

NEWS FROM COMMISSIONER LIZ STEFANICS
DISTRICT 5 - SANTA FE COUNTY
APRIL 30, 2013
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY



Changes to Property Tax Code May Impact Some Taxpayers

Santa Fe County would like to notify residents of newly enacted legislation that may impact some taxpayers. Under the new law, Senate Bill 406, all property taxes (including current year), penalties, interest and fees due on divided or combined real property must be paid in full before a plat on a property can be divided or combined with other real property and before it can be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

The Santa Fe County Clerk, Assessor, Treasurer and Land Use Offices are working together to make the required changes as easy as possible for taxpayers.

For more information on the new legislation contact Gary Perez, Santa Fe County Deputy Assessor (505) 986-6332 or gperez@santafecountynm.gov.

For more information regarding lot splits contact Vincent Archuleta in the Land Use Department at (505) 995-2726 or varchuleta@santafecountynm.gov.

Santa Fe County Emergency Preparedness Meetings

Santa Fe County Commissioner Liz Stefanics would like to notify District 5 residents that she will be hosting two joint meetings with Commissioner Kathy Holian, District 4 and Commissioner Robert Anaya, District 3 to discuss Emergency Preparedness.

Assistant Fire Chief Martin Vigil will discuss how residents can prepare for an emergency. The meetings will be held on Wednesday, May 29 and Saturday, June 1. Please see below for full meeting details below:

- Wednesday, May 29 – Hwy. 285 Corridor/Eldorado area will be held at Hondo Fire Station 2 at 6:00 PM with Commissioner Kathy Holian District 4.
- Saturday, June 1 – Hwy. 14 area will be held at the Turquoise Trail Fire Station at 10:00 AM with Commissioner Robert Anaya, District 3.

For more information contact Julia Valdez, jvaldez@santafecountynm.gov or (505) 986-6202.

Santa Fe County Seeking Two Library Board Members

Santa Fe County is seeking two members for the Santa Fe Public Library Board. The Santa Fe Public Library was formed by Ordinance which established a free public library and is part of the City government. An advisory governing Board was established and is made up of five City residents and two County residents. The Board is an advisory board which provides Library staff, the City Council and County Commissioners' advice on services to the public and guidance on issues pertaining to Library services to the residents of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County. Members serve without compensation and meet monthly.

County Board members shall be appointed by the Mayor on the recommendation of the County Commission and with the approval of the majority of the City Council. Members must live in Santa Fe County.

Anyone interested in being appointed must to submit a letter of interest and resume to Tina Salazar at tsalazar@santafecountynm.gov or (505) 986-6319.

Green Café Backyard Composting

Eldorado/285 Recycles, in cooperation with SERA, is sponsoring a composting workshop at 9:30 a.m. on May 18 at La Tienda in Eldorado.

In addition to recycling, the organization recognizes the benefits of composting. We hope this event will encourage more people to give it a try and thus keep more material out of the landfill and enrich our landscape.

For more information contact: Karen Sweeney, Chair, Eldorado/285 Recycles, ksweeney99@yahoo.com

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BCC SUMMARY

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners (BCC). All five Commissioners were present.

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved

The March 26, 2013 BCC meeting minutes were unanimously approved

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- The Santa Fe County Manager introduced new Santa Fe County Employees
- A Proclamation in honor of Hillside Market Community Day was unanimously approved
- Andrew Quintana was recognized for his retirement and for ten years of dedicated service to Santa Fe County and recognition of Ben Chavez upon his retirement and for his 11 years of dedicated service to Santa Fe County
- Fire Chief David Sperling was recognized for completion of the Executive Fire Officer Program of the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy
- Cynthia Delgado, Marketing Director for Santa Fe Convention and Visitors Bureau gave a presentation to the Board on Celebrate Santa Fe Tourism Week May 4-12, 2013
- Major Ken Johnson of the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office was recognized for his graduation from the prestigious FBI National Academy at Quantico, VA

MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Resolution No. 2013-40, A Resolution creating an Asset Management System for County Facilities was unanimously approved
- Resolution No. 2013-41, A Resolution to support the use of water catchment systems throughout Santa Fe County and to direct staff to "Lead By Example" by considering the use of water catchment systems at Santa Fe County Facilities
- Resolution No. 2013-42, A Resolution Establishing a Water Policy Advisory Committee was unanimously approved

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED

- A Resolution supporting clean and renewable energy projects to deploy and install energy efficient and renewable energy technology systems on Santa Fe County owned facilities, which will result in decreased utility costs for taxpayers, reduce negative environmental impacts from fossil fuel use and contribute to cleaner air quality and healthier communities
- A Resolution determining reasonable notice for public meetings of the Board Of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County and for Boards and Committees appointed by or acting under the authority of the Board Of County Commissioners; Rescinding Resolution No. 2013-03.
- A Resolution opposing the North Central Regional Transit District's dedication of fourteen percent of Regional Transportation Gross Receipts Tax Revenues to the City Of Santa Fe
- A Resolution supporting community solar and directing staff to work with the City Of Santa Fe, Public Service Company of New Mexico, and the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission to implement a community solar program in Santa Fe County

STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIALS' ITEMS

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

- A Resolution to submit Santa Fe County's recommended service plan to the North Central Regional Transit District was unanimously approved (Commissioner Liz Stefanics did not vote on this item)

THE SANTA FE COUNTY BOARD OF FINANCE

- Presentation of the County's Investment Portfolio for the three months ending March 31, 2013
- Presentation of the County Treasurer's Investment Plan (Quarterly Report From The Treasurer)
- Presentation From Public Trust (unanimously approved preliminary plan)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Authorization to renew right of way use permit application by Mid-America Pipeline Company to maintain existing liquid gas pipeline facilities located in Southern Santa Fe County was unanimously approved (Commissioner Liz Stefanics did not vote on this item)
- The BCC unanimously approved Resolution No. 2013 - 25, A Resolution of support for County participation in the New Mexico Department of Transportation's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, Project Control No. S1002200, for transportation community and system preservation funds for chip seal and fog seal pavement preservation on 56.59 miles of Santa Fe County Roads, of which 44.61 miles are located within the Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundaries
- The BCC unanimously approved Resolution No. 2013-46, A Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Water Project Fund Loan/Grant Agreement by and among the New Mexico Water Trust Board ("Water Trust Board") and the New Mexico Finance Authority ("Finance Authority", and collectively with the Water Trust Board, the "Lenders/Grantors") and the Santa Fe County (The "Borrower/Grantee"), in the total amount of \$135,000 (please see agenda for full caption)
- The BCC unanimously approved Resolution No. 2013-47, A Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Water Project Fund Loan/Grant Agreement by and among the New Mexico Water Trust Board ("Water Trust Board") and the New Mexico Finance Authority ("Finance Authority", and collectively with the Water Trust Board, the "Lenders/Grantor") and the Santa Fe County (The "Borrower/Grantee"), in the total amount of \$358,000 (please see agenda for full caption)
- Approval of Termination of Cooperative Project Agreement, Contract Number D13724, Control Number S100060 New Mexico Central Rail Trail was approved (3-2 with Commissioner Robert Anaya, Commissioner Kathy Holian and Commissioner Miguel Chavez voting in favor and Commissioner Daniel Mayfield and Commissioner Liz Stefanics voting against)

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Six Professional Service Contracts No. 2013-0170- LG/PL for general legal services, each in the amount of \$95,000, as requested by the county attorney for a total of \$570,000 were unanimously approved (Commissioner Robert Anaya did not vote on this item)
- Amendment No. 1 to agreement between owner and engineer for Professional Services For the project generally known as Water Transmission Line TL6S, in the amount of \$240,368.92 exclusive of Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) was unanimously approved (Commissioner Robert Anaya did not vote on this item)
- Amendment No. 3 To Contract 2011-0059-PW/MS for project representative, inspection and quality assurance services for road widening of County Road 98 (Juan Medina Road) in the amount of \$147,233.08 was unanimously approved (Commissioner Robert Anaya did not vote on this item)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE DEPARTMENT

- Introduction of a Resolution Establishing Community Center Trustees, and repealing and replacing Policies For County owned or leased Community Centers

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution No. 2013-43, a Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of Santa Fe County, New Mexico General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2013, in the amount of \$19,000,000 was unanimously approved

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

- Amendment No. 3 to the Collective Bargaining agreement between Santa Fe County and the Santa Fe County Deputy Sheriff's Association, a subsidiary of the New Mexico Coalition of Public Safety Officers was unanimously approved

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

- The BCC unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2013-1, An emergency Ordinance declaring hazardous fire conditions and imposing restrictions on open fires, smoking, and other ignition sources

MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

The following updates and reports were given:

- Legislative Update
- Corrections Monthly Report
- Public Works Report
- Human Resources Report
- Financial Quarterly Report for the month ending March 31, 2013

ANNEXATION

BCC agenda items XIV. G. 1-6 were voted on as one item, with amendments to certain portions to include clarifying language. Commissioner Miguel Chavez made a friendly amendment to the vote to include Area 1 entirely in Phase 2, the amendment was not approved. The BCC approved items XIV. G. 1-6 (4-1 with Commissioner Miguel Chavez voting against). Bullet points below are to summarize each item

- The Roadway Improvements Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Santa Fe and the City of Santa Fe
- The Memorandum of Understanding for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) was approved
- The Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement Services was approved
- The Agreement Regarding Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste required by the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of Claims was approved
- Amendment No. 1 to the Annexation Phasing Agreement between the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County was approved
- Amendment No. 1 to the Water Resources Agreement was approved

The BCC then voted on Amendment No. 2 as a separate request to the City of Santa Fe to consider moving Area 1 entirely into Phase 2 of the Annexation Plan. Amendment No. 2 was approved (4-1 with Commissioner Daniel Mayfield voting against).

- The Board unanimously approved to Publish Title and General Summary amending the Solid Waste Ordinance 2010-5 for the purpose of creating mandatory curbside and roadside solid waste collection districts and establishing the procedures for curbside and roadside solid waste collection

MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

- The BCC did not go into an Executive Session at the April 30, 2013 meeting

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