

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2006-165

A RESOLUTION REGARDING SANTA FE COUNTY ASSUMING THE CITY OF SANTA FE'S PORTION OF THE OPERATIONAL COSTS OF THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND PROVIDING FULL-TIME STAFF IN COUNTY FIRE STATIONS LOCATED IN THE AGUA FRIA, TESUQUE AND RANCHO VIEJO AREAS

WHEREAS, the November 7, 2006 ballot asks voters whether to impose a Countywide Emergency Communications and Emergency Medical Services Gross Receipts Tax at the rate of one-fourth of one percent of the gross receipts of a person engaging in business in the County;

WHEREAS, if the tax is approved by voters, the revenue will be dedicated to operation of an emergency communications center that has been determined by the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration to be a consolidated public safety answering point and operation of emergency medical services provided by Santa Fe County;

WHEREAS, if voters approve the proposed tax, a significant portion of tax revenue will be generated within the city limits of the City of Santa Fe, while a significant portion of the revenue generated will be spent outside City limits;

WHEREAS, if voters approve the proposed tax, the County of Santa Fe wishes to assume certain responsibilities currently assumed by the City of Santa Fe relating to the provision of fire and emergency services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA FE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT:

Section 1. If voters approve the proposed gross receipts tax on the November 7, 2006 ballot, Santa Fe County shall assume the City of Santa Fe's operational costs of the Regional Emergency Communications Center ("RECC"), estimated at \$2.3 million, beginning July 1, 2007;

Section 2. If voters approve the proposed gross receipts tax on the November 7, 2006 ballot, Santa Fe County shall become the fiscal agent for the RECC but governance of the RECC shall remain the same as it is under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County;

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Section 3. If voters approve the proposed gross receipts tax on the November 7, 2006 ballot, Santa Fe County shall staff the existing fire stations in Agua Fria, Tesuque and Rancho Viejo beginning in fiscal year 2008 and shall be the primary responder to emergencies in the urban and urbanizing areas;

Section 4. If voters approve the proposed gross receipts tax on the November 7, 2006 ballot, Santa Fe County shall provide some tax proceeds to the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters; and

Section 5. If voters approve the proposed gross receipts tax on the November 7, 2006 ballot, Santa Fe County shall continue to evaluate its staffing plans and operational programs to determine if additional resources can be devoted to urbanized areas for fire and emergency purposes and whether sufficient resources exist to staff the Agua Fria Fire Station during the current fiscal year.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 31 day of October, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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Harry B. Montoya, Chairman



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Valerie Espinoza
Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Stephen C. Ross
Santa Fe County Attorney

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Valerie Espinoza
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