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Katherine Miller
County Manager

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 5, 2015

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager *KM*

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

RE: New Mexico Association of Counties 2016 Legislative Priority

Resolution No. 2015-___ A Resolution to Support the New Mexico Association of Counties' Resolution to Restore Detention Center Funding (Commissioner Stefanics)

BACKGROUND

In August 2015, the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Association of Counties approved four legislative priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature at its 2016 regular legislative session.

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The adoption of such resolutions will enable NMAC to demonstrate to the state legislature local and statewide support for NMAC's legislative priorities. The Board of County Commissioners is being asked to support this NMAC resolution.

This Resolution from the NMAC Detention Administrators Affiliate priority supports an increase in the 2016 General Appropriations Act that would fund the County Detention Facilities Reimbursement Act at a level sufficient to reimburse counties for the actual cost of holding the three categories of prisoners specified under the Act.

SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLUTION
NO. 2015-___

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES'
RESOLUTION TO RESTORE DETENTION CENTER FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the County Detention Facility Reimbursement Act was passed unanimously by the 2007 Legislature, as a Legislative Finance Committee endorsed bill, was signed by the Governor, and was funded at \$5 million;

WHEREAS, the Act specifies reimbursement by the state to counties for three specific categories of offenders in county jails:

- 1) Parole violators,
- 2) Inmates sentenced to prison and awaiting transport, and
- 3) Offenders under supervision for both probation and parole violations;

WHEREAS, the cost to counties for housing the three categories of offenders covered by the Act is currently \$5,525,453 for one year according to the New Mexico Sentencing Commission;

WHEREAS, funding for the Act has been reduced to \$2,960,900 for Fiscal Year 16, which is a 21% reduction from the \$3.3 million level of funding for Fiscal Year 15;

WHEREAS, the cost to county government for detention centers is, on average, at least one-third of county budgets; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Association of Counties supports an increase in the 2016 General Appropriations Act that would fund the County Detention Facilities Reimbursement Act at a level sufficient to reimburse counties for the actual cost of holding the three categories of prisoners specified under the Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County supports the above stated New Mexico Association of Counties resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

Robert A. Anaya, Chair

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Willie R. Brown

for: Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

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Resolution No. 2015-___ A Resolution to Support the New Mexico Association of Counties' Resolution to Support Funding for a Statewide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Assessment (Commissioner Stefanics)

BACKGROUND

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This Resolution from the NMAC Fire & Emergency Managers Affiliate supports an appropriation to conduct a statewide EMS assessment through the New Mexico Department of Health EMS Bureau, in coordination with the State Fire Marshal, and reconvene the NMAC EMS Task Force, to develop additional policy recommendations regarding appropriate funding levels and mechanisms for recurring EMS services funding.

SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLUTION
NO. 2015-___

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES'
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR A
STATEWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) ASSESSMENT**

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of rural communities for providing potentially life-saving emergency care and transportation by ambulance and to the nearest emergency medical treatment hospital emergency rooms;

WHEREAS, rural counties with low income populations, where the need for EMS is especially acute, often do not generate enough tax revenue, particularly through EMS gross receipts tax, to provide adequate funding to sustain reliable and viable emergency medical services;

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Association of Counties (NMAC) in 2014 endorsed creation of a recurring revenue stream at the state level, similar to that used for the Fire Protection Fund, that is a separate source of revenue dedicated to rural Emergency Medical Services and that does not diminish or impair the existing Fire Protection Fund;

WHEREAS, to develop specific policy recommendations, NMAC has established an EMS Task Force that includes the EMS Bureau of the Department of Health, the State Fire Marshal, statewide EMS providers, and local government representatives, who studies the issues related to rural EMS challenges;

WHEREAS, after several work sessions, the NMAC EMS Task Force identified the need for additional information in order to make informed policy recommendations to the state legislature about the extent of the need for state funding for rural EMS; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force recommend that a necessary step toward securing the appropriate funding level for rural EMS is the collection of data through a statewide EMS assessment of existing services and of the potential need for additional resources to provide an appropriate level of medical care.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County supports the above stated New Mexico Association of Counties resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico Association of Counties' EMS Task Force be reconvened to meet as needed, and to use recommendations from the EMS assessment to develop additional policy recommendations for the legislature regarding appropriate funding levels and mechanisms for recurring funding for EMS services in New Mexico.

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RE: New Mexico Association of Counties 2016 Legislative Priority

Resolution No. 2015-___ A Resolution to Support the New Mexico Association of Counties' Resolution to Support Funding for the New Mexico 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) to Develop Light Detection and Ranging Technology (LiDAR)
(Commissioner Stefanics)

BACKGROUND

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This Resolution from the NMAC GIS Affiliate supports legislation that would allocate funding to be used in collaboration with other federal, local, and tribal funds to match federal funding from the National 3D Elevation Program.

LiDAR applications include watershed and water resource management, infrastructure planning and development, and precision agriculture and forestry management.

SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLUTION
NO. 2015-___

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES'
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THE
NEW MEXICO 3D ELEVATION PROGRAM (3DEP) TO DEVELOP LIGHT
DETECTION AND RANGING TECHNOLOGY (LiDAR)**

WHEREAS, New Mexico's increasing key geospatial data needs must be met with high-quality, high-resolution, and current elevation data to support asset, resource and water management, wildfire and flood hazard response and mitigation, infrastructure and project planning and development, and a multitude of other state and local programs and initiatives;

WHEREAS, most of New Mexico's current elevation data are more than 40 years old at a spatial resolution of 10 meters and with vertical accuracies ranging from 1 or 2 meters to 40 meters or worse;

WHEREAS, current Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) technology can easily produce elevation data sets over large areas at one meter spatial resolution with vertical accuracies in the range of 10cm (3.94 inches);

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Geospatial Advisory Committee through its Elevation Data Planning/Acquisition Subcommittee has not only escalated the State's priority in the National 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) but also been awarded a first funding year grant based on the Subcommittee's Statewide LiDAR Acquisition Plan; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Association of Counties supports legislation that would allocate funding over a five year period to be used in collaboration with other federal, local and tribal funds to match federal funding from the National 3D Elevation Program (3DEP). Proposed funding level would be \$2.5 million dollars per fiscal year over five consecutive fiscal years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County supports the above stated New Mexico Association of Counties resolution.

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

Robert A. Anaya, Chair

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

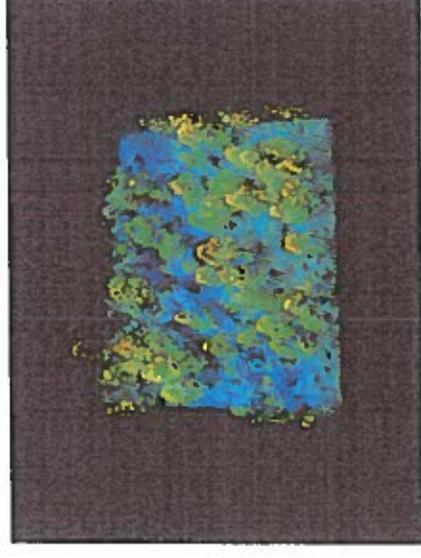
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for: Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

Value to New Mexico from Enhanced Elevation Data (QL2 Lidar Data)

- New Mexico's Greatest Concern: **WATER**
watershed, drainage, runoff, drinking water, irrigation, flooding, floodplain, evaporation, water resource protection and delivery ...
- Economic Development and Tourism
- Wildfire and Urban Impacts
flood hazard/risk, emergency response/mitigation, fuel load, access, recovery ...
- Transportation and Utility Corridors
- Urban Growth and Planning
- Forest Management
restoration, thinning to increase water yield, post-fire mass wasting ...
- Energy Development
oil and gas, solar, wind
- Homeland Security and Defense
military installations, national laboratories, WIPP,
200-mi border with Mexico
- Tribal Lands
- Agricultural Demands
irrigation, grazing, dryland farming ...



LIDAR over Coconino Forest from NAU



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RE: New Mexico Association of Counties 2016 Legislative Priority

Resolution No. 2015-___ A Resolution to Support the New Mexico Association of Counties' Resolution to Support Gross Receipts Tax Reform (Commissioner Stefanics)

BACKGROUND

In August 2015, the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Association of Counties approved four legislative priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature at its 2016 regular legislative session.

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This Resolution from the NMAC Managers Affiliate supports Counties to partner with state government in any legislative efforts at gross receipts tax restructure and reform.

SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLUTION

NO. 2015-___

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES'
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT GROSS RECEIPTS TAX REFORM**

WHEREAS, property tax revenue has long been the primary revenue source for county government, but the reluctance of citizens to increase those taxes has resulted in increased county gross receipts taxes (GRT), in order to pay for basic county services;

WHEREAS, the county local option GRT structure is a complicated and convoluted patchwork of increments, many of which are either unused or unusable;

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Association of Counties supports tax reform efforts that improve economic efficiency, economic development, ease of administration, and overall fairness of the state and local tax system, and tax policy principles of simplicity, transparency, economic neutrality, and equality;

WHEREAS, the current structure of GRT credits, exemptions, and deductions results in a tax that is both higher and less broader than indicated by the actual rate structure, as a result, seriously hampers local economic development and opportunities;

WHEREAS, Gross Receipts Tax revenues are essential to local government's ability to provide for the health safety, and welfare of their citizens;

WHEREAS, any proposed GRT changes would impact local government's ability to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of their citizens;

WHEREAS, there is currently a significant discussion of gross receipts tax reform at the state level; and

WHEREAS, local governments have a paramount interest in any and all discussions related to both property and gross receipts tax reform;

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Association of Counties requests full participation by the Association in any legislative efforts at gross receipts tax restructure and/or reform and that the

Legislature consider formation of a tax policy committee to study and reform New Mexico gross receipts taxes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County supports the above stated New Mexico Association of Counties resolution.

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