

Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners Approves Interim Budget

Santa Fe, NM - The Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) unanimously approved the Interim Fiscal year 2013 budget at the May 29, 2012 BCC meeting.

Santa Fe County has started to transition into a performance-based/results method of budgeting pursuant to Board of County Commissioners Resolution 2011-24. This type of budgeting focuses on outcomes and ensures that government is responding to the needs and priorities of the community. Citizen input is a key part of this process, by utilizing the Citizen Survey the BCC was able to address several of the top priorities in the survey.

“As the local economy recovers, the Commission focused on the priorities established through the Citizen Survey to allocate funding,” said County Manager, Katherine Miller.

Under the survey section “Things Santa Fe County Government Can Do Within the Next 5 Years to Make the County a Better Place to Live” some of the top priorities included: street maintenance and repair, increase/improve public safety/ reduce crime, more jobs, improve economy and increase/improve fire protection services.

To address those community concerns the Commission increased the road maintenance funding, provided funding for five new Sherriff patrol officer positions, two district court security positions (effective January 2013) and a animal control officer. An additional 24 positions were unfrozen, which included three fire department positions. The BCC also increased Mobile Health Van funding, improved employee development through increasing benefits and cost of living adjustment, expanded senior services activities and service funding, and provided additional funding for youth programs and libraries.

To view the FY 2013 Budget Presentation visit www.santafecounty.org/finance/budget.

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