds everything and quite frankly, you can't even see any of her buildings from the road. And being right across the street I have absolutely no objection to what she is proposing here. Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you for coming. Is there anyone else from the public who would like to speak? If not, the public hearing is closed. Commissioners, questions, comments?

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes, Commissioner Mayfield.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, Mr. Dalton, kind of just staying in line with what I've been asking for in the past, can you give me some citations to your staff composed conditions please.

MR. DALTON: Madam Chair, Commissioner Mayfield, they are at the end of each condition in bold.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: I apologize. Okay, there they are. Sorry, Mr. Dalton, Madam Chair. Let me just look at these real quick please.

CHAIR STEFANICS: While the Commissioner is looking I just want to let you know it's very helpful to have those there so that we know people are being treated fairly underneath our codes and regulations.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, I think the applicant had a question on – was it #3 you had a question on? So prior to submitting for development permit an inspection must be conducted to make sure that additional kitchen facilities have been removed. And again, I think they just want to keep the sink for the studio. Would staff have an issue with that?

MR. DALTON: Madam Chair, Commissioner Mayfield, on these structures that have been illegally converted into dwelling units what staff requires is that the core-fill the drain pipes. That makes it harder for a property owner to convert the structure back into a dwelling unit after staff conducts the inspection.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, Mr. Dalton, I'm not going to say my worry, but one concern that I have would be that those drain pipes could be intertwined with the adjacent property and by core-filling that you may be impeding the whole process to their sewer system.

MR. DALTON: Madam Chair, Commissioner Mayfield, what we do is we'll actually have them put some foam, pack some foam down the pipe, a foot, maybe foot and a half down the pipe and then core-fill it from there. So the actual foam stops the cement from going anywhere else.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, Mr. Dalton, just a question, maybe it's for staff and maybe, excuse me, for Mr. Ross. Maybe it's something we're going to address future on in the code. I don't know how many folks individually reside in this one residence or in the actual different residences that this individual has, but for me, so I understand, and I'm going to use me as an example and it's probably a bad thing to do. I'm a family of three right now living in my household. So what is the difference in Santa Fe County's position if you have two dwelling units, arguably, and you have maybe one person living in one and one person living in two, to where you have one dwelling unit where you have five or six people living in one dwelling unit? They're using more water, they're using arguably more resources. Where is that in the code? Is that addressed anywhere?

MR. DALTON: Madam Chair, Commissioner Mayfield, I don't believe that's addressed anywhere in the code regarding that type of issue.

PENNY ELLIS-GREEN (Deputy County Attorney): Madam Chair, Commissioner Mayfield, no. I don't believe that is regulated by the code. The code regulates dwelling units and that's what we permit. It would be very difficult for us to be able to go to houses from here on out to see how many people are living in the house. So even if there were just one person living in a house, like a second dwelling unit today, that doesn't mean that from here on out there will only be one person. We regulate the dwelling unit or an accessory structure and an accessory structure cannot be used for dwelling purposes.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Thank you, Madam Chair and thank you. I'll just address that later I guess. It's just one of my maybe philosophical differences that I have with where we're going with the code. With that, Madam Chair, thanks to staff for bringing this forward. I have no other further questions.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. So what, Commissioner Mayfield, do you have a preference for what you'd like to do with condition #3?

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, as far as my preference, I guess staff is citing this as per the article.

CHAIR STEFANICS: I'll move to remove condition #3.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Thank you.

CHAIR STEFANICS: But there needs to be a second.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.

 $\label{eq:commission} COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: I don't know if there's other questions from the Commission but with that I'll just move approval of – let me see. How does staff – staff recommended denial so I'll move approval of the applicant's request to allow this variance.$ 

CHAIR STEFANICS: And I'll second. Is there any further discussion?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, is that approval with removal of condition #3?

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: With removal of condition #3 and acceptance of conditions 1, 2, 4, and 5. Seven, I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So Madam Chair, essentially, we're going from four dwelling units to two?

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, that's

correct.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Any further discussion? Is that clear what we did? COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, I'll restate the motion. CHAIR STEFANICS: We're going to restate.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, thank you. Madam Chair, I move for approval of the applicant's request with staff conditions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

CHAIR STEFANICS: And I have seconded that.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, could I ask a question? CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes, Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, Chief, what other items are we going to ask for in this particular condition #6. The applicant shall comply with all fire prevention division requirements per 97 Fire Code and 97 NMFPA. Is there something else they're going to have to do?

BUSTER PATTY (Fire Prevention): Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, at this point we have not reviewed the property completely but with these dwellings that are already existing there probably won't be any other requirements unless there happens to be a real access problem.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Is there an access problem?

CAPTAIN PATTY: I've not reviewed this. Like I say, we've not seen this. COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay. So you're going to go look at the access? CAPTAIN PATTY: Yes. COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair.

The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote. [Commissioners Holian and Vigil were not present for this action.]

MR. MCQUEEN: Madam Chair, if I may, I'd like to thank the Commission. I'd also like to thank Mr. Dalton and his staff. They've been very thorough and very professional throughout.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. Thank you for being here. And thank you to Land Use staff for that.

# XIV. B. <u>Commissioner Issues and Comments</u> (Non-Action Items)

CHAIR STEFANICS: Commissioners, before we would move into executive session I realized that I forgot item XIV. D. Commissioner Issues and Comments, non-action items. So at this time I'd like to take any comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Anaya. Commissioner Mayfield

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, just one, and I just want to thank Pego Guerrerortiz for joining me on short notice last night on a community meeting in the Chupadero area. Those folks are experiencing some water problems right now with their wells. With that, we did go to that meeting last night. They are asking for some help but we did let them know of the recent resolution that Santa Fe County passed, but I did also speak with the community last night. So did Mr. Guerrerortiz.

I think the Rural Water Association District for some questions was there to answer for the state. They talked about maybe doing some well reclamation as far as cleaning that out. But with that, Madam Chair, and again, staying with what Mr. Ross requires us to stay within I would just ask that if staff could work with the Chupadero Water Association, if there's means to assist them with some potable water now. One suggestion that I would ask, I don't know what type of cost this would incur the County but we do have the Rio en Medio Community Center who is on a different water system, but if we could at least make that facility available to them so they could just drive up the hill and get some potable water to cook with and to drink I would appreciate that if that's not too much of an inconvenience. And also if you all could maybe look at how you operate with taking the water buffalo out there or anything.

MR. LEIGLAND: Madam Chair, Commissioners, yes. We've outlined a whole series of things we can do in the immediate and long term, so they're having a meeting again on the 21<sup>st</sup> and I will be there then, so I think we're prepared to help them however things turn out.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you, Mr. Leigland.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Leigland. And just for this, and I thought about this last night and I kind of asked, what's an emergency recovery plan when this happens. I think you brought to me, Mr. Leigland, we arguably have like 42, 43, different types of water authorities. Some at times may be in trouble, some may not but we just experienced the Canoncito issue. I think we experienced one a little earlier today, but is it out of the realm of Santa Fe County to try to help these folks, at least with the development of a plan, to say, look, if you're in trouble with your water, for whatever reason, this is kind of a checklist of maybe what you should do. You go here for this type of emergency funding. Maybe you try to reduce use. I just don't know if Santa Fe County has any type of this disaster recovery plan in place that we could help share or if there's another authority that has a disaster recovery plan in place for these mutual domestics.

MR. LEIGLAND: Madam Chair, Commissioner Mayfield, I think that's a great idea. I don't know if there's another agency and I don't think we have a plan, but just as you're talking, maybe some sort of – something like we discussed earlier like a technical County Extension – that's something that we could definitely put together and we can make ourselves available for technical support for these kinds of things. And actually that's kind of what developed last night at the meeting is that we were able to offer them solutions that we didn't think of. I think they were prepared to drill an emergency well and we said well, maybe we should do some acid treatment to descale your well now to see if that works, so yes, we could definitely do something like that.

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Well, Madam Chair, Mr. Leigland, that meeting got a lot of questions last night. Even specifically, and I said, guys – I just respectfully let them know this wasn't the proper forum for it at the time, but there were questioning our authority with the State Engineer, as far as the amount of water rights they have and I said, that's another time for discussion. But any immediate help we could give that community I would sincerely appreciate it. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. First of all, I'd like to remind the Commissioners that we received an email just this past Monday, yesterday, from the Association of Counties. If you have any resolutions that you would like the Association of Counties to consider. Commissioner Chandler or the Association needs it by the end of tomorrow.

The next thing is, for the public and for our staff, is May 4<sup>th</sup> started National Correctional Officers Week, and this is a group of people who often do not get recognized. These are people who work in our jails and prisons that are responsible for the safety, containment and control of prisoners and inmates. And I'd like to thank very, very much our correctional officers. They probably don't get enough attention.

Next week starting on May 13<sup>th</sup> is Women's Health Week. Both the hospital and Women's Health Services is sponsoring many different programs for the public on women's health. This County does support both Women's Health Services as one of our County services, as well as the hospital. And we'd like to invite people to attend all their public events.

The last item I have is strictly informational. We received a notification and we still are one of five Class-A counties. There have been no other counties added to the Class-A group since last year. It's based upon census, so we're one of five in the state of New Mexico.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes, Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I did have one item. It was brought to my attention by Ms. Ellis-Green. We were trying on the Highway 14 bus route to discuss options relative to a rider-driver approach and I was disappointed to discover that the director had stated that they were changing the policy or it had already changed the policy to disallow this. And I think that this definitely would have risen to the concern with our representatives on the NCRTD board, to Commissioner Holian.

So I just want to put on the record that I'm very concerned about this. I absolutely think the rider-driver approach has been one of probably the most out of the box, progressive

things we've done with transit service and it's proving to be I think the most successful route, ironically enough, in the NCRTD entire district. So I want to put it on the record and I will ask the Manager and maybe the Manager and I and Commissioner Holian can sit down and talk about it, but I would be real concerned if there was a policy put in place to this effect. Commissioner Mayfield is the alternate and he wasn't aware of that change, so I just want to put it on the record and hopefully we wouldn't discourage creative things like that on the Board.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, just to clarify, the actual recommendation from Tony from the NCRTD is that staff would not recommend a rider-driver. I went back and looked at the resolution that he sent and that is actually something that lays down the steps in order to add a new route. So when we got the email back from Tony about the New Mexico 14 route he quoted a price, he stated that staff would not recommend approval of a rider-driver, but he did not include a policy regarding the rider-driver. The policy was actually a resolution that he included which talks about a new route should be first taken to the Consolidation Subcommittee, and then a needs assessment report would be done, a fiscal impact report would be done, and then the NCRTD would review, and if it was funded and budgeted then the route would then start.

So we can still request that for that route they start those steps. But it's looking like the NCRTD staff will not support a rider-driver.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I appreciate that clarification. I absolutely think the rider-driver has worked excellent, and I will encourage Commissioner Holian and I will encourage the other board members on the NCRTD in the same vein, but I think that it's the prerogative of the County to determine the routes that the County deems most appropriate, and the recommendations on use, and this would be a similar function, similar to what's already happening in the district. So I know we have it on the agenda for the end of May.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: That's correct. It will be on the May 29<sup>th</sup> agenda.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So I do want to put it on the record. Thank you for the clarification. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. On that point, Commissioner Anaya, I have said in the couple of years that I sat on the NCRTD board that we as a regional transportation district needed to start charging fares because we have more needs than we have tax dollars. And I was the lone voice, but I do believe that if we want to continue expanding routes we need to look at some additional sources of funds. And so maybe you'll have some ideas about that when we discuss it too.

We might be finished with our public portion of the meeting. We still have, as a Commission to go into executive session.

# XII. Matters From the County Attorney

- A. Executive Session
  - 1. Discussion of Pending or Threatened Litigation
  - 2. Limited Personnel Issues

CHAIR STEFANICS: Mr. Ross, what are the items that we need to discuss?

MR. ROSS: Madam Chair, we need a brief executive session to discuss pending or threatened litigation and limited personnel issues.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Commissioners, is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER MAYFIELD: Madam Chair, so moved to go into executive session to discuss as said by Mr. Ross.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Is there a second? COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.

Pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1-H (2 and 7) the Commission voted by unanimous roll call vote to meet in closed session to discuss the matters delineated above with Commissioners Anaya, Holian, Mayfield, Stefanics and Vigil all voting in the affirmative.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you very much. When we come back we will only be coming back for the purposes of adjournment, so we wish our listeners and viewers Good night. Thank you very much.

[The Commission met in executive session from 6:45 to 7:55.]

CHAIR STEFANICS: So first we need a motion to come out of executive

session.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: So moved. I'll move that we come out of executive session where the only items were those that we went into executive session for, which was pending/threatened litigation. I believe that there might have been limited personnel discussion. And that was it? Okay. Present in executive session was Steve Ross, Rachel Brown, Penny and four Commissioners, Commissioner Anaya, Commissioner Stefanics, Commissioner Mayfield and I was there towards the end of it.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you. Is there a second? COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Holian was not present for this action.]

CHAIR STEFANICS: Okay, Mr. Ross, even though I did let the public know that we were adjourned after the executive session we will add these comments to our minutes but they won't be webcast or on the radio. Could you recap some of the action that we need to be involved with for Advantage Asphalt so that we can formally approve to approve that action?

MR. ROSS: Madam Chair, gladly. We've become aware that the defendants in the Advantage Asphalt case, particularly the Montoyas, have requested, made a motion to the court seeking return of cash seized from their house by the Sheriff's Department in connection with the investigation. It's a substantial amount of cash, in excess of \$100,000 and one of the things that the Legal Department is proposing is that the County actually affirmatively respond to that motion and object to the release of that cash because it could be later used to reimburse the County through a restitution program for its losses in connection

with the fraud.

CHAIR STEFANICS: And in the meantime, Mr. Ross, we have already debarred Advantage Asphalt?

MR. ROSS: Yes. We've entered a temporary debarment, three-month debarment based on the indictments that were entered by the grand jury several months ago. So they are not able to contract with the County for a period of three months.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Okay, I would move that we would respond to the motion to retain the funds.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: I'll second that.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Is there discussion?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I'm supportive of the motion. Is there any logistical issues associated with the motion, tied to the discussion and recommendation? Because it wasn't on the meeting?

MR. ROSS: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, it's a fairly simple process to respond to the motion. All we have to do in the Legal Department is prepare a two- to three-page response and then go to the hearing.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair. CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Holian was not present for this action.]

CHAIR STEFANICS: Commissioner Anaya, you had a comment that you wanted to bring up that hadn't been discussed yet?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, Commissioners, I know historically there has been an issue at the Lakeside Mobile Home Park if La Cienega, in the La Cienega area on Paseo C de Baca and I know that our Legal office has been engaged in discussions associated with that Lakeside Mobile Home Park. There's some potential contamination issues associated with that property. There's some concerns that their parcel has problems with the code that need to be rectified. Madam Chair, Mr. Ross, could you provide just a snapshot of where we're at associated with those discussions, because I know that we as a Commission want to make sure we stay on top of those issues, especially as they're health and safety oriented and we also want to try and protect those individuals that need a place to live in a safe environment. But at this point it's potentially beyond just affecting their own health issues but it's potentially going to impact the surrounding area. Could you comment?

MR. ROSS: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, yes, gladly. The situation is that a mobile home park was created prior to the existence of the code at the end of Paseo C de Baca called Lakeside Mobile Home Park and people could rent a space there to place their mobile home. They were provided with water and sewer services, but relatively few other services by the owners of the property. Recently, in the last few years we became away that the parcels have been subdivided, essentially, and turned into a condominium association. The condominium association is controlled by the owners of the property and the individual

parcels comprising the condominium have been sold to persons living on the property who had been just renting spaces before.

So what they have done is create an illegal subdivision and an unlawful condominium relationship there. Also, because the owners provided the water and sewer services under a mistaken belief that those services continued to be grandfathered under the Land Development Code, we, the County, had no opportunity to review those services when the divisions were made and the properties were sold to the owners. In the last few years the water system turned out to be substandard and the wastewater, the sewer system, which is comprised of a number of septic tanks in violation of County code, is also failing and there are concerns about contamination.

The Environment Department was notified of this by Land Use staff a year or more ago and they're working vigorously to try and remedy this situation and we have concerns about the way this was done and the failure of the owners of the land and the subdividers and the persons who created the condominium association were concerned that they haven't followed the County code. So there are a number of levels of problems. We have contamination, possibly on the property and certainly now potentially off the property, and we have a number of victims. We have at least 25 people who own spots there now as a part of a condominium arrangement who have been provided property that doesn't comply with the County code and was divided in a manner contrary to the Subdivision Act.

So all that stuff is very complex and needs to be unraveled with careful consideration given to the victims. So we've been discussing that over the last few months and are trying to work through a game plan to address these issues without harming the people who live there, in fact improving their lives by ensuring that they get adequate services including adequate roads, adequate water supply, adequate sewer supply and everything else that's guaranteed by our code for residents in our community.

That's kind of what's going on at this point.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So, Madam Chair, Mr. Ross, it's a long-standing issue that's complex but beyond that, it sounds like we're going to need to probably take more appropriate legal steps to protect the health and safety interests of both those people that live there and the surrounding community.

MR. ROSS: Commissioner Anaya, I think that's exactly where we are. We need to think in terms of taking more formal steps to attack the problem.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm sure we're going to continually hear about this in the coming meetings and I look forward to hearing feedback from the Environment Department as well as staff going forward. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR STEFANICS: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya. Is there anything else coming from the Commission this evening?

# XVI. Adjournment

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before this body, Chairwoman Stefanics declared this meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Approved by:

Board of Oounty Commissioners Liz Stefanics, Chairwoman

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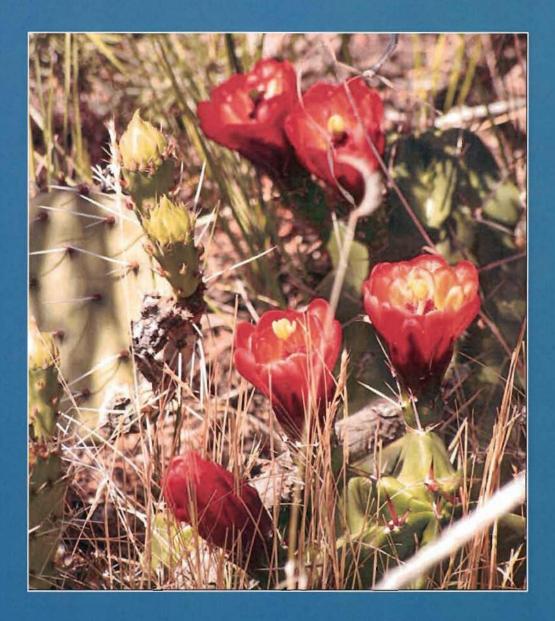
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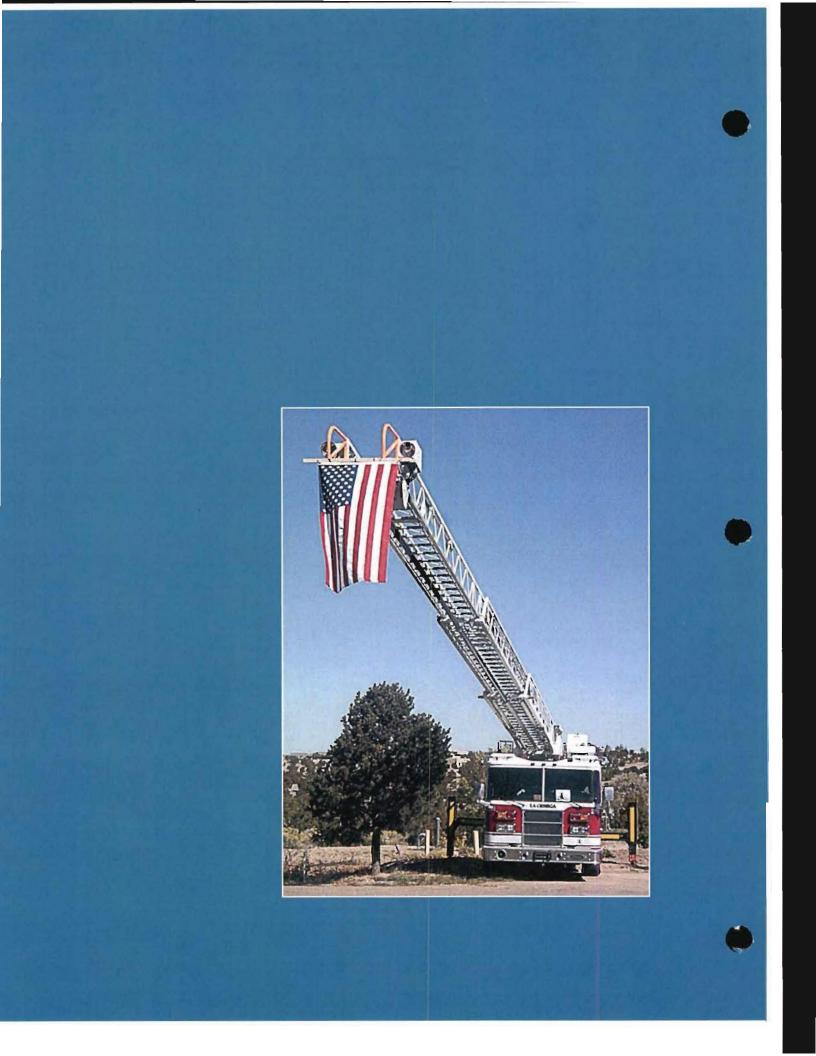
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Santa Fe County

Annual Report 2011 – 2012







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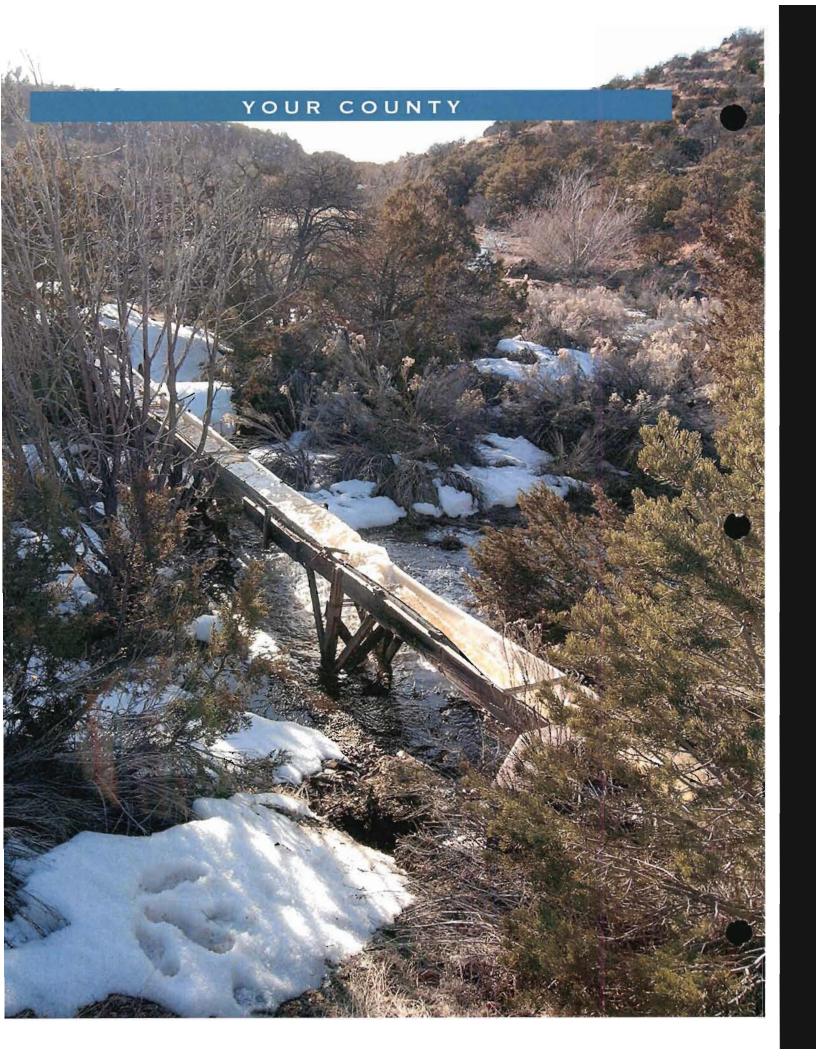
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IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE that I present to you Santa Fe County's first published Annual Report for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. Although an economically and fiscally challenging couple of years for the County and the country I believe you will find the accomplishments and milestones in this report a testament to the dedication and commitment Santa Fe County has to improving and enhancing the lives of all its residents and to making Santa Fe County a great community in which to live, work, play and visit.

The Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners has provided the vision and leadership to create and maintain a vital, vibrant, sustainable community. The development and approval of the Sustainable Growth Management Plan (SGMP) in December 2010 set the stage for many of the great accomplishments over the last two years and the direction for the County's future.

Community planning, open space and trails development, eco-

nomic development and affordable housing are all major components of the SGMP and as you read through the following pages you will see how staff efforts have executed many outstanding accom-

... a progressive government organization continuing to move forward with new ideas, new programs, increased services, more transparency and accountability, and of course, fiscal responsibility

plishments. Staff also has ongoing efforts to streamline communications, better coordinate resources and centralize core functions so that we provide services in a professional, sustainable and costefficient manner.

At the same time, Santa Fe County also began a vigorous, robust review of every single aspect of our internal operation finding innovative ways to save money and cut costs while continuing to raise the bar in every aspect of their jobs and the level of services the County provides. We revamped key processes and policies, reorganized to be more efficient, implemented more stringent guidelines and a stronger ethics policy, and made difficult countywide budget cutbacks to ensure our financial health.

While there have been many accomplishments, there is more change ahead. As you read this report, think of a County office you've visited and a service you have used over the past two years. We hope you noticed a significant improvement, but we also recognize we can continue to do better.

Our focus on the future is to make sure that Santa Fe County is a progressive government organization continuing to move forward with new ideas, new programs, increased services, more transparency and accountability, and of course, fiscal responsibility. We welcome your input, your ideas and your suggestions to help us improve. Together, we can make Santa Fe County – already a great place to live and work – even better! Sincerely.

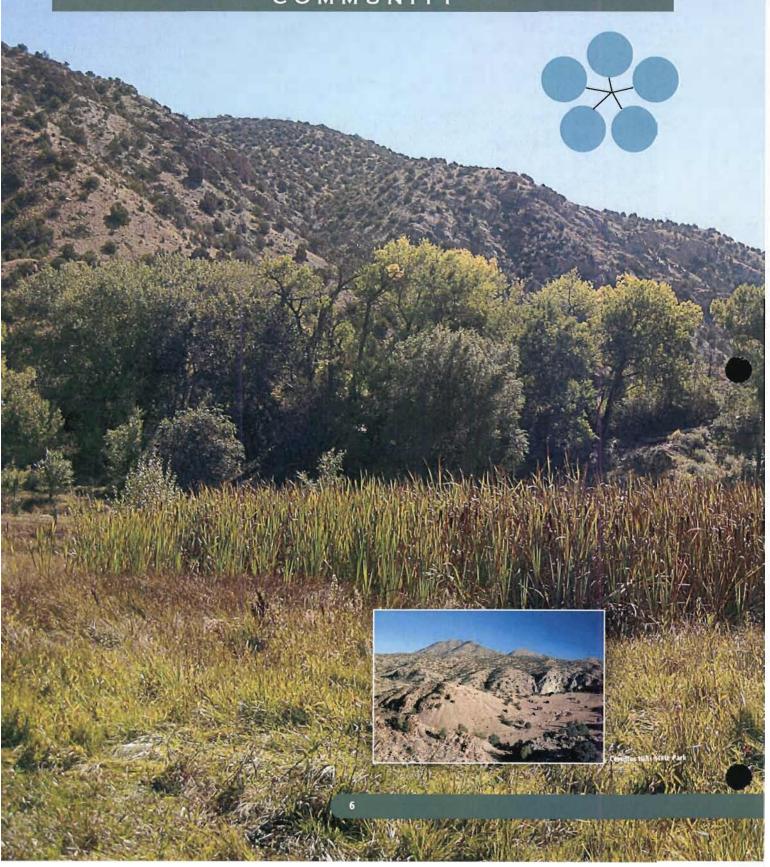
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# FOCUS ON A SUSTAINABLE

# COMMUNITY



# **GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

# TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

🥂 anta Fe County provides "blue bus" service to the City of Santa Fe, neighboring communities of Española, Eldorado, Pojoaque, Tesugue and all of the tribal entities and many other areas in the County through a partnership with the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD). Nearly all of the

he Sustainable Growth Management Plan (SGMP) was approved by Santa Fe County Commissioners on a unanimous vote following a rigorous public input process including more than 50 public meetings and workshops. The SGMP establishes policies and direction to ensure our community's sustainability through planning, environmental protection, land use, housing, resource conservation, renewable energy and green development. To view the SGMP, visit www.santafecounty.org/ growth\_management/sgmp.

The next step in the Plan, currently underway, is to establish the County's Sustainable Land Development Code.

# **Bus Service**

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

esponsible growth is the focus of Santa Fe County Ordinance 2002-3, known as the Community Planning Ordinance. This ordinance lays out guidelines for developing plans to help traditional and contemporary communities grow with sensitivity and careful consideration to land use consistent with the Sustainable Growth Management Plan. County staff members are available to help. So far, the County has adopted 14 community and district plans:

- Los Cerrillos
- Madrid
- San Pedro
- Santa Fe Northwest Area
- La Cienega
- La Cieneguilla



- Tesuque
- Village of Agua Fria
- Santa Fe Community College District
- Tres Arroyos del Poniente
- San Marcos

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• El Valle de Arroyo Seco Highway Corridor

In 2012, the County initiated work on the Chimayo Community Plan.

routes serving residents in Santa Fe County have seen a steady increase in ridership with particularly significant increases in those routes serving the pueblos and some of the farther, outlying communities. The County and NCRTD are continuing to explore the possibility of expanding the service area for transit to include communities along NM14 which are currently not being served.

# Focus on Community Development 🔩

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Routes have been added to serve the communities of Edgewood and Moriarty in Torrance County as well as Stanley, Galisteo and the National Guard and corrections facility along NM14. The new Edgewood route has been so successful that the service has been expanded from a 15 passenger to a 28 passenger bus.

A total of 10 bus routes serve County residents, all with steadily increasing ridership. To meet demand, the County and NCRTD are exploring the possibility to expanding bus service to serve additional communities along NM14.

# **Other Transportation**

Santa Fe County is a member of the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization, which provides planning and allocates Federal dollars to local transportation projects. The County currently has three projects underway:

- Location Study for North, East and South East Connector planning for a new roadway to provide multi-modal (car, cyclist and pedestrian) access from neighborhoods in the Community College District to Rabbit Road and into the City of Santa Fe, to provide an alternate route to Richards Avenue.
- Improvements to Santa Fe Trail to allow access for pedestrians and cyclists between the City of Santa Fe, the Community College District, Eldorado and its neighboring communities.
- New Mexico Central Rail Trail also to allow access for pedestrians and cyclists between the City of Santa Fe, the Community College District, Eldorado and its neighboring communities.

In addition, the County is collaborating with the City of Santa Fe and the New Mexico Department of Transportation on construction of a new interchange to improve safety at the intersection of NM599 and County Road 62.

# OPEN SPACE, TRAILS AND PARKS



reating a network of cultural, historical, recreational and natural open spaces and trails that benefits current and future generations is the mission of the Santa Fe Open Space and Trails Program. Open space, trails and parks are carefully planned and managed based on current County regulations and requirements as well as cooperative efforts between private entities, nonprofit organizations and government agencies. All spaces are developed with an emphasis on multi-purpose functionality, cost effectiveness, community stewardship and affordable maintenance. Property is acquired through voluntary participation from land owners. Currently, Santa Fe County manages 6,610 acres of open space, 155 acres of parks, and 34 miles of trails. Highlights include:



# **Focus on Community Development**

# **Projects Completed**

La Piedra Open Space Acquisition of 54 acres and trail connection from Dale Ball to Little Tesuque Creek. Working with the Santa Fe Conservation Trust the County has ensured protection of this important property in the foothills of

the Sangre de Cristo Mountains near the Village of Tesuque. As part of the purchase agreement, Santa Fe Conservation Trust is building about 2 miles of trail to connect the Dale Ball Trail network with the County's Little Tesuque Open Space and the Santa Fe National Forest. San Pedro Open Space Acquired 169 acres.

Located along

Hondo just west of Interstate 25, the project

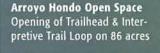
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This open space is located adjacent to public land owned by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and close to the Turquoise Trail, a National

Scenic Byway. The purchase is intended to protect the land from development, provide the opportunity to build a trailhead, and create trails which could eventually connect to the BLM. In addition, the purchase offers space for an interpretive exhibit for the public explaining the history and significance of the Turquoise Trail.

Santa Fe River Greenway Acquired 11.3 acres Situated along the Santa Fe River, this space allows for the extension of the River Trail and restoration work from the State Land Office easment to Cottonwood Village.



completion of the parking lot off Old Agua Fria Road in 2010. More recently, an additional 1.5 mile section of trail was completed, with a total of 3 miles of trail available to hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians. The open space features spectacular views of the Galisteo Basin, surrounding mountain ranges, and the Arroyo Hondo Pueblo, which dates from the 13th century.



Santa Fe Rail Trail 13 Miles of Improved Trail and Burro Lane Park This improved natural surface trail parallels the Santa Fe Southern Railroad beginning at Rabbit Road, near the Santa Fe City boundary, and ends in the

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Village of Lamy. Currently under construction are a pedestrian at -grade crossing of the rail tracks and a 1.7 mile section of the trail between Rabbit Road and the Spur Trail. Both are scheduled to open to the public in June 2012.



Arroyo Hondo Open Space Wetlands Restoration and Lower Parking Area Completed wetlands design specifies restoration upstream of the historic dam on the Arroyo Hondo, with removal of invasive species and planting of native willows and cottonwood. A gravel parking lot will accommodate about eight vehicles with access off Arroyo Hondo Road. SEC CLERK F

# **Focus on Community Development**

Burro Lane Park Sustainable Permaculture and Wildlife Habitat

Neighborhood input was sought to create Burro Lane Park on 3.3 acres just off Quail View Lane near the Silver roundabout on West Alameda Street. Land for the Park was donated by the Bureau of Land Management in the 1960s. Phase I of the Project was completed in 2011. The Park will incorporate permaculture tech-

niques for drainage and water harvesting using natural and regionally appropriate materials and will serve as a natural habitat for birds to forage, nest and live. Observation points and a walking trail will allow visitors to enjoy the view, the wildlife and native wildflowers, grasses and drought-tolerant shrubs and trees. Park facilities also include sheltered picnic areas, a playground and a small parking area with a school bus turnaround.

# El Peñasco Blanco

Open Space 93 Acres of Natural Plants and Trees with Natural Springs This space, adjacent to Rancho de Los Golandrinos, includes springs and seeps in an arroyo that is a tributary to La Cienega Creek, known locally as Los Carrizales. In 2009, the Pojoaque Soil Conservation District staff assisted the Open Space Program in removing nonnative vegetation. In October 2011, the County again partnered with the District to treat and remove the invasive vegetation that had re-sprouted.

Talaya Hill Open Space New Trail Construction Consisting of 290 heavily forested acres in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, this space includes Picacho Peak, just north of Atalaya Mountain near St. John's College, and contains several miles of the Dale

Ball Trail network. About one mile of new trail was constructed in 2011 to connect the Dale Ball Trails to the Atalaya Trail, located on adjacent U.S. Forest Service land to the south.



CONTRACTOR NO.

- Design and request for proposals for South Meadows open space property
- Contracted for the design of Edgewood Open Space property
- Began construction of the Santa Fe River Trail at El Camino Real Park
- · Started planning for the La Bajada Ranch property
- Design phase for river channel restoration at San Ysidro and the river channel between Frenchy's Field and Siler Road

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# Santa Fe Studios – Largest, Most Comprehensive and Significant Local Economic Development Project In County History

A joint public /private economic development project, Santa Fe Studios was initiated with the creation of the film and media district in the County business park to capitalize on the booming film industry around the state and create an anchor for film production in Santa Fe County. A premier film studio was completed in November 2011.



- Phase 1A Construction includes about 76,000 square feet of new buildings, two sound stages about 19,000 square feet each, and a three-story office and production support building
- Job Creation over 160 jobs were supported during the construction period and three full-time positions have been created so far
- Training and Education the Studios will offer hands-on training and education in partnership with Santa Fe Community College and other local higher education institutions
- Economic Contribution the film industry has contributed more than \$750 million in direct and indirect spending in the region since 2003 and continues to be a viable sector of the local economy
- Funding the project received \$10 million economic development grant from State of New Mexico administered through Santa Fe County

# REDI BROADBAND – DELIVERING HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS TO NORTH CENTRAL NEW MEXICO

n August 2010, the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District received \$10.6 million in federal stimulus funds from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) in the U.S. Department of Commerce to develop a high-speed broadband network to serve Rio Arriba County, Los Alamos County, Santa Fe County, the City of Española, and the Pueblos of San Ildefonso, Ohkay Owingeh, Santa Clara, Tesuque and Pojoaque. Construction on the REDI Net project began in 2011 and is scheduled to be complete by the winter of 2012.

REDI Net is a "middle mile network" using fiber optic technology to connect and provide broadband services to community anchor institutions. Initially the project covers approximately 140 miles of fiber optic. It will expand highspeed Internet to more than 120 government institutions, schools and hospitals in Santa Fe, Los Alamos and Rio Arriba counties, as well as in several pueblos and the City of Española.

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# Focus on Community Development

# HOUSING

Santa Fe County Housing Authority's mission is to provide drug-free, safe, decent and sanitary housing to low-income and very low-income families in an environment that fosters selfsufficiency and community pride.

Created in 1972, the Santa Fe County Housing Authority is one of the largest landlords in Santa Fe, currently managing 200 public housing units and 241 Housing Choice Vouchers (previously called Section 8). The Housing Authority also manages a Public Housing Homeownership Program, a Section 8 Homeownership Program, a Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS), and the Capital Fund Program (CFP). The Authority's budget consists of rental income and subsidies provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In 2010 and 2011, the Housing Authority received three awards of recognition from the Southwest Chapter of National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. Other key accomplishments include:

- Maintaining a "high performer" designation for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program
- Maintaining a 100% Utilization Rate for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program; and

- Providing 22 trainings for Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) participants and public housing residents
- Housing 46 families from the public housing waiting list
- Significantly improving the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) physical inspection score by using staff from all over the County for Community
- Implementing Cleanup and Improvement Days at all three housing sites
- Purchasing and renovating the first home an under the Foreclosure Prevention Program
- Collaborating with Food Depot to

provide weekly commodities to public housing residents

 Collaborating with Los Amigos to conduct energy audits and completing energy efficiency upgrades at 38 units and replacement of 86 at public housing units in Santa Cruz

In addition, Santa Fe County completed numerous improvements to public housing units and neighborhoods under the Capital Fund Program and Site Improvement Plan. These improvements included:

• Bathroom remodels on 22 units

# Programs

# **Happy Roof Ordinance**

Enacted in 2011, the Happy Roof Ordinance authorizes the County to provide Housing Assistance Grants for repair or replacement of an existing roof in unincorporated areas. Through a partnership, Los Amigos provides up to \$6,500 in weatherization services when the County schedules roof repair or replacement up to \$10,000. Santa Fe County received 41 applications for assistance, and the County Commissioners funded this program for \$250,000.

# **Inclusionary Zoning**

Approved in January 2012, the current Inclusionary Zoning ordinance reduces the amount of Affordable Housing required on projects by half -- from 30% to 15% of total housing for major projects and from 16% to 8% on a minor project. The impetus for the ordinance change was a 2011 focus group attended by representatives from the developer community, realtors, nonprofit affordable housing agencies, builders and housing advocates on establishing realistic percentages and improving the existing inclusionary zoning ordinance.

# **Down Payment and Developer Subsidy**

This subsidy, approved in 2011, addresses long-term affordability and the Affordable Housing Act and Mortgage Finance Authority compliance by establishing criteria for financial assistance. Two households have received down payment assistance so far for a total of \$40,000.

# **Foreclosure Intervention**

Under a joint resolution, the Board of County Commissioners and Housing Authority have acted to help County residents avoid losing their homes. So far, the County has processed six requests to lower interest rates (and therefore monthly payments), the terms of home loans or both; has purchased two homes to prevent foreclosure; has granted mortgage assistance to one homeowner and has provided financial counseling to about 20 households.

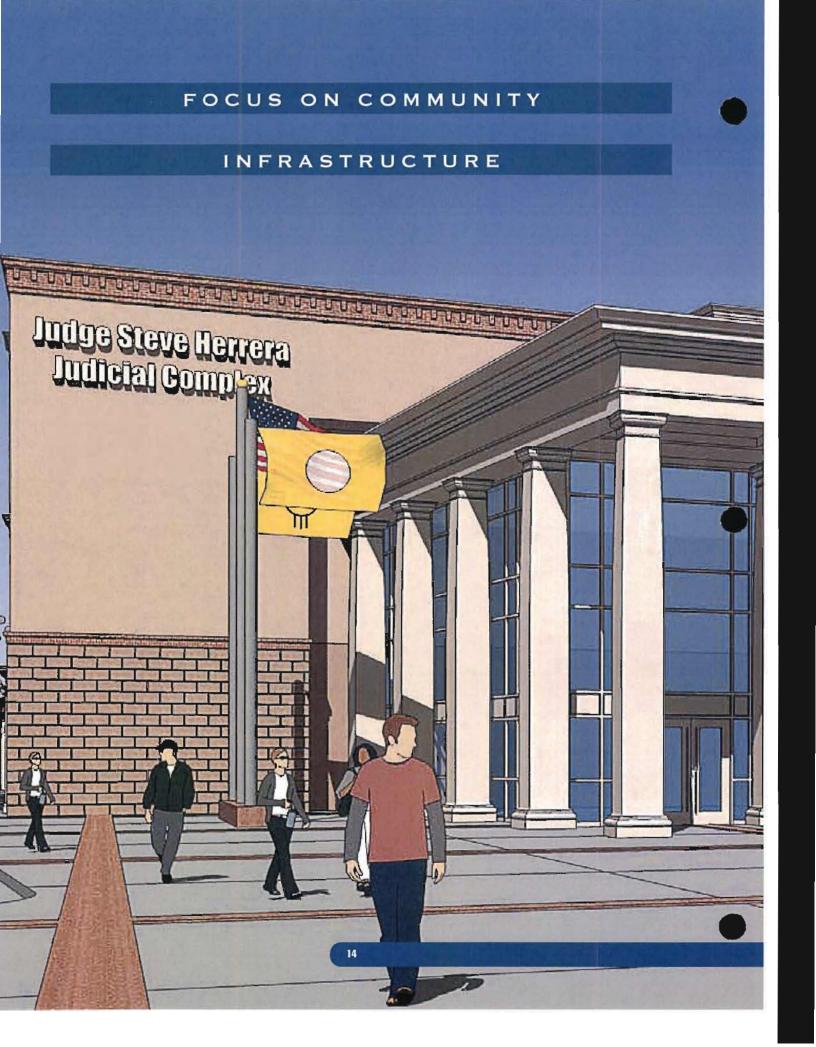
- Asbestos abatement on 13 units
- Re-roofing of 2 duplexes and 3 single family units
- Replacement of 20 refrigerators and 15 stoves
- Replacement of sewer lines for 3 units
  in Santa Cruz
- Landscaping of Camino de Jacobo Housing Phases 2 and 3, including installation of underground sprinkler system; installation of shade structures, picnic tables, benches and trash receptacles; creation of kitchen gardens; and planting 16 different types of orchard and fruit trees, ground cover and shrubs
- Core filling of wall next to acequia in Santa Cruz
- Fencing repair and tree removal at Santa Cruz and Valle Vista

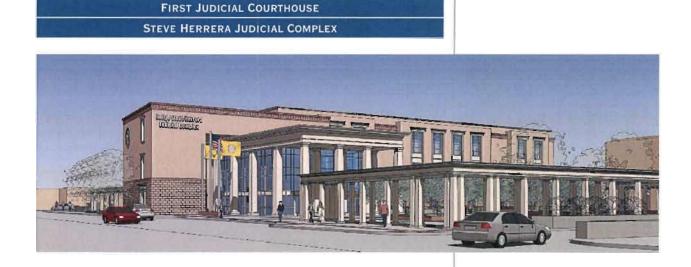
Projects planned for 2012 include sidewalk replacement at all three housing sites, re-stuccoing of some units and replacement of 629 windows and 715 window screens at Valle Vista and Santa Cruz.

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING

he Affordable Housing Program is committed to providing increased affordable housing opportunities to workforce families living within the northern and central area of the County through programs such as the Happy Roof Ordinance, Inclusionary Zoning, Down Payment and Developer Subsidy and Foreclosure Intervention.

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Undoubtedly one of the most visible projects in the County, this project was delayed for an extensive remediation (environmental cleanup) process that will benefit all of downtown Santa Fe. Construction

on the 103,000 square foot complex, which includes eight courtrooms, two public hearing rooms and 150 parking spaces, is scheduled to be complete in December 2012.

Environmental and functional considerations guided design of the Judicial Complex, which will be state-of-the-art and LEED Gold certified when it opens. Specific attention was paid to facility security, including safe vehicle and pedestrian circulation patterns and safe separations of judicial staff, defendants and the public.

Weekly Reports, including photographs and progress summaries, are posted at *www.santafe county.org* under the "Hot Topics" section, listed as "Steve Herrera Judicial Complex."

# Judicial Complex Design Challenges & Achievements LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Certified

- · Water catchment for use in irrigation
- High efficiency heating and cooling
- · Many windows provide natural daylight
- High efficiency water fixtures

# Remediation (Environmental Cleanup)

- Demonstrates Board of County Commissioners' strong commitment to ensure the site is cleaned for the benefit of the community and environment as well as for future generations.
- About 25,000 tons of contaminated soil removed
- About 5.5 million gallons of groundwater treated to remove contaminants
- · About 15,000 gallons of gasoline removed
- Remediation complete ongoing site monitoring will continue through 2014

# Additional Remediation (off site) through New Mexico Environment Department

- Soil vapor extraction system (two units) removed about 21,000 gallons of gasoline so far
- NMED remediation of area outside construction/building site is ongoing and expected to continue through 2014

# Focus on Community Infrastructure

# OSCAR HUBER MEMORIAL BALLPARK



Santa Fe County staff spent

renovating the Oscar Huber Memorial Ballpark Grandstand structure in Madrid to bring it back to its 1920s glory. The grandstand mirrors the original structure, including original beams and



the announcer's booth. The new grandstand was designed to be accurate within three inches of the original, which was thought to have been the first electrically lit ballpark west of the Mississippi River. The grand opening of the ballpark was scheduled to coincide with an annual ball game between the Madrid locals and a group of players from the East Mountains on Memorial Day 2011.

# OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES COMPLETED:

- Paved parking lot and renovations at the Santa Fe County Fair Grounds
- Renovation of Women's Health
  building
- Construction of Esperanza administrative facility
- Renovation of Life Link facility
- Installation of the new electronic sign at the County Fairgrounds
- Renovation of Santa Fe Mountain Center indoor facility
- Community park at the Cerrillos fire station
- Renovation at the Fire Training facility
- Renovation at the County Administration Building (new conference room)

# PROJECTS UNDERWAY:

- Construction of the addition/renovations at the Pojoaque Fire Station
- Renovation of the Nambe Community center
- Renovation of the Rio en Medio Community Center kitchen and food storage area

# AWARD-WINNING PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX

The Santa Fe County Public Works Complex received a 2011 American Institute of Architects Citation Award for Architectural Design based on:

- Energy-efficiency design highlighting environmental awareness and the Board of County Commissioners' commitment to using clean sources of power
- Use of passive and active energy systems, including solar heating, convective natural ventilation and controlled natural light (which also reduce operation and maintenance costs)
- Selection of materials and equipment based on life-cycle value and to minimize environmental impact, including recycled steel and natural finishes

# AWARD-WINNING SOUTH MEADOWS

The South Meadows Roadway, Bridge and Utilities Project was the recipient of the prestigious Award of Merit by Engineering News-Record Southwest for best 2011 roadway projects in a tri-state region. The award, the second highest in the region, was particularly noteworthy because the South Meadows Project had a modest \$3.3 million budget and was competing against projects with budgets of \$30 million or more.

# Focus on Community Infrastructure



he Santa Fe County Public Works Road Division improves the quality of life for residents by maintaining and improving County Roads for the safe and efficient movement of people, goods and services.

Santa Fe County Public Works Department maintains approximately 574 miles of road, including 242 miles of surfaced roads (42%) and 332 miles of un-surfaced roads (58%).

In 2011 the Road Maintenance Department conducted pavement evaluations on all surfaced roads maintained by the County. The roads were rated in compliance with the Federal Highway Administration Transportation Information Center Asphalt PASER Manual, which uses visual inspection to assess pavement surface distress and condition. The PASER Manual assessment data is being used to create a proactive preventive maintenance plan and budget. The goal of the preventive maintenance plan is to lower costs, improve overall pavement conditions and to make roads safer and more enjoyable for driving.

The Department's Cartegraph road maintenance system allows County residents to submit a work request from their computer, monitor the progress of that request and view other requests submitted around Santa Fe County or in a specific area. To submit a work order online residents can visit www.santafecounty.org/public\_ works/road\_concern.

### **Road Projects Constructed in Calendar Year 2011**

# **Agua Fria Reconstruction**

Roadway reconstruction, drainage improvements, curb and gutter, sidewalk January-November 2011 Funding: Bond \$2,471,795

Juan Medina Road Shoulder Widening Shoulder widening and drainage improvements May-October 2011 Funding: Federal Highway Administration \$1,166,704

Santa Fe Studio Improvements New roadway construction, drainage improvements May 2010-August 2011 Funding: State Appropriation \$1,035,331

South Meadows Extension New roadway construction, drainage improvements December 2009-January, 2011 Funding: Bond

Southwest's Best Transportation Project Award of Merit from Engineer New Record In the 2011 Best Projects Competition \$4,261,50





# Road Projects Constructed in Calendar Year 2011 - continued

#### Verano Loop Chip Seal

Reclamation of existing surface and base course, placement of 4-inch new base course, double penetration chip seal along with a fog seal. Roads improved were Verano Loop, Verano Place, Verano Drive, Verano Court, Verano Way, Verano Lane, and a 200-foot portion of Conchas Loop. February- October 2011 Funding: Local Covernment Road Fund (NMDOT 75%; Santa Fe County 25%)

Funding: Local Government Road Fund (NMDOT 75%; Santa Fe County 25%) \$358,000

### Ojo De La Vaca Chip Seal

Reclamation of existing surface and base course, placement of 1"new base course processed with existing reclaimed surface material, magnesium chloride stabilization of base course, double penetration chip seal along with a fog seal. February-October 2011 Funding: Santa Fe County \$74,640

#### Avenida Ponderosa Chip Seal

Reclamation of existing surface and base course, placement of 1"new base course processed with existing reclaimed surface, magnesium chloride stabilization of base course, double penetration chip seal along with a fog seal. February-October 2011 Funding: Santa Fe County \$37,710



#### **Dry Creek Road Tire Bale Project**

Construction of a tire bale retaining wall at two separate locations where erosion was occurring along CR 101D. March-May 2011 Funding: New Mexico State Environmental Department Grant \$105,000

#### Santa Fe County Fairgrounds Paving Project

Construction of a new access to the fairgrounds, paving the fairgrounds parking lot, new drainage improvements, site grading, placement of new 6-inch base course and new 3-inch hot mix asphalt. April 2011 Funding: Santa Fe County \$99,985

### Arroyo De Las Cuevas Chip Seal

Roadway widening, placement of new 4-inch base course, drainage improvements, double penetration chip seal along with a fog seal, drainage improvements including new pipelines, drainage crossings and rip rap and gabion retaining structures. February-October 2011 Funding: Majority – private residents; drainage improvements - Santa Fe County \$92,700

# Focus on Community Infrastructure

# SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING

The Solid Waste Division has been expanding services and stations to provide Santa Fe County residents with safe, sanitary collection and disposal of solid waste as well as educate the public on programs such as waste diversion, waste reduction, recycling, and composting.

Santa Fe County residents can recycle daily waste and green waste for FREE at any transfer station. Green waste is converted to mulch and is free to any resident of Santa Fe County or surrounding counties. The Eldorado, Nambe, Stanley and San Marcos transfer stations also accept anti-freeze for recycling. Special events and dates are scheduled to recycle items such as ewaste and Christmas lights.

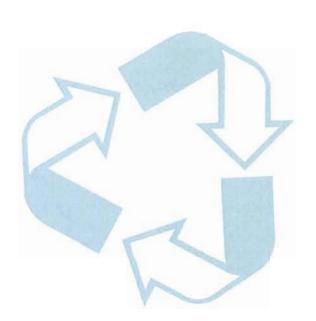
In 2011, Santa Fe County expanded hours of operation at transfer stations

to address the needs of residents by being open during peak days of Friday, Saturday and Sunday and providing access during the lunch hour. All transfer stations are closed Monday and Tuesday except Tesuque, Nambe and San Marcos, which are closed on Thursday. For more information on recycling, accepted items, hours of operation and location maps visit www.santafe county.org/public\_ works/solidwaste.

Santa Fe County's Solid Waste Division received grant funding from the New Mexico Environment Department to address illegal dumping in the County and work with the community on projects such as the Jacona Tire Bale Project, Camel Tracks Fencing Project, and Surveillance Cameras for illegal dumpsites. Grant funding was also provided by New Mexico Clean and Beautiful for education outreach, recycling and beautification projects

# Solid Waste Accomplishments

- Completed construction of a new facility at the San Marcos Transfer station in Fall 2011
- Handled a total of 10,386 tons of mixed solid waste and 2,330 tons of recycling, which equal a recycling rate of more than 18%
- Recycled about 888.71 tons of green waste from Jacona and 188.93 tons of green waste from Eldorado at the Buckman Road Recycle and Refuse Transfer Station
- Recycled about 85.36 tons of landfilled green waste from Jacona and 241.25 tons from Eldorado at the Caja Del Rio Landfill
- Offered residents an additional month (July 2011) to dispose of green waste in Jacona and Eldorado with Fiscal Year 2010 permits
- Placed new recycling bins at San Ildefonso Pueblo and Tesuque Pueblo



# WATER RESOURCES AND UTILITIES

The Santa Fe County Water Resources Division provides safe and reliable water and sewer utility service to its customers in an efficient, responsible manner at fair and reasonable prices with courteous, timely and responsive customer service.

# Aamodt Water Settlement

The Aamodt Water Settlement, approved by the Board of County Commissioners in 2006, resolves the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso and Tesuque and provides financial resources for water infrastructure benefiting the Pojoaque Basin for the pueblos and other Santa Fe County residents.

The settlement, which was also approved by the State of New Mexico, the City of Santa Fe, the pueblos and a number of private parties, was approved by Congress through the enactment of the Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act in 2010. The Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to execute a Cost-Sharing and System Integration Agreement and to acquire a portion of the County's Top of the World water rights in the amount of 1,141 acre-feet for a purchase price of \$5.4 million under the terms of a proposed Cooperative Agreement between the County and the U.S.

# Water Division's accomplishments include:

- Providing regulation-compliant, uninterrupted potable (drinkable) water to Santa Fe County Utilities' customers 24/7, 99.997% of the time
- Assisting rural water systems in the County with issues related to compliance and other technical matters
- Addressing cost commitments associated with Buckman Direct Diversion Project operations, maintenance and repair through a 15% rate increases and identifying other ways of generating revenue
- Nearly doubling Santa Fe County Utilities' customer base by adding 1,380 residential-equivalent customers to the existing base of 1,820 accounts
- Defined a path to achieve Customer Base critical mass (5,000 residential-equivalent customers) by end of Fiscal Year 2015
- Installing a lift station and force main in Valle Vista to replace the failing Treatment Plant, under budget and on time.

The Division also expanded Santa Fe County Utilities infrastructure to reach more people in the designated service area by:

- Decommissioning and permanent closure of Valle Vista Treatment Plant
- Installing about 3 miles of 12" water main on Highway 14 to serve Santa Fe Public School and future customers down to the SDA-1 boundary
- Installing approximately 1 mile of 12" water main in Agua Fria Village, on time and under budget
- Installing approximately 1 mile of 8"gravity sewer main in Agua Fria Village
- Installing approximately 3,300 feet of 8" water line for the Film and Media District
- Installing approximately 1,400 feet of 8" gravity sewer line for the Film Studios
- Installing approximately 1 mile of low pressure sanitary sewer force main on Old Las Vegas Highway
- Installing approximately 200 feet of 8" gravity sewer main on Old Las Vegas Highway
- Installing a 24-hour Automated Bulk Water Dispensing Facility Convenience Center (Ojo de Agua) at 13-B Camino Justica (SFC Public Safety Complex)

Bureau of Indian Affairs. The County will retain the remainder of the Top of the World water rights in the amount of 611 acre-feet to provide additional supply to non-Pueblo County residents in the Pojoaque Basin.

The cornerstone of the settlement is U.S. Bureau of Reclamation construction of a regional water system to provide service to the four pueblos in the amount of 2,500 acre-feet, and to other County residents who elect to connect to the County Water Utility in the amount of up to 1,500 acre-feet.

In 2011, Santa Fe County participated in 16 Aamodt Settlement Implementation Meeting Work Sessions with other parties to refine the settlement agreement and planning process.

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# **Renewable Energy**

Santa Fe County established the Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in 2011 to promote deployment of energy efficiency measures and renewable energy technologies in County facilities and in the residential and commercial sectors to create "green economy" jobs and economic development.

Public outreach, education and technical assistance services are available to all County residents and businesses, including those located within the city limits of Santa Fe, Edgewood, and Española. Encouraging the adoption of costeffective energy efficiency measures by businesses and homeowners will decrease energy utility expenditures while creating locallysourced clean energy jobs. Money saved through energy efficiency stays in the local economy and contributes to overall (not just clean energy-related) job creation.

# **Identifying Cost Savings**

In 2011, the Office of Renewable Energy saved the County \$64,000 by reviewing PNM bills, determining PNM was incorrectly charging the county Gross Receipts Tax on about 58 bills.

Of the \$64,000 in refunds, \$45,000 will be spent on making lighting, heating and cooling improvements to reduce energy consumption in County facilities, and \$9,000 will go to a cost-benefit analysis of green building standards. About \$6,000 will be spent on newspaper, radio and directmail public education campaigns, and \$3,500 will fund lighting, heating and cooling materials and supplies installed at County facilities. The remainder will be used for postage and miscellaneous expenses.

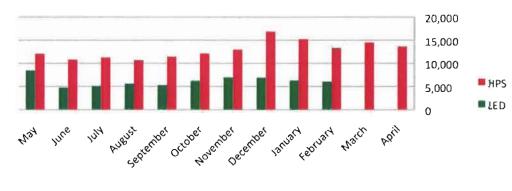
# ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT

S anta Fe County was awarded a \$475,000 grant by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department with funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for three energy efficiency projects.

# Installation of 100 LED Streetlights

Under the first project, Santa Fe County replaced 100 highpressure-sodium 250-watt and 400watt HPS streetlights at 11 Countymaintained intersections on NM599 and on US 285 near Eldorado with 120-watt, light emitting diode (LED) streetlights. In addition to providing higher-quality illumination and reduced energy use and operating cost, the LED streetlights last three to four times as long, requiring less ongoing maintenance and expense. This project,

# Santa Fe County LED Streetlight Energy Use 11 Intersections - 100 Luminaires (kWh/mo)



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which cost \$120,000, was substantially completed in mid-May 2011. It will save Santa Fe County \$9,000 a year in reduced utility expenses and an estimated additional \$8,000 a year in reduced direct costs for HPS lamp replacement and maintenance. The savings are charted below.

# **GIS Route Optimization**

For the second project, the Santa Fe County Geographic Information System (GIS) Division worked with a contractor to develop a "routable" roads network" from its GIS road layer that includes attributes on speed limits, one way and limited turn status. The GIS Division updates this layer daily to keep it kept current. Santa Fe County purchased commercial, off-the-shelf software, "ArcLogistics," that utilizes this County routable roads network to analyze the optimum route and calculate expected travel time given a list of addresses. The software outputs this optimum route with turn-by-turn directions and trip details. This software is installed on a virtual PC that can be accessed by any authorized user from Santa Fe County network. It has been demonstrated to some business units, and in spring 2012 will be provided to any interested Santa Fe County office for their use.

# Energy Audits and Building Energy Improvements

To implement the final project, Santa Fe County hired a professional engineering firm to perform energy audits at eight County Building Complexes to analyze the Santa Fe County Youth Development Center

- Lighting, heating and cooling retrofits at the Santa Fe County Law Center
- Replacement of the Domestic Water Heater at Youth Development Center

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energy use and recommend costeffective energy saving measures. Completed in November 2011, the audit identified more than \$750,000 in energy-saving measures. Some projects required significant professional design and could not be completed within the grant period.

As a result of the audit and with care taken to increase the associated operation and maintenance benefits, Santa Fe County implemented the following energy efficiency projects:

 Lighting retrofits at the Santa Fe County Health Center, Santa Fe County Administration Building, and

- Air Distribution Test, Adjustment and Balance (TAB) Services at the Santa Fe County Health Complex, Santa Fe County Women's Health Building and Santa Fe County Law Center to correct deficiencies in the air distribution system, improve occupant comfort and reduce energy needed for heating and cooling
- Replacement of Inefficient Rooftop HVAC Units at the Santa Fe County Women's Health Complex with ENERGY-Star Certified units





#### PREVENTING DWI

#### **CADDy (Chauffer And Designated Driver) Program**

The newest program aimed at reducing the DWI rate and number of offenders and raising awareness, CADDy provides safe transportation through Capital City Cab to adults from their residences to any location or back within the Santa Fe City limits for \$5 for 1-2 people and \$10 for 3 or more people. CADDY operates from 5:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Cabs are available outside City limits at regular rates to destinations within City limits.

CADDy Rides	Provided	
Fiscal Year 2010	Rides Provided 8,897 rides	0-0
2011	12,975 rides (46% increase)	995-9528

#### DWI COMPLIANCE UNIT

S anta Fe County funds three Compliance officers who completed screenings for 471 offenders from Magistrate and District Court in 2011, and tracked compliance for 1,008 DWI offenders as well as 350 DWI offenders who completed all Court-ordered sanctions.

#### Santa Fe County DWI Statistics 2002-2011

- Alcohol-involved fatal and injury crashes decreased by 46% from 166 in 2002 to 89 in 2011
- Alcohol-involved crashes decreased by 39% from 322 in 2002 to 196 in 2011
- Of the 421 people convicted of DWI in Santa Fe County in 2011, 56% were first-time convictions
- DWI arrests increased by 13% from 257 in 2010 to 291 in 2011
- Alcohol-involved fatalities decreased by 50% from 20 in 2010 to 10 in 2011

Source: Produced for the NMDOT Traffic Safety Bureau by the Division of Government Research, University of New Mexico.

#### Other DWI Prevention Programs & Initiatives

## Protecting You Protecting Me

1,051 Pojoaque School 4th & 5th graders participated multiple times

# Student Wellness Action Teams (SWAT)

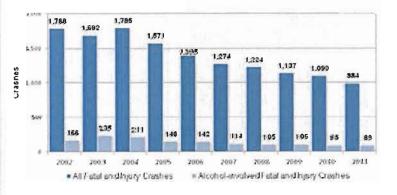
9 Teams with 150 high school students served over 1,700 peers in addition to poster campaigns and social networking that reached thousands more

# United Artists Digital Theater Ads

12 rotating anti-DWI and underage drinking ads shown twice at beginning of every movie on 14 screens, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (2,300 hits per day)

#### **Curriculum Infusion Project**

337 Santa Fe Community College students in 10 classes participated in various DWI prevention projects last semester



# HEALTHCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (INDIGENT FUND)

unded by the County's Gross Receipts Tax and administered by the Board of County Commissioners in their capacity as the Indigent Hospital and Health Care Board, the Healthcare Assistance Program provides financial assistance to medically underserved residents to pay health care costs. The Program processed 6,357 approved claims for \$5,619,264.92 for calendar year 2011 for care provided by clinics, substance abuse treatment providers, ambulance services, and mental health providers within Santa Fe County and City of Santa Fe; as well as by hospitals in Albuquerque, Española, and CHRISTUS/St. Vincent Hospital in Santa Fe.

# MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM

The Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners appoints volunteers and advisors to serve on the Maternal and Child Health Council, which was established in 1991 by state legislation and is funded by the New Mexico Department of Health. The Council plans, coordinates and supports sustainable community-based programs, infrastructure and funding resources that have a positive and lasting impact on the health and well-being of women of childbearing age and their families. The Maternal and Child Health Program distributed 1,469 English and Spanish "Welcome Baby Packets" containing resources and other information to CHRISTUS\St. Vincent Hospital for expectant

mothers and their families. The Maternal Child Health Council also maintains a resource directory in English and Spanish for families which can be found throughout the County 2,935 directories were distributed in 2011.

# MOBILE HEALTH CARE VAN

The Santa Fe County Mobile Health Van (MHV) provides FREE health services including blood pressure screening, oxygen assessment, blood glucose screening, total cholesterol screening, flu vaccines, and BMI (Body Mass Index) testing as well as health information in English and Spanish to all County residents.

The MHV travels all over the County to provide care and distribute printed information on community health centers, dental providers, eye care providers and behavioral health providers, as well as the Santa Fe County Prescription Discount Card. The MHV also promotes healthy behaviors, provides health education and targets communities at risk for health disparities to improve overall health outcomes.



The Mobile Health Care Van



The Santa Fe County Mobile Health Van (MHV) provides FREE health services

#### Santa Fe County MHV Statistics January-December 2011

Total Visitors	2,248	
Blood Pressure Checks	1,610	
Blood Glucose Checks	1,459	
Adult Influenza Vaccines	904	
Referrals to healthcare providers		
or community services	163	
Prescription Discount Cards 600 +		

# DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION CARD PROGRAM

ll Santa Fe County residents can receive a free discount prescription card under the Coast2Coast Rx card program, which saves an estimated average of 50 percent on the retail cost of prescriptions. The Santa Fe County Health and Human Services Division launched the program by distributing 3,000 "Coast2Coast" prescription cards in September 2011 at the Burning of Zozobra. The Coast2Coast Rx discount card is honored at all major chain pharmacies and most independent pharmacies in Santa Fe, and includes more than 60,000 drugs in its formulary.

In addition to the prescription discounts, the card also provides as much as a 50 percent discount on dental, vision and hearing care and between 50-80 percent discounts for lab and imaging tests. The cards may be used locally and nationwide at any participating retail pharmacy with no membership fees or restrictions on the frequency of use. A cardholder, their family and their pet may use the card as often as needed. Family members, including all dependents, can also use the card.

The discount prescription card can be downloaded

from the Santa Fe County website: http://www.santafecounty.org/community\_services/hhsd. The card is also available at pharmacies and offices around Santa Fe County.

A comparison of Coast2Cost Rx shows the new program provides

Success of Santa Fe Discount Prescription Card Program September 2011- January 2012		
Total Qualifying Prescription	s 4,016	
Average Savings	41.6%	
Total Amount Saved	\$140,754.22	

# **Comparison Between Leading County Cards**

New Santa Fe County Former Santa Fe Coast 2 Coast Rx Program County Rx Pro-Cost to County FREE FREE Cost to Residents FREE FREE Card Covers an Entire Family YES YES 24% Average Savings 45% Some Pet Medications Covered YES NO **Distributes Cards to County** Pharmacies YES NO Includes Additional Benefits YES Up to 60% Discount on Lab Services Up to 70% on X-Ray, MRI and Imaging Services Up to 25% on Doctor's Visits Up to 50% on Dental Services Up to 50% on Vision Services Up to 80% on Surgical Centers Up to 15% on Hearing Care Services Up to 10% on Diabetic Care Services and Supplies Up to 10% on Vitamins and Daily **Living Products** Up to 65% on Medical Bill Help None

more savings and benefits to Santa Fe County residents.





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#### SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM

In July 2011 Santa Fe County reached a milestone it had been working toward for years by seamlessly transitioning five County Senior programs from the City of Santa Fe to Santa Fe County. The County now provides meal delivery, congregate (group) meal service and senior transportation through 18 qualified staff members at four centers in the northern part of the County (El Rancho, Chimayo, Santa Cruz, Rio En Medio), one center in the southern part of the County (Edgewood) and the center in Eldorado.

#### Six-Month Statistics for Santa Fe County Senior Services Program

- 10,877 home delivered meals daily to 95 eligible homebound seniors
- 12,168 congregate meals daily to 788 eligible seniors
- 2,998 one-way trips for medical and other appointments, prescription pickups and assorted errands for eligible seniors

# TEEN COURT

Started 1994, Teen Court supports the philosophy of breaking the cycle of behavior leading to criminal activity to keep teens out of Children's Court and the Youth Detention Center. Designed for first-time offenders, the Court offers alternative sentencing and is run for teens by teens, including volunteer Teen Attorneys. Teens are referred from Municipal and Magistrate Courts as well as the Juvenile Probation and Parole Office and the Santa Fe Public Schools.

Misdemeanor sentencing consists of Community Service, serving jury duties, mandatory DWI Prevention Class, well-thought-out letters of apology and includes educational components such as Shoplifting Intervention Class (SIC), Substance Abuse Program (SAP), Middle School Parent Involvement Program (PIP), and, more recently, Strategies for Teen Anger Management Program (S.T.A.M.P.) and the Graffiti Clean-Up Project.

All substance abuse cases include assessment, drug testing, possible counseling, and classes. Teen Court offers a Family Night presentation on how substances affect the growing brain and includes a "Realty Program" visit to the Youth Detention Center.

A Traffic Court exists for teens who have traffic violations, with sentencing options including community service, serving jury duties, mandatory DWI Prevention Class, and, if necessary, a defensive driving course and letter of apology. Once a teen completes his/her sentence, the charges are dismissed from his/her record and do not affect insurance costs.

Teen Court has served 7,423 teens and families since its inception. This year, the Teen Court Program enhanced its Middle School Parent Involvement Class, launched a Fresh Start Truancy Program, and completed a Recidivism Study to determine its effectiveness.





# FOCUS ON COMMUNITY SAFETY



#### FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The mission of the Santa Fe County Fire Department is to provide high quality fire, rescue and emergency medical services to the citizens and visitors of Santa Fe County through a combination of paid staff and dedicated volunteers. Formed in 1997 by consolidating 15 volunteer fire districts and the former Office of the County Fire Marshal, the Department protects approximately 1,900 square miles of unincorporated area as well as the incorporated Town of Edgewood. Within these borders, the Department provides protection to about 76,000 residents living in 27,500 homes as well as several million square feet of commercial development.

Santa Fe County is also home to four Pueblos – Nambe, Pojoaque, Tesuque, and San Ildefonso - which rely on the Santa Fe County Fire Department for emergency services.

The Department maintains 32 fire stations countywide including five staffed regional stations and one staffed substation, as well as an extensive inventory of 188 vehicles including fire and EMS response equipment as well as command and support vehicles.



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# REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (RECC)

The Santa Fe Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) provides 24/7/365 Dispatch and Communications services for all law enforcement, fire, emergency services and animal control agencies within the County and City of Santa Fe, as well as the police department and animal control office in the Town of Edgewood.

Created and supported by a joint effort between Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe, the Center's staff of 49 professionals has been performing its crucial public safety duties as a combined regional dispatch/911 operations center since 2002. The RECC utilizes the latest communications technology available, including a Computer-Aided Dispatch system, GPS and cell-tower-assisted mapping, and reverse 911 notification systems. Annually, the Center fields more than 315,000 calls for service from the public and dispatches more than 185,000 calls to client agencies.

RECC operators are cross-trained on all law enforcement, fire and emergency medical systems, and are certified as Police Radio Dispatchers through the State of New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy. They are also licensed on state and national levels as Emergency Medical Dispatchers through the State of New Mexico EMS Bureau and the National Academies of

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#### Fire Department and Emergency Management Accomplishments for 2011

- · Responded to 7,663 emergency calls
- · Completed one Cadet Academy with 6 graduates
- Completed two Volunteer Fire Academies with 40 graduates
- · 4 graduates of Santa Fe Community College Paramedic Program
- Continued testing including 70+ Occupational Safety and Health Administration/ Department of Transportation physicals and 100 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus fit tests; 115,000 feet of hose testing; 2,100 feet of ground ladder testing
- Obtained grant funding for 12 staff to attend a Certified peer Fitness Trainer course
- Currently developing a health and wellness program relating to Fire Firefighter Occupational Disease Act
- Provided continuing education classes on Multi-story Strategy and Tactics, Highway Safety Response, Flammable and Combustible Emergencies, Technical Rescue Awareness and Wild land Firefighting
- Acquired 120 new SCBA into field use
- Improved the emergency response fleet by acquiring three pumper trucks (Hondo District E1, Agua Fria District E1, and Turquoise Trail District E1); two more pumper trucks currently on order (Edgewood E1, La Cienega E1); and new EMS Officer Command Vehicle



#### Administration

- · Completed new station construction at Rancho Viejo Fire Station
- · Completed remodel of Pojoaque Fire Station
- Completed remodel and addition at the La Tierra Station 3 serving Las Campanas, La Tierra, the 599 corridor and Tano Road areas. Also added a new fire truck
- Insurance Services Office (ISO) improved Chimayo Fire District from ISO 9-10 to 6-8B, Edgewood from ISO 7 to 6 and Pojoague Fire 7 to 6
- Purchased apparatus for fire districts.

# **Fire Prevention**

- Inspected 125 businesses and schools
- Conducted 168 Development Reviews
- Issued 98 Burn Permits
- Reviewed 42 lot line/ Family Transfers
- 6 Special Event Use Permits and Reviews
- 47 Sprinkler and Alarm and Hood Reviews and Inspections
- · 14 Movie Set Review and Permits
- 8 Water systems and extension reviews and testing
- Public education presentations in 13 schools reaching 3,000 students
- Six preschool presentations reaching 120 children
- 15 Fire Safety House/Public Safety presentations
- 18 Adult presentations
- 23 Work Place Fire Safety and Fire Extinguisher trainings
- 2,908 Fire Hydrants Tested and inspected

#### **Volunteer Firefighters**

- Recruited 100 new volunteers
- Conducted two volunteer academies providing 180 hours of training to more than 30 new members
- Developed and published a new member guide





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- Mentored 10 youth in wildland firefighting and hazardous fuel reduction for six months
- Conducted community outreach meetings to educate and inform the public on the dangers of wildland fire and home protection.
- Successfully suppressed 25 wildland fires in Santa Fe County and 4 outside the County in support of other agencies
- 45-50 acres of hazardous fuel reduction
- 916 homes and properties assessed for Firewise compliance
- Provided training for career and volunteer staff on wildland fire suppression

#### Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility Bookings Releases

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2011 Booking Intakes	2011 Releases	
Length of Stay	Number of Stays	Percentage
0-24 hours	1,951	21.04%
1-7 days	4,490	48.42%
8-14 days	665	7.17%
15-30 days	801	8.64%
31-90 days	851	9.18%
90 plus days	515	5.55%
TOTAL	9, 273	100.00%

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Emergency Medical Dispatch. Prearrival medical direction is given by operators using appropriate protocols. This year the RECC is applying for Medical Dispatch accreditation through the National Academies of Emergency Dispatch.

#### **CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

he Santa Fe County Corrections Department was created in January 2004 when privately-run facilities were transferred to County operation. The Department provides oversight of all County correctional programs including the Youth Development Program, the Electronic Monitoring Program and the Adult Correctional Facility. The Corrections Department is committed to providing a safe, secure, and humane environment with a variety of services to assist individuals who are in detention. whether they are sentenced to a County facility or awaiting transport, trial or sentencing.

A staff of about 320 professionals provides supervision of approximately 775 men, women, and youth offenders detained on a daily basis in Santa Fe County. The Public Safety Director collaborates daily with the Santa Fe County Jail Team on issues regarding the facilities, the detainees and the organizations served by the facilities and programs. The Department works closely with law enforcement agencies, the courts, the Public Defender's Office, the District Attorney's Office, the New Mexico Department of Children Youth and Families and the community to provide a wide range of services to meet the needs of Santa Fe's incarcerated population.

# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Santa Fe County Youth Development Program is dedicated to changing the lives of youth by providing

a safe, secure, structured, caring and learning environment to help our youth become productive members of society through meaningful interaction and role modeling to instill the character traits of honesty, respect. and responsibility.

The Program provides detention services for incarcerated youth and about 40

pre-adjudicated youth from Santa Fe, surrounding counties, pueblos, and the U.S. Marshals Service. Also hosted is the Day Reporting Program in which the judiciary and juvenile probation officers can request placement for youth who require some supervision but not full court-ordered detention. Participants in the Day Reporting Program receive educational services, a variety of in-house programming and a myriad of volunteer services.

ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM

By utilizing the latest technology to monitor assigned offenders, Santa Fe County is committed to assisting the courts in making a difference by providing an inexpensive, non-intrusive alter-

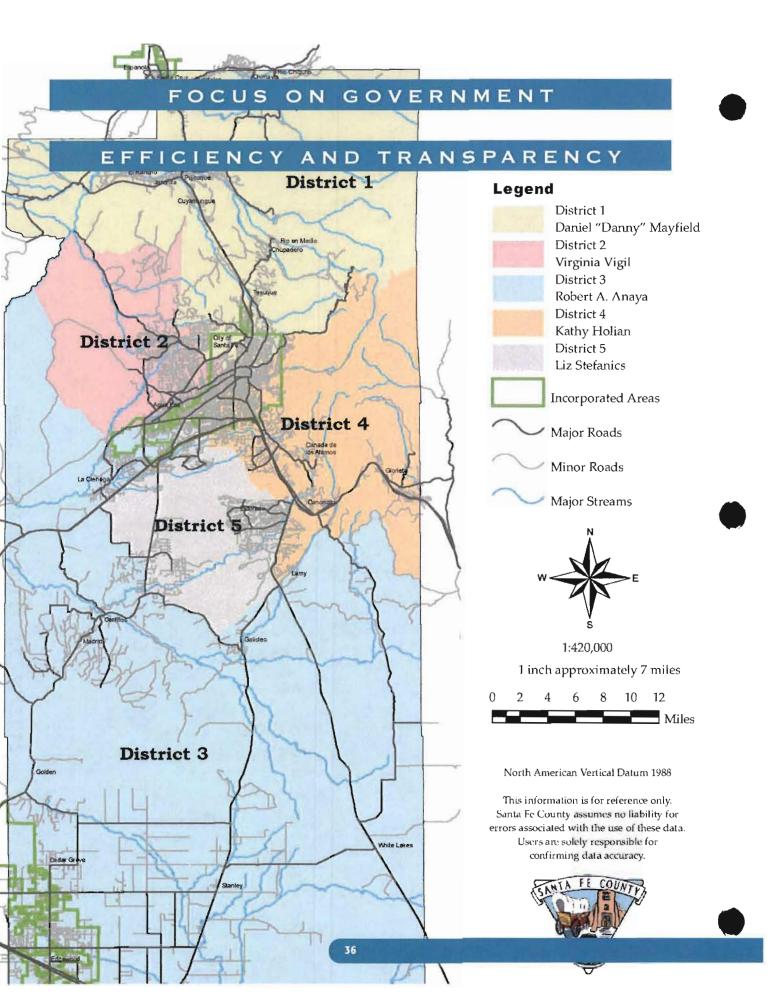
native to traditional sentencing and incarceration.

Electronic Monitoring (EM) is provided to juvenile and adult offenders who have demonstrated to the courts that they can be effectively monitored within the community instead of being incarcerated. This allows them to live at home and continue to work and/or attend school on an approved, electroni-

cally monitored schedule. In addition, program participants are frequently required to submit to drug and/or alcohol tests. Their compliance with the program is directed, monitored and evaluated by EM Case Managers who report to the courts. At any given time, about 175 people are enrolled in the EM Program.

The Corrections Department is committed to providing a safe, secure, and humane environment





#### REDISTRICTING

S anta Fe County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) staff accomplished the redistribution of County Commission District boundaries, a monumental task in 2011. Redistricting is required by the United States Constitution to be undertaken once every ten years based on the federal count of population to ensure that voting citizens are protected by having equal representation. Santa Fe County accomplished this task with no additional money spent on contractors or staff.

GIS staff carefully analyzed the 2010 Census data and generated multiple possibilities of redrawn district boundaries to comply with Federal law requiring equal representation of citizens and communities. Staff presented the multiple options to the Board of County Commissioner (BCC) and public during several BCC meetings. In addition the information was made available on the county website. In total over 50 different options were created and presented.

For more redistricting information visit www.santafecounty.org/county\_ commissioners/redistricting.

#### IMPLEMENTING PERFORMANCE BASED BUDGETING

S anta Fe County has started the transition into a performance-based/results accountable method of budgeting pursuant to Board of County Commissioners Resolution 2011-24. Many governmental entities have taken this step in response to the economic downturn. This type of budgeting focuses on outcomes and ensures that government is responding to the needs and priorities of the community by utilizing scarce resources only on those services that lead to achieving desired results.

In general, this shift to a more transparent and accountable government produces results that benefit the public. The first phase in implementing this type of budgeting has been to clearly define the functions and desired outcome within each organizational unit in the County. The functions will then be compared to the priorities of the community and resources will be allocated to best achieve those priorities. Measuring progress towards desired outcomes in these priority areas will focus on three questions:

- 1) How much did we do?
- 2) How well did we do it?
- 3) Is anyone better off?

Citizen input is a key part of this process. Santa Fe County will rely on the re-

sults of a citizen survey as well as ongoing input provided to Commissioners as they serve their constituents. Additional citizen input mechanisms will be explored for future phases of performance budgeting.

#### TRANSPARENCY

Following an independent audit of Santa Fe County transparency from the League of Women Voters, the County began not only working toward meeting minimum requirements, but also to exceed requirements by readily providing information. The Santa Fe County website became the primary information outlet, so County staff worked to meet nationally established transparency goals.

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In 2012, Santa Fe County received a Sunshine Award for its website from the national nonprofit Sunshine Review (www.sunshinereview.org). Santa Fe County earned the top grade of A+ from the organization, which reviewed and analyzed more than 6,000 before selecting only 214 of those sites for the award. Over a two-year period Santa Fe County improved its original Dgrade to an A+. During the last year, the County has increased transparency through a new Sunshine Section with the following information:

- Employee salaries and position titles
- Checkbook register for every disbursement over the past two years, searchable by check date, vendor name, account number or amount

# Focus on Government Efficiency and Transparency

• Continuously updated database of Santa Fe County contracts executed after 2009, including change orders, Memorandums of Understandings (MOUs) and Memorandums of Agreements (MOAs)

The Sunshine Section also has links to other information already available on the website, including:

- · Full calendar of events and agendas
- Santa Fe County boards and committees, minutes, agendas and packet material
- · Video and audio on demand archives
- Santa Fe County budget, financial reporting with auditors' reports and financial presentations
- Top Transparency Website in 2012

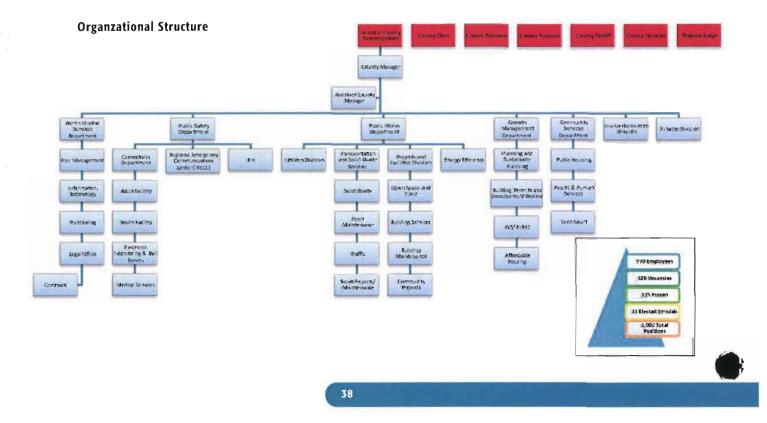
- · Ordinances and Resolutions
- Current bid solicitations
- Submission for Public Document Record Request
- News and Announcements

Santa Fe County uses multiple social media outlets to disseminate information including a Facebook page, Twitter account, Nixle account, weekly radio show and County Connection television show. The County is currently working on a mobile website to allow individuals to view information on devices such as smart phones, iPhones and iPads.

#### REORGANIZATION

In 2011 Santa Fe County was reorganized to create new departments that allowed divisions with similar missions, common projects and interconnecting goals to be together. Department structures were reviewed, staff duties were realigned according to strengths, and weaknesses were identified and addressed. Divisions with common functions were grouped together to create stronger departments, which opened lines of communication, coordinated resources and centralized core functions.

A new Public Safety Department was created using vacancies in the Fire and Corrections Departments. The County's two largest departments, Public Safety and Public Works, were given a business manager to oversee budget, procure-



# **Human Resources Trainings**

Regular	66	
Wellness	8	
Safety	25	
Supervisory series	18	
Financial	8	

#### Highlights of Savings in Fiscal Year 2011

Action	Savings
Hard freeze all positions	\$1,100,000
Eliminate ALL travel & seminars	\$198,000
Reduce/eliminate cell phones	\$28,000
Reduce/eliminate take home vehicles	\$3,000
Reduce salaries of employees earning \$80,000 or more a year by 3%	\$113,000
Change employee uniform vendor	\$37,000
Cut temporary and casual employees	\$23,000
Reduce or terminate contract services	\$50,000
Restructure satellite offices	\$26,000
Non-personnel related cuts proposed by divisions/departments on	
Proportional basis	\$950,000

# Actions taken included:

- Salary and benefits budgeted down \$4,200,000
- · Travel budgeted down \$603,000 (excluding gas and oil)
- Maintenance budgeted down \$993,000 (excluding vehicle maintenance)
- Contracted services budgeted down \$257,000
- Supplies budgeted down \$558,000
- · Other operating costs budgeted down \$4,200,000
- · Capital projects budgeted down \$1,900,000

In Fiscal Year 2012 the following additional budget cuts were made for an even greater budget reduction of \$5,466,000!

- tive leave by 47% from calendar year 2010 to calendar year 2011, equaling a savings of about \$192,900
- Within the scope of the contract for pre-employment screenings, reduced the wait time for new hires from 1-3 hours to 30 minutes
- On-site random screenings for safety sensitive positions increased productivity and reduced the wait time from 1-3 hours when random screenings were being done at the medical facility to 5-20 minutes, equaling savings of about \$8,846 from July 2011-February 2012

**Highlighted Accomplishments** 

to achieve further savings)

Developed an electronic Action Form

process that saved about \$12,770 as of March 2012 (Currently developing

electronic processes for other forms

Streamlined disciplinary and investigative process to reduce administra-

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Action	Savings
Reorganize County Manager's Office	\$39,000
Renegotiate property leases	\$110,000
Restructure health programs	\$4,750,000
Change method of budgeting countywide personnel costs	\$328,000
"Sanding" of County budgets across the board	\$239,000

# Focus on Government Efficiency and Transparency

ment, accounting and planning for all program areas in order to create greater fiscal responsibility and accountability. This will instill strong financial controls in the County's largest and most significant budget areas.

#### COST SAVINGS

To deal with a struggling economy Santa Fe County has worked diligently to make significant cuts to its annual budget. In the Fiscal Year 2011 Final Budget, the County took action to make \$2,528,000 in reductions.

# HUMAN RESOURCES/ EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

The Santa Fe County Human Resources Department continues to work toward sustaining Human Resources, furthering efficiencies and improving employee morale through increasing employee trainings, educational opportunities, automated action forms, and revamping routine functions to significantly reduce costs.

The College for Working Adults Program, in collaboration with Santa Fe Community College, helps employees obtain Associate's degrees. Seven employees will receive their Associate's degrees in Accounting in May 2012. An additional 16 employees benefited from the Tuition Assistance Program, which helps fund further education.

#### UNION CONTRACTS

This year union negotiations with AFSCME, CWA-Corrections, CWA-RECC, and CWA-Sheriff Deputies were successfully completed. Wage openers for AF-SCME and CWA-Corrections were also successfully completed.

### **PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE CHANGES**

n Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Santa Fe County worked toward strengthening procurement procedures, increasing transparency and reestablishing public trust. Ordinance 2010-8 was passed as an emergency ordinance to reform the County's procurement practices with respect to road and building construction projects to ensure projects were properly designed, constructed and completed within budget. In addition the Ordinance ensures that projects are contracted only after a fair and transparent procurement process is followed.

Additional recommended improvements to this ordinance and the overall procurement process are being considered by the Board of County Commissioners in the spring of 2012. The emergency Ordinance was just the first of many changes implemented at Santa Fe County.

#### Key Procedure Changes in Accounts Payable

- Trainings conducted for signature authorization to clearly define the role of the creator, requestor and buyer
- Signature authorization training to clearly define roles by department and division
- · Creation of authorization forms
- Creation of master listing of all department-authorized signatures for Finance and Procurement use
- · 14 trainings held specific to Accounts Payable with additional workgroups
- Revamping of requisition and payment processes, outlining need for at least three separate, authorized staff to be involved in each purchase/payment transaction

#### **New Procurement New Procedures**

• Purchasing staff works with their assigned departments to implement new

# Focus on Government Efficiency and Transparency

buying/signature authority thresholds for procurement staff authorization

- Requisition must have signatures of 3 different authorized staff members (creator, requester, and approver) and purchasing and finance has signature authorization forms for each department
- An Internal Purchase Request (IRP) or request in writing must be turned in with each requisition
- All required backup is needed for the purchase (emails, contracts, agenda, etc.), including responses from NM Abilities for any type of services (per NM State Use Act)
- Detailed description of purchase must be on the Requisition for processing and verification and so that the request is placed against the correct budget line item
- Purchases being used against a contract/agreement (SFC, State, County) require purchasing audits of each item to assure the Department follows the contract accordingly

#### AUDIT

Santa Fe County has proudly maintained an unqualified or "clean" opinion for its audit for the past 14 years and strives to reduce existing audit findings and minimize any new findings. In previous years, the County had several recurring findings that were eliminated in the FY 2011 audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). A significant finding focused on decentralized accounting and accounting transactions that originated outside the Finance Division. The County successfully centralized accounting functions to eliminate this and five other findings in Fiscal Year 2011 and also improved internal controls and processes. Most importantly, the County comsustaining ongoing operations while the County identified and made needed alterations to its structure, culture and philosophy.

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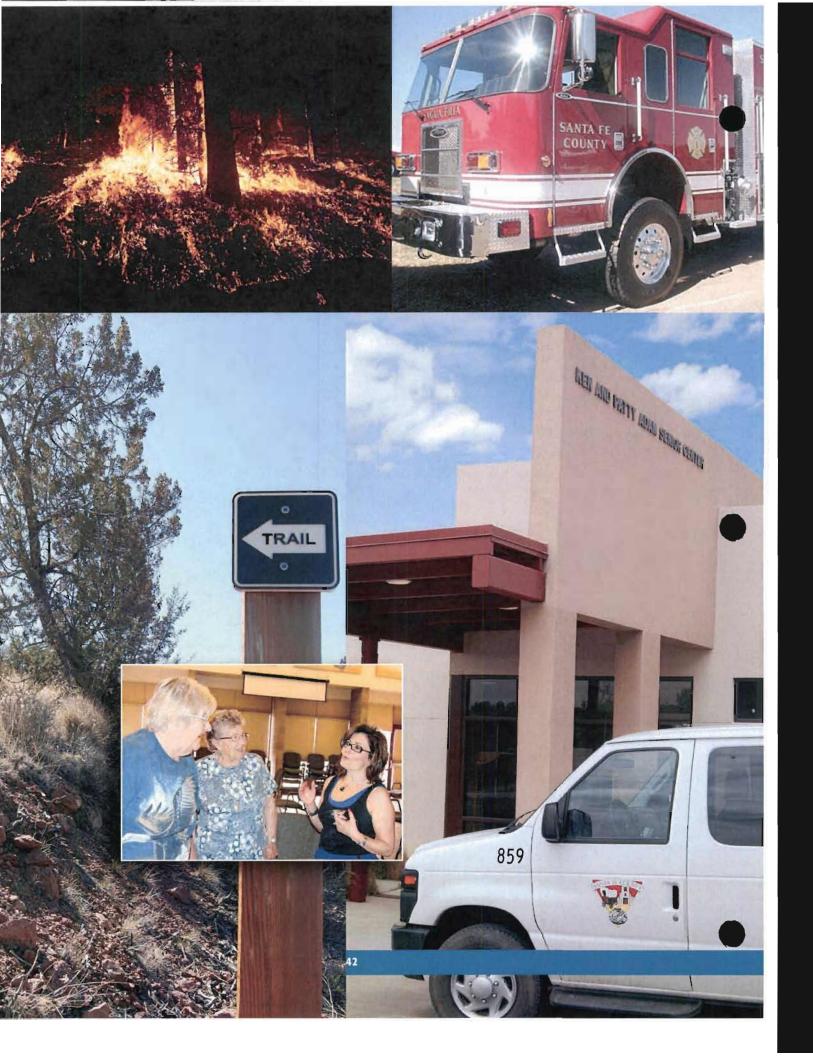
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pleted its first-ever Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

# BUDGET

Development of the annual budget in a challenging economy resulted in the difficult task of managing and improving the budget process. In FY 2011 the Final Budget required a use of approximately \$16 million in cash reserves as a short-term strategy for strict cutbacks and countywide coordination and participation, Santa Fe County was able to balance the FY 2012 budget by using just \$4.8 million in cash reserves for operations — evidence that the strategy utilized the previous fiscal year was successful.

Moving forward, the County is strengthening its long-term financial planning tools and resources for capital projects and imple-



menting performance-based budgeting with a focus on goals, objectives, evidence and results to lead to learning and improvement, enhanced accountability, and ultimately to better results for the public.

In conjunction with daily and annually budget tasks the Finance Department improved audits and increased financial transparency. The Financial section of the website has received special praise for the extensive amount of current and previous information. To view the Santa Fe County budget, presentations, monthly cash flow analysis, Auditor reports and more, visit www.santafecounty/finance.org.

# BOND RATING

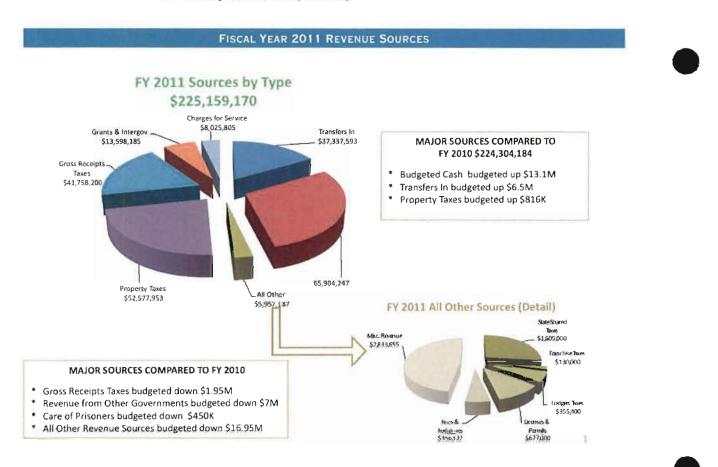
Santa Fe County is proud to have recently been assigned 'AA+' and 'AAA' ratings by Standard & Poor's and Moody's, respectively. The County has maintained these very favorable ratings due to solid financial operations and strong reserves. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and County management have strived to maintain the state-mandated level of reserves and an additional BCC mancreased. This has enabled the County to maintain programmatic service delivery within a balanced budget. The County's next GO Bond election is scheduled for November 2012 with an estimated amount of \$30 million to be sold in two series. The County is

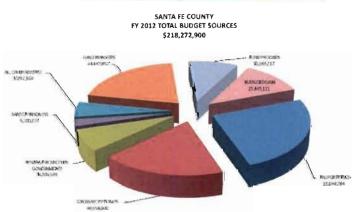
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dated budget contingency reserve despite the economic downturn. The County's revenues are primarily comprised of property taxes and gross receipts taxes, and the County has reduced the budget accordingly as revenue from these sources has de-

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committed to maintaining a steady, recurring capital program that supports the necessary internal capacity to manage projects, provide for steady staffing and work flow, ensure reliable work for contractors and issue bonds without a tax rate increase.

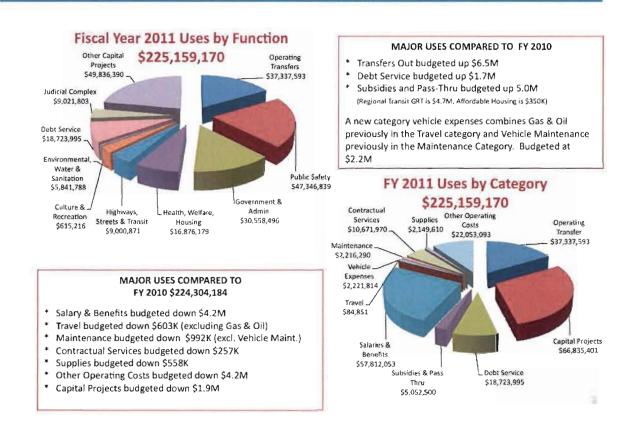




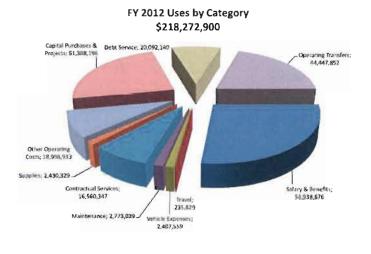
FISCAL YEAR 2012 REVENUE

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#### FISCAL YEAR 2011 EXPENSES

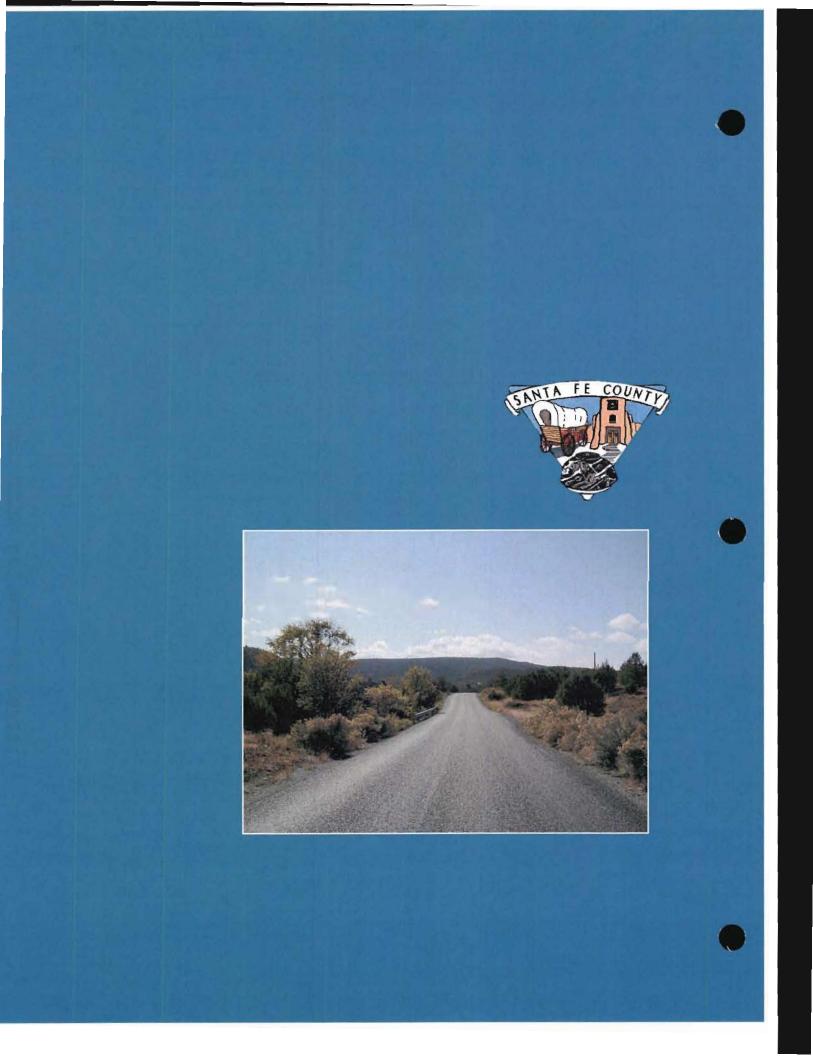


# FISCAL YEAR 2012 EXPENSES



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To: Whom it May Concern:

*Re: CDRC Case # V 11-5400: Variance Application for Ms. Jenny Coca. 131 County Road 84. Vicinity of Jacona, Santa Fe County, New Mexico* 

I am Jenny Cocq's neighbor who lives directly across county road 84. I have resided there for 38 years and Jenny has been my good neighbor for at least 22 of those years.

It is my understanding that Jenny is applying for a variance to have two dwellings on her property even though her property does not meet the lot size requirement. I am quite surprised about this application since both the main house and the straw bale house have been there for at least 15 years. I remember well when she was building the straw bale structure because it was a new and popular technology at the time, and all of the neighbors (my self included) were interested. I also recall how she was guided by inspectors to conform to the requirements and even at one point had to make adjustment to the internal metal workings. I did not object to the two structures then, and I certainty do not now. While I understand that lot size requirements are in place for many reasons. I fully support Jenny's endeavor to beautify the neighborhood, to provide future dwellings for her two children, to create a suitable studio for her profession as an artist, and to have two "green" (one adobe, one straw bale) structures on her property.

Thank you. Sincerely,

Judica Fisher

Andrea Fisher 1 Jacona Plaza Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506 505.455.3233

County Development Review Committee °/<sub>o</sub> Wayne Dalton, Building & Development Supervisor Santa Fe County Planning & Development Division 102 Grant Avenue Santa Fc. NM 87501

> *Re:* CDRC Case # V 11-5400; Variance Application for Ms. Jenny Cocq, 131 County Road 84, Vicinity of Jacona, Santa Fe County, New Mexico

To Whom it May Concern:

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I am a neighbor of Ms. Yenny Cocq in Jacona, New Mexico. I am familiar with her application for a variance on her property at 131 County Road 84, and I support her request to allow two dwelling units on the property.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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29 Jacona Road Santa Fe. NM 87506

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Re: CDRC Case # V 11-5400; Variance Application for Ms. Jenny Cocq, 131 County Road 84, Vicinity of Jacona, Santa Fe County, NM

To whom it may concern:

I am a neighbor of Ms. Jenny Cocq in Jacona. I have been informed of her application for a variance

on her property at 131 CR 84. I support her request to allow two dwellings on her property.

Sincerely Tim Johnson

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