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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 5, 2011
TO: Board of County Commissioners
VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager
FROM: Tina Salazar, Constituent Services Liaison, County Manager's Office
RE: A Resolution Establishing a Clean Energy Fund (Commissioner Holian)

ISSUE:

On the agenda is:

A Resolution Establishing a Clean Energy Fund

A Clean Energy Fund is designed to advance and promote, develop and invest in clean energy and energy efficiency projects in order to strengthen the economy, protect community health and improve the environment.

A Clean Energy Fund would promote a secure energy for Santa Fe County. This fund would solely be used to promote and fund renewable energy and energy efficiency related programs, projects and activities for County facilities and operations, for outreach, education and other programs for the general public. All clean energy-related revenue deposits and transfers will be determined by the County Manager.

REQUEST ACTION:

Commissioner Holian respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners support and approve this agenda item.

1 **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

2 **OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-____**

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5 **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CLEAN ENERGY COST CENTER**

6 **WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND**

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8 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County recognizes that improvements to the energy
9 efficiency of its facilities, vehicle fleet and operations will reduce the ongoing cost of and
10 emissions from County government energy consumption; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County staff has identified and are identifying cost-
12 effective measures to reduce energy consumption in County operations in a process of
13 continuous improvement; and

14 **WHEREAS**, New Mexico electric and natural gas utilities offer incentive
15 programs, rebates, and refunds to encourage qualifying County projects to reduce energy
16 consumption in buildings; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners considers it important to
18 identify financial resources to help fund clean energy improvements for County facilities
19 and operations; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the general public must be kept informed regarding the County's
21 renewable energy and energy efficiency incentives and other program offerings;

22 **WHEREAS**, opportunities exist to obtain state and federal clean energy grants
23 that require a local match; and

24 **WHEREAS**, actions taken by County staff, and successful completion of certain

1 alternative energy projects may result in unanticipated revenues such as refunds and
2 rebates from utilities or state and/or federal grant funds.

3 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County
4 Commissioners hereby authorizes the creation of a Clean Energy cost center within the
5 General Fund, and approves the deposit of utility refunds and rebates into that cost center,
6 and the deposit and/or transfer of other appropriate clean energy-related revenue into the
7 Clean Energy cost center, as determined by the County Manager.

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clean Energy cost center shall be solely
9 used to promote and fund renewable energy and energy efficiency-related programs,
10 projects and activities for County facilities and operations, as well as for outreach,
11 education and other programs for the general public, consistent with the state anti-
12 donation clause.

13 **PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this ___ day of June, 2011.

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15 **The Board of County Commissioners of**
16 **Santa Fe County**

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18 **Virginia Vigil, Chair**
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20 **Attest:**

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22 **Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk**
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24 **Approved as to form:**

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26 **Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney**
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