

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2013 65

Introduced by Commissioner Daniel Mayfield

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**A RESOLUTION TO FOSTER HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AND HEALTHY PEOPLE;  
REQUESTING THE COLLABORATIVE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY BY THE  
POJOAQUE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SANTA FE COUNTY FOR  
CREATION OF IMPROVED COMMUNITY SPORTS FIELDS**

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners recognizes the importance and benefits of supporting and fostering Healthy and Fit Communities;

**WHEREAS**, a 2013 Santa Fe County Community Health Profile reported on the health of the citizens of Santa Fe County and noted that obesity has increased to twenty percent for adults and to nine percent for high school students and the amount of physical activity by high school students is markedly declining;

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Surgeon General and First Lady Michelle Obama initiated efforts to encourage local communities to support healthy choices to combat childhood obesity in the face of statistics that demonstrate a dramatic and alarming increase in obesity;

**WHEREAS**, in 2009 the Center for Rural Affairs (CRA) published findings on health and health care in rural areas indicating that a main finding is the disturbing trend of greater physical inactivity and higher rates of obesity in rural America, which not only have a devastating impact on individuals and families, but adversely impact entire communities;

**WHEREAS**, CRA findings suggest that the health of individuals and their communities are more intertwined than it may seem and findings suggest that unhealthy individuals and families lead to struggling communities by encouraging negative health behaviors that are growing more common in rural areas;

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**WHEREAS**, it is important to acknowledge that individuals do not make their decisions in a vacuum, which means that it is not enough to rely on education alone to change one's behavior;

**WHEREAS**, public policy approaches are an essential support and reinforcement for individual and community initiatives to adopt healthier lifestyles by promoting the health of their community;

**WHEREAS**, public policymakers can help ensure that communities positively impact the health of their residents through collaborations that remove barriers, which make it easier and more appealing for individuals and communities to adopt the healthy lifestyle choices they likely know they should;

**WHEREAS**, team sports activities allow for safe, affordable, healthy recreation for families and individuals and all steps should be taken to encourage these healthy lifestyle activities;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has budgeted County Capital Improvement Funds (CIP) that are separate from legislative allocated funds, for the purpose of design, construction and improvements of the recreational fields in northern Santa Fe County;

**WHEREAS**, the sports fields in Pojoaque have been used and enjoyed by the community for decades for safe, affordable and healthy recreational purposes;

**WHEREAS**, the sports fields are in need of improvements and upgrading to continue to provide recreational opportunities for the community;

**WHEREAS**, supported by local New Mexico State Senators and Representatives, the 2013 New Mexico Legislature appropriated two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) to purchase, plan, design, construct, equip and improve the recreational and baseball fields in the Pojoaque valley in Santa Fe County;

**WHEREAS**, an earlier version of this resolution sponsored by Commissioner Mayfield was discussed on July 9, 2013. During the discussion, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners explored the possibility that the Pojoaque Valley School District could donate

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the sports fields to the County of Santa Fe. The Pojoaque Valley School District Superintendent and School Board President communicated to the Board of County Commissioners that it was not possible to donate the property;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners and other elected officials recognize the vital community need for recreational fields in northern Santa Fe County as stated above and Santa Fe County can proceed to purchase from the Pojoaque Valley School District the sports fields for the continued benefit and enjoyment of county residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY**, that the County authorizes the County Manager to enter into negotiations with the Pojoaque Valley School District to acquire the property for this purpose.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2013.  
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

By: Kathy Holian  
Kathy Holian, Chair

Attest: Geraldine Salazar  
Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk



Approved to form:  
[Signature]  
Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



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