

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2005 - 54

A Resolution Supporting the Rewriting of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

WHEREAS, in the early 1990's Congress began the process of designing a new legislative model for managing the telecommunications industry which culminated in the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act);

WHEREAS, the Act was intended to clarify regulatory authorities, foster competition in the industry, and provide a more favorable environment for new services;

WHEREAS, the Act did not address the Internet or anticipate the many new communication services available today;

WHEREAS, in the 108th Congress, there were attempts to address new technologies in a legislatively piecemeal fashion, but the implications of not looking at the entire industry in a different way became clear; and

WHEREAS, Congress is considering rewriting the Act during the 109th Congress to address many of these shortcomings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County supports revision of the Act and asks Congress to assure that:

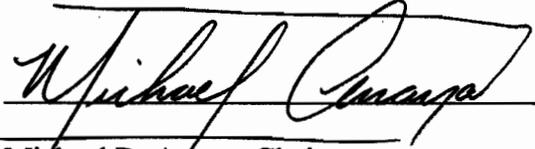
- Local authority to protect the consumer interests of its citizens is preserved, and that public access, educational and governmental programming is retained as a priority for video provisioning services;
- Local authority to manage and control public rights of way is preserved;
- Local revenues are maintained by providing, within any new communications model, the ability of local governments to maintain taxation and fee authority consistent with local needs;
- Local government's ability to meet the challenges of public safety and homeland security are protected and enhanced by providing sufficient range for public safety interoperability, and assuring that E911 funding is strengthened by requiring all communications providers to contribute; and

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- Local governments are able to facilitate the deployment of advanced communications services by communications providers, and that county ownership of communications facilitates for the deployment of advanced services, like broadband should not be limited.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of April, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Michael D. Anaya, Chairman

ATTEST:

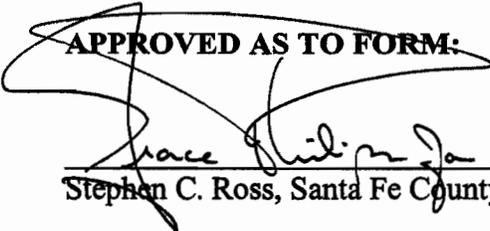


Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk



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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



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And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1377243
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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Valerie Espinoza
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

