

Henry P. Roybal
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Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

DATE: January 11, 2016
TO: Board of County Commissioners
VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager
FROM: Chris M. Barela, Constituent Service Liaison
RE: A resolution supporting the establishment of a "La Bajada National Monument"

Board of County Commission meeting January 26, 2016

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

The proposed La Bajada National Monument would designate existing federal land in and around Santa Fe County as a National Monument to be managed by the National Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management. Visitors and residents of Santa Fe County enjoy these federal lands for recreational uses, and such recreational uses are a vital part of the economy of Santa Fe County and the State of New Mexico. Wildlife will also be better protected and environmental values in perpetuity from the adverse effects of future development and enhanced for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

REQUEST ACTION:

Commissioners Robert A. Anaya and Liz Stefanics, respectfully request that the Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners support the designation of the La Bajada National Monument by the President of the United States.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - _____

A RESOLUTION
ENDORING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
"LA BAJADA NATIONAL MONUMENT" ON LANDS OWNED
OR CONTROLLED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the proposed La Bajada National Monument in and around Santa Fe County is an area of extraordinary scenic, recreational, economic, cultural, and environmental value; and

WHEREAS, 54 U.S.C. § 320301(a) authorizes the President of the United States to declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the federal government to be national monuments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed La Bajada National Monument would designate existing federal land in and around Santa Fe County as a National Monument to be managed by the National Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management; and

WHEREAS, visitors and residents of Santa Fe County today enjoy these federal lands for recreational uses, including hiking, camping, rafting, photography, rock climbing, bird watching, scenic enjoyment, and such recreational uses are a vital part of the economy of Santa Fe County and the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has over 30 million visitors annually, a large percentage of whom are here to visit federal lands; New Mexico businesses engaged in the outdoor recreation industry support 68,000 jobs and inject \$6.1 billion in the state's economy; and a large percentage of these outdoor recreation businesses are locally owned and locally operated, having a greater economic impact on their communities' well-being; and

WHEREAS, residents of Santa Fe County have long used these federal lands for traditional uses, including grazing, hunting, firewood collection, and such traditional uses are important culturally and economically to the people of Santa Fe County and the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the proposed La Bajada National Monument includes the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, the Santa Fe River Gorge Basin, the Caja del Rio Plateau, a significant amount

of riparian habitat along the Rio Grande, and the migratory corridor for wildlife, including elk, cougars, birds of prey, and bears; and

WHEREAS, designating these federal lands as a National Monument would better protect their scenic, recreational, economic, cultural, and environmental values in perpetuity from the adverse effects of future development and will ensure that they will be conserved and enhanced for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, reliable utilities are an essential component of economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, portions of the federal lands that may be included within the proposed National Monument serve as essential electric, natural gas, telecommunication, and transportation corridors whose continued operation, maintenance and future development should not be unduly constrained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County (Board) that the Board (i) endorses the establishment of the La Bajada National Monument and (ii) recommends that the President of the United States designate the La Bajada National Monument.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that proponents of the La Bajada National Monument and federal government are respectfully requested to include utility parties in discussions concerning the proposed monument, including with respect to any presidential proclamation and work plans concerning the proposed monument, so that their interest in continued operation, maintenance, and future development of existing and future infrastructure within the proposed monument is represented and duly considered.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 26TH DAY OF JANUARY 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

Miguel M. Chavez, Chair

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

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Katherine Miller
County Manager

DATE: January 15, 2016

TO: Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Miguel M. Chavez, County Commissioner, District 2

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2016- __ : A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-RELATED DISABILITIES

Background and Summary

Each year, there are an estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses admitted to jails across the nation. Once incarcerated, individuals with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of returning to incarceration than those without these illnesses. Through the Stepping Up Initiative, it has become apparent that there is a lack of “wrap around” support services for individuals with behavioral health issues following incarceration in jails.

HB 88 seeks to appropriate \$2.5 million (2017 GF) to the Human Services Department for permanent supportive housing services, including case management, life-skills training, housing counseling, rental assistance and other services to help people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with behavioral health-related disabilities to obtain and maintain stable permanent housing. This resolution would support that bill as well as any other bills that would dedicate funding for services aimed at assisting people with behavioral health-related disabilities who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Action Requested:

Commissioner Chavez seeks board approval for this resolution.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2016- _____

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR
INDIVIDUALS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-RELATED DISABILITIES

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County has deep concern for those individuals who struggle with behavioral health issues and hopes to assist in their treatment; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County takes pride in protecting and enhancing the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County plays an integral role in providing health care services for indigent residents; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County has adopted the Stepping Up Initiative Resolution (Res. No. 2015-66) and through the *Stepping Up* initiative, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, and the American Psychiatric Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of behavioral health programs can be costly but is necessary for the well-being of County residents; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico State Representative Tomas Salazar has sponsored House Bill 88 which would appropriate \$2,500,000 for permanent supportive housing services, including case management services, life-skills training, housing counseling, rental assistance and other services. The services are targeted to help people who have behavioral health-related disabilities, and are homeless or at risk of homelessness, obtain and maintain stable permanent housing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County urges the New Mexico State Legislature to enact legislation that appropriates funding for services aimed at assisting people with behavioral health-related disabilities who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 26th day of January, 2016.

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Commissioner, District 3



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Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

Date: January 26, 2016
To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Kathy Holian, County Commissioner
Via: Katherine Miller, County Manager
Re: **A Resolution in Support of Increasing the Federal Royalty Rate For Oil and Gas Produced on Federal Public Lands. (Commissioner Holian)**

ISSUE:

This resolution stands in support for an increase in the amount of the royalty paid to the state of New Mexico for oil and gas production that occurs on federal lands.

BACKGROUND:

The federal Mineral Lands Leasing Act allows for a state to collect a royalty so that rather than the Federal Government divesting land ownership, the government has opted to compensate states that contain federal lands on which production occurs via the disbursement of a portion of royalty revenues to affected states.

An argument for a state to collect a royalty is that a state and local jurisdiction bear costs of oil and gas production on federal land in providing services such as infrastructure and emergency response for areas where oil and gas extraction leases are held.

The royalty collected by the federal government for the federal land leases have remained historically low when compared to a state royalty collected and have not been adjusted to meet the costs associated with the external cost of services borne by state and local jurisdictions who have oil and gas production located within its boundaries.

A continuation of a low federal royalty collected will result in an increasing cost to the state and local jurisdiction where oil and gas production is permitted on federal lands.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Commissioner Holian respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County support and approves this resolution.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2016- _____

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING THE FEDERAL ROYALTY RATE
FOR OIL AND GAS PRODUCED ON FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management is responsible for ensuring that American taxpayers receive a fair return for oil and gas developed on federal public lands;

WHEREAS, oil and gas production has reached record levels while antiquated federal royalty rates have been permitted to lag behind the rates charged by Western states;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management currently charges a royalty rate of only 12.5% for oil and gas produced on federal lands, while New Mexico charges up to 18.75% for oil and gas produced on state lands;

WHEREAS, the federal royalty rate has not been increased in nearly a century;

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Bureau of Land Management have been discussing a possible increase in the royalty rate for years;

WHEREAS, the Government Accountability Office has repeatedly called on the Department of Interior to increase onshore oil and gas royalty rates;

WHEREAS, New Mexico receives approximately half of the royalties generated by energy produced on federal public lands within the state;

WHEREAS, New Mexico is a major oil and gas producer, and received over \$546 million in federal royalties for FY2014;

WHEREAS, independent analysis shows that the failure of the federal government over time to modernize the royalty structure has resulted in the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue for New Mexico;

WHEREAS, these royalties are payable to New Mexico pursuant to the federal Mineral Lands Leasing Act, and pursuant to section 22-8-34 of the Public School Finance Act, the vast majority of these royalties must be deposited into the Public School Fund, any increased royalty rate will provide critical funds that will benefit public school students in our community and across the state; and

WHEREAS, increasing the federal royalty rate will ensure a fair share of revenue to New Mexico taxpayers by increasing the allotment to the Public School Fund where it is used to purchase textbooks and other instructional materials.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County respectfully requests that the Bureau of Land Management move forward with updating the regulations governing the royalty charged for oil and gas produced on federal public lands to ensure a fair share for taxpayers.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 26th day of January 2016.

By: _____
Chair, Board of County Commissioners

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

Date: _____

Approved as to form:



Greg Shaffer, County Attorney

Date: 1-17-16

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Katherine Miller
County Manager

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 19, 2016

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager

FROM: Julia Valdez, Constituent Services Liaison, Manager's Office

RE: Resolution No. 2016-__ A Resolution in Support of the New Mexico Association of Counties' Resolution Regarding the Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP) (Commissioner Stefanics)

BACKGROUND

This Resolution from the NMAC Health Care Policy Committee addresses legislation that would address the Safety Net Care Pool.

This resolution was voted on during the January 19, 2016 New Mexico Association of Counties meeting.

**SANTA FE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-_____**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION
OF COUNTIES' RESOLUTION ADDRESSING
THE SAFETY NET CARE POOL (SNCP)**

WHEREAS, New Mexico counties care greatly about health care for their local citizens and value their local hospitals, particularly in rural areas;

WHEREAS, counties have long played an integral role in providing health care services for their indigent residents;

WHEREAS, for nearly 20 years counties have worked collaboratively with their local community hospitals in helping fund the Sole Community Provider program and in coordinating health care for their local citizens;

WHEREAS, the Sole Community Provider program has now been replaced by the Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP), which provides funding for community hospitals for Medicaid base rate increases and uncompensated care;

WHEREAS, the counties' role under the SNCP has been significantly diminished and their financial contribution to the SNCP no longer has any relationship to the funds disseminated by the Human Services Department (HSD) to the counties' respective community hospitals; and

WHEREAS, finding a solution to funding the SNCP requires communication and cooperation among the various stakeholders – counties, hospitals, and the state, in both the legislative and executive branches.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Mexico Association of Counties strongly opposes any legislation that imposes a further financial obligation for counties to fund the SNCP and hospitals; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Mexico Association of Counties will endorse and support legislation which protects Counties' autonomy and discretion over the use of County imposed Indigent Health Care gross receipts tax revenues; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Mexico Association of Counties supports mandatory County participation as a critical stakeholder and primary funding source in all discussions and planning with the New Mexico Human Services Department regarding any and all funding methods to secure the future of Safety Net Care Pool for local hospitals both public and private.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

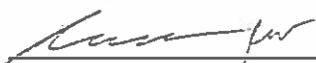
Miguel M. Chavez, Chair

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Gregory S. Shaffet, Santa Fe County Attorney

