

The County Connection

Santa Fe County News

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From The Manager...

Dear Residents:

The word “report” is a derivative of the Latin reportare, from re- + portare “to carry.” I am writing this to you “carrying” the details of what we’ve accomplished in the past year. The following report chronicles the product of the time and energy we’ve invested in the past year as we’ve endeavored to serve you.

This is year one of my tenure as County Manager and I am excited about the progress we’ve made. Much of what we’ve done has been to position the County for greater performance in the future – we can’t have fruit before we clear the ground, plant the seed, and make sure it is nourished properly. We have been involved in doing “first things first.”

As the title suggests, I am focused on performance and being accountable for the resources entrusted to me during my watch as Manager. Ultimately, I am judged on whether or not I added value to the staff of Santa Fe County and its residents in a tangible and palpable way. We are “moving forward” and the best is yet to come.

Sincerely,
Roman Abeyta
Santa Fe County Manager



Growth Management Strategy

To better focus the use of resources and manage growth, Santa Fe County has been divided into four Growth Management Areas that have similar land and development patterns. Detailed assessments of existing conditions have been prepared and a draft Water and Wastewater Strategic Plan was presented to the Board in Feb. 2008. Completion of draft strategies for Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Transportation and Emergency Access, Health Services and Community Facilities are scheduled for early summer. A strategy for zoning will follow; this will consider the issues and strategies in the other elements and propose better ways to manage land development in each Growth Management Area.

The strategic planning process began in 2006. Commissioners and senior staff set goals and principles, identified roadblocks and reorganized County functions and staff in 2006 and 2007. Since mid 2007, staff has been working on strategies to better manage land use and services and focus limited County resources efficiently. All strategies are built upon the policies of the County Growth Management Plan adopted in 1999.

Oil and Gas Drilling Ordinance Update

Santa Fe County is experiencing challenges from increasing growth pressures and unanticipated oil, gas and mineral extraction development proposals. The County has made the decision that a comprehensive, coordinated approach is appropriate, and will be adopting a growth management plan for the Galisteo Basin area, updating the long-range General Plan and updating Land Development Regulations. Key components of the Galisteo Growth Management Area Plan will be to preserve important environmental resources, identify future development patterns, establish 'how much' and 'what kind' of growth is desired and appropriate and incorporate a capital improvements plan (CIP) that allocates growth-related development costs to new development. A team of County staff, the Community Development Review Committee (CDRC) and nationally-renowned experts is being assembled to identify alternatives and provide recommendations to address these tough issues.

- Robert Freilich, Miller Barondess
- Bruce Kramer, McGinnis, Lochridge, Kilgore
- Bruce Peshoff, Planning Works
- Geologist - (selection in progress)
- Hydrologist - (selection in progress)
- Petroleum Engineer - (selection in progress)
- Advisory Committee – County CDRC
- Technical Team - County Staff

Beginning this summer and continuing through fall and into the winter, with plans to have it the growth management program (plan and guidelines) in place by early-spring, 2009. This stakeholder-driven and community-based planning process will include numerous opportunities for public involvement, including a series of hands-on participatory meetings (dates and times TBA) – there will be at least four (4) public workshops and two (2) multi-day design forums (planning charrettes). Throughout, the process will be open and transparent, energized by community participation in activity-oriented workshops. More information can be found at santafecounty.org or the project website at www.ourplanningworks.com/santafe.

County Adds Rail Runner Coordinator to Transportation Team

Santa Fe County has hired Richard Romero to provide construction oversight and inspection Rail Runner project. Richard brings over 40 years of experience as a Senior Highway Designer with many years of construction inspection with the New Mexico Department of Transportation and in the private sector with Parsons Brinkerhoff, in the field of civil engineering.

Born and raised in Santa Fe, Richard has worked on a number of roadway, drainage and bridge projects in Santa Fe County and around New Mexico:

- Airport Road reconstruction / expansion
- St. Michaels Drive road improvements
- Talpa (Taos County) road realignment and widening project
- Angle Fire to Black Lake safety improvements
- US 84/285 (NM 599 to Santa Fe Opera) redesign and roadway widening with frontage roads.
- Bosque Farms (Isleta to Perelta) roadway improvements and rail road crossing safety project
- State Road 76 from Espanola to NM 503 (Santuario turnoff)

Richard's responsibilities for Santa Fe County on the Rail Runner project include the following activities:

- Attend and participate in design team meetings
- Attend progress and project scheduling meetings
- Attend safety and road closure meetings
- Conduct project site inspection to verify that construction activities are in conformance with the plans and specifications
- Review construction methods and procedures

Richard typically spends about 10 to 15 hours a week at the project site. He documents the ongoing construction activities on a daily basis and always has his digital camera in hand to snap photos of the progress being made.

Richard is available to answer any questions residents might have in regards about the status of the project at 992-3010.

Commissioner Harry Montoya

Commission District 1-Appropriations from the NM State Legislature 2008

Cundiyo Community Center/Room Addition	\$140,000
La Puebla Multipurpose Center	\$75,000
La Puebla Park Restroom Facility	\$35,000
La Tierra Road Improvements	\$25,000
Nambe Head Start Park/ Purchase	\$600,000
Mountain Center Construction	\$205,000
Vista Grande Library Expansion	\$55,000
Chimayo Senior Center Improvements	\$25,000
Acequia de Chupaderos	\$10,000
Acequia delano Improvements-Nambe	\$10,000
Acequia Barranco Alto	\$35,000
Acequia de Cienega	\$15,000
Acequia de Los Gardunos Dam and Head Gate	\$35,000
Acequia de Los Indios-El Rancho	\$35,000
Acequia de Los Rios-Cuyamungue	\$20,000
Acequia Nueva/Comunidad/Llano-Nambe	\$25,000
Chimayo Museum Construction	\$75,000
Tennis Courts in the Pojoaque Valley	\$49,000
Cundiyo Community Center/Room Addition	\$140,000
Pojoaque Irrigation Dist. Nambe Dam Repair	\$25,000
Chimayo Museum, from Junior Bill (programming)	\$40,200



County Discount Prescription Drug Card Use Grows

Santa Fe County began its Discount Prescription Drug Card Program in May 2006. Since then, over 7,400 residents have saved over \$165,000 on prescriptions for themselves and their pets.

Fast Facts:

What It Is: The Santa Fe County prescription drug discount card program helps consumers save money on their prescription medications any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. The free cards may be used at any participating retail pharmacy. The discount card is not insurance.

Savings: Savings average 20 percent; some discounts may be more, and some less, depending on the drug and quantity purchased. Cardholders are eligible for higher discounts on a three-month supply of some medications through mail service. Cardholders also can save on pet prescriptions at participating retail pharmacies.

Whose It For: The cards may be used by all County residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance.

Pets: 70% of pet prescriptions overlap with human ones. The residents simply ask the veterinarian to write out a prescription and then they can have it filled at a network participating pharmacy.

What It Costs: Unlike many other card programs, there is no enrollment cost or membership fee. The cardholder pays the negotiated discount price or the pharmacy's retail price, whichever is lower. The average discount is 20 percent.

Additional Benefits: The program has a safety feature that alerts pharmacists when one drug may conflict with another medication the cardholder is taking, if the prescriptions were obtained with the card.

The Santa Fe County discount card program remains a useful option now that Medicare Part D has been implemented. For example, the card can be used when a Medicare Part D plan doesn't cover a drug.

Where You Get the Card: Available at most local pharmacies or by calling 992.9841.

Nambe Community Park Project

Santa Fe County is working with the Pojoaque Valley School Board to purchase an approximately .75 acre site to be used for a new community park and as a future site for a Nambe Community facility. The site is planned to include multi-use recreation courts, a playground, a walking trail and a picnic area.

State appropriations have been received to fund the project. County staff is working with adjacent land owners on integrating the project with existing facilities. The land to be purchased from the Schools also includes two buildings which may serve as future community facilities for the Nambe area. Preliminary conceptual designs have been developed and the completion of the purchase and project initiation is slated for this summer.

County Partners With City: Creates Council To Keep Food Prices Affordable

The Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners is partnering with the City of Santa Fe in creating a 13 member “Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy.” The Council will work to:

- Ensure that a wide variety of safe and nutritious food is available to city and county residents
- Access to safe and nutritious food is not limited by economic status, location, or other factors beyond a resident’s control
- Price of food in the city and county remains reasonably close to the average price existing in the balance of the region
- Ensure that the region maintains the natural resources, land base, infrastructure and skill sets that are necessary to produce food
- Ensure that all reasonable efforts are taken to improve the incomes and decrease the needs of those who are most susceptible to food insecurity

The purpose of the Council is to integrate all departments of the City and County as well as non-profit organizations and food and farming businesses in a common effort to improve the availability of safe and nutritious food at reasonable prices for all residents, particularly those in need.

Santa Fe County Recognized for Fiscal Accountability

In FY 2008, four counties (Bernalillo, Los Alamos, Luna, and Santa Fe) and nine municipalities were recipients of the New Mexico Budget Award presented by the State Division of Finance and Administration. Santa Fe County received the DFA award in FY 2001, and every year since FY 2003.

The New Mexico Budget Awards Program is an extra budget-related activity conducted concurrent with the local government operating budget requests for Fiscal Year 2008-09. The DFA, Local Government Division (LGD) sponsors this program to:

1. Encourage professional budget presentations by local governments;
2. Recognize budget preparation to meet the awards criteria of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA);
3. Recognize local governments that meet or exceed the GFOA budget performance criteria; and
4. Promote professional development.

The criteria used in determining the recipients of the award are a 28-item criteria developed by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its Budget Awards program. These criteria are classified under the following headings:

- The Budget as a Policy Document (presence of financial policy and budget issues in the document)
- The Budget as a Financial Plan (the budget document contains a summary of expenditures and major revenues, fund detail, and capital budgeting)
- The Budget as an Operations Guide (description of services, organization, personnel, objectives and performance measures)
- The Budget as a Communications Device (Manager’s letter, overview of budget issues, strategic planning, and the budget process)

Commissioner Virginia Vigil



Commission District 2-Appropriations from the NM State Legislature 2008

Agua Fria St. Water/Sewer Line Extension	\$200,000
Agua Fria Park Improvements	\$40,000
Santa Fe County River Corridor Impv./acquire	\$390,000

New Film Studio Coming to Santa Fe County

Santa Fe County and Santa Fe Studios, a production company, have come to terms on an agreement for a film studio to be built on 65 acres just north of the County Public Safety Complex - Montañños de Oro and SR 14. The studio will include full-service, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) -certified green production facilities, promising 500 jobs and an anticipated \$300 million annual impact on the local economy.

The pueblo-style campus facility, expected to be operational by the end of 2009, will include 10 sound stages encompassing 500,000 square feet, built over phases, and will incorporate the entire pre-, principal and post-production cycle.

Support for the project came from places political, the Office of the Governor, and Hollywood, Warner Bros.

Albuquerque reaped the benefits of a recent increase in urban films lensing in New Mexico, and the fully booked 16-month-old Albuquerque Studios contributed to the influx. However, state-of-the-art soundstages in Santa Fe could once again split film production and boost the state's already thriving film production schedule.

This will be the world's first "green studio." Santa Fe Studios will be partnering with Santa Fe Community College and has agreed to provide 500,000 to 600,000 hours worth of employment to local residents that pay more than the city of Santa Fe's minimum wage.

Project LAUNCH: Initiative Promotes Wellness for Children

Commissioner Virginia Vigil has spearheaded the effort for Santa Fe County to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of New Mexico's Department of Health in seeking federal funds to expand an existing integrated approach to children's health called Project LAUNCH.

The purpose of Project LAUNCH is to promote wellness for young children, birth to eight years of age. The goal is to create a shared vision for the wellness of young children that drives the development of Federal, State, Territorial, tribal and locally-based networks for the coordination of key child-serving systems and the integration of behavior and physical health services. The expected result is children thriving in safe, supportive environments and entering school ready to learn and able to succeed.

If funded, the New Mexico Department of Health anticipates a grant award in the amount of over \$4.5 million over the next five years. Santa Fe County will serve as the local government partner and will in turn work with the Santa Fe Children's Project to expand their model program for children and their families.

Commissioner Vigil Champions Cause of Missing Children

Santa Fe County declared May 25th "National Missing Children's Day." The proclamation, sponsored by Commissioner Virginia Vigil, was an effort by the Board of County Commissioners to draw attention to the estimated 800,000 children considered "missing" by the the US Department of Justice. Over 2,200 children are reported missing every day to law enforcement agencies. "National Missing Children's Day" included making residents aware of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and their 96% recovery rate.

Commissioner Mike Anaya



Commission District 3-Appropriations from the NM State Legislature 2008

Edgewood Sr. Center Improvement	\$15,000
County Road 42	\$25,000
Galisteo Water System Improvements	\$10,000
Stanley Agricultural Facility	\$50,000

New Stanley Transfer Station

Approximately 2 years ago, it was determined that the Santa Fe County Solid Waste Transfer Stations would require upgrades for two reasons:

- 1) To keep up with increased demand of solid waste disposal and recyclables.
- 2) To provide a professional work environment for facility caretakers.

The architectural plans for the new Stanley station were completed in March 2008. The Request for Proposals was advertised on April 14, 2008 and closing day for bids is June 4, 2008.

Construction is slated to take approximately 100 days. We hope to award the project by the end of June so that construction can begin in July.

The new transfer station will be constructed on the site of the County's current transfer station at 2 County Road 14 A in Stanley.

Edgewood Senior Center Expands

The Santa Fe County Edgewood Senior Center is expanding. There will be approximately 1726sq feet added to the facility. This includes a new dining area, a nurse's office and a furnace room. To the west of the dining area will be an exit door with an ADA ramp. The old fire bay to the east is being remodeled to include sheet rock walls, new paint and an ADA ramp into the fire bay.



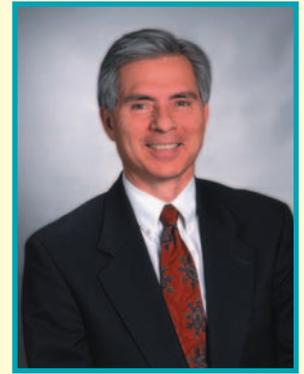
Expansion began on April 22nd and most of the demolition has been completed. The projected completion date is September 30, 2008.

San Marcos District Community Plan Ordinance

The Board of County Commissioners adopted the San Marcos District Community Plan in September 2006. This plan encompasses about 44 sq. miles of land, including the neighborhoods of Rancho and Pueblo San Marcos, Lone Butte, Silverado, West Ranch, South Fork, Galisteo Creek, Cerrillos East, Garden of the Gods, High Road, Rancho Alegre, Silver Hills, and Turquoise Trail Court. The plan lays out proposed zoning districts with residential densities and identifies some areas for mixed use commercial development. A San Marcos District Zoning Ordinance has been drafted, but was tabled by the County Development Review Committee until a community meeting could be held with the residents of Silverado, many of whom feel that the plan and ordinance do not reflect their neighborhood needs. A community meeting was held last February and County planning staff will hold a series of work sessions with those residents to listen to neighborhood concerns and to resolve issues with the ordinance.

Commissioner Paul Campos

Commission District 4-Appropriations from the NM State Legislature 2008



Canoncito Apache Canyon MDWC water system	\$100,000
Canoncito/El Dorado water project	\$10,000
La Barbaria Road Improvement	\$25,000
County Road 67G Ravens Ridge Road Improvements	\$25,000

New Public Works Facility

The new Santa Fe Public Works Facility Project is located on a 37-acre site along Highway 599 northwest of the intersection with Airport Road. The project consists of approximately 45,000 square feet of new buildings and structures and includes: an office building, a vehicle maintenance building, a sign shop, a vehicle wash bay, a wind turbine to generate electricity, a material and equipment storage yard, and a fuel station. The facility will take advantage of state-of-the-art technology and design to be energy and cost efficient. The Santa Fe Public Works Facility Project is currently 77% complete. The Public Works Facility is a complex building project and the largest project the County has built to date. We believe it will become a landmark project for the County due to its energy savings and design. The project is scheduled to be completed in approximately six months. The Santa Fe County Public Works complex was designed for energy efficiency and low operations and maintenance costs. Among the energy-saving systems designed into the buildings are the following:

Natural Energy Systems:

- All major buildings have passive solar heating features with heat stored in concrete mass walls. Shading is provided to shield the walls from the summer sun.
- Buildings are naturally ventilated with operable windows on the North and South sides for cross-ventilation.
- Extensive use of natural light reduces electricity consumption.
- Vehicle Wash Building uses 4 hydronic solar panels to pre-heat the wash water.
- All buildings are heated by a single centrally located high-efficiency gas-fuelled boiler. The system can be converted to burn other types of fuel including biomass.
- Water efficient plumbing fixtures used throughout. Circulation pumps eliminate the wait for hot water at faucets.
- Vehicle wash equipment recycles water up to 7 times.
- Rainwater from the roofs is captured and stored in underground tanks to be re-used for landscape irrigation.
- Native grasses and trees used for landscaping greatly reduce the need for irrigation.



Update on New Courthouse - LEED Principles Guiding Design

The construction site is being cleared in preparations for the building of the Steve Herrera Judicial Complex. Critical attention is being paid to constructing the facility in alignment with the principles of sustainability, energy efficiency, and environmental stewardship.

Some of the energy efficient design elements being included are:

- Water collection system utilizing cisterns to collect building roof area water
- Night sky code requirements
- Occupancy sensors at rooms not frequently occupied (storage closets, janitor rooms, toilet rooms, etc.)
- Re-circulation pump for domestic water system (temperature controlled)
- Computer based energy management system (EMCS)
- Low flow toilet fixtures
- Construction Waste Management - plastics, woods, paper and metal recycle
- Shuttle service
- Low-E glazing
- Water efficient landscaping
- Heat reflective roof material
- Heat island effect reduction – parking below grade and plaza design
- Photo sensors at building interior with high levels of natural light (day lighting control)
- Operable windows at second and third levels for natural air circulation
- Incorporation of energy efficient construction detailing at the building envelope to reduce or eliminate air infiltration into building.



Commissioner Campos Champions Title Insurance Reform

Commissioner Paul Campos has championed the cause of Title Insurance Reform Legislation in Santa Fe County. In 1985, the title insurance industry wrote New Mexico's Title Insurance Law in order to evade a price-fixing action by President Ronald Reagan's Federal Trade Commission. That law requires state government to annually promulgate a single rate schedule for title insurance, which, in effect, prohibits price competition to the detriment of homebuyers. As a result, New Mexico has the eighth highest title insurance rates in the nation when measured as a percentage of median monthly income, according to Bankrate.com and U.S. Census data.

The industry collected more than \$133 million in premiums in New Mexico in 2006 and approximately 5 cents of every dollar of title insurance premiums collected is used to pay, adjust, dispute and deny title insurance claims (the loss ratio), according to A.M. Best. Five national title insurers control 93 percent of the total title insurance market, according to Fitch Ratings.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office and UNM Assistant Professor Dante DiGregorio have concluded that price competition in the title insurance industry needs to be encouraged nationally, regionally and locally. Title insurance policies frequently fail to protect homebuyers against claims, consumers are overcharged on policies for re-financed mortgages and the Title Insurance Law immunizes the industry for negligent searches and examinations.

Reform legislation would convert the single rate schedule to a maximum rate schedule and permit price competition and end title insurers' negligence immunity. The lower title insurance premiums would make homeownership more accessible to working families and would promote economic development, as many businesses must also purchase title insurance.

Santa Fe County joins all five members of the Public Regulation Commission, Attorney General Gary King and Think New Mexico in requesting that Governor Richardson place the issue of title insurance reform on his priority list. More info on this issue can be found at <http://www.thinknewmexico.org/titleinsurance.html>.

More Mineral Rights Info for Property Owners: Campos Sponsors Resolution

The possibility of oil and gas development in the Galisteo Basin within Santa Fe County has caused many worried landowners to question who owns the mineral rights under their properties. The Bureau of Land Management alone owns 516,735 acres of mineral rights in Santa Fe County.

The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 authorizes and governs leasing of public lands for developing deposits of coal, phosphates, oil, gas and other hydrocarbons and sodium. New Mexico (the New Mexico State Land Office) and the United States (the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management and the United State Department of Agriculture, Forest Service) lease mineral rights in New Mexico and provide minimal notice is provided to the public on sales and leasing programs.

Commissioner Campos sponsored a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners that requests public owners of mineral interests in Santa Fe County notify surface owners within five miles of the proposed site of a potential lease or sale of their mineral interests ninety days before offering their interests for sale or lease.

Commissioner Jack Sullivan



Commission District 5-Appropriations from the NM State Legislature 2008

El Dorado Roads \$99,000

Rancho Viejo Recycling Center Comes On-Line

The Rancho Viejo Temporary Recycling Center was opened to the public on April 4, 2008. Hours of operation are Fridays and Saturday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Permits (permits expire June 30th 2008) and bag tags (no expiration on bag tags) can be purchased at The Santa Fe County Treasure's Office. Items accepted are clean corrugated cardboard, paper bags, office paper, newspaper, junk mail, catalogs and magazines, plastic #1 and #2, aluminum cans/foil, steel cans and glass (all colors). There are also designated areas for phone books and plastic bags. New residential and commercial solid waste permits, as well as, recycle permits for fiscal year 2007-2008 (July 2007 through June 2008) are now available for purchase. If there are questions, please call 992-3068 or visit santafecounty.org. Directions: From the St. Francis exit go south on I-25. Exit NM 14 south for approx. 1/4 of a mile. At the first light turn left on to Rancho Viejo blvd. Go approx 1.5 miles and turn right on Avenida del Sur. Go approx .75 miles and turn right on A-Von-Ne-Po road. The entrance will be on the right.

Affordable Housing Development Project Underway

Over the past several years, the Santa Fe County Housing Authority (Housing Services Division) has renovated and sold 29 public housing units. In addition, with a Development Grant that the Housing Authority received, 40 additional units were built. Of these, 33 units have been sold. All the units sold were purchased by families with incomes below 80% of the area median amount.

The proceeds received from the sale of these units will be used by to build additional affordable housing for low-income families in Santa Fe County. Santa Fe County and the Housing Authority are currently under contract with Suby Bowden and Associates and are in the process of identifying available land to build an affordable housing project. It has not yet been determined if the project will consist of rental housing or homeownership units (or a combination of both).

The Board of Housing Commissioners has had two study sessions to discuss various aspects of an affordable housing project and to review information resulting from the 2008 Housing Needs Assessment. Two additional study sessions are scheduled for June and July to finalize details on the next project. Groundbreaking is slated on the project by the end of the year. For more information, call Dodi Salazar, Housing Division Director at 992-3058.

Residents Want to Know... How Does the County Decide Which Roads Get Paved and Graveled?

County maintained roads are considered for paving or base course improvements through several ways. The Public Works department has put together a Road Improvement Plan. The improvement plan included approximately 90 roads. About half of the roads are completed or are scheduled with funding in place to complete recommended improvements. The roads on the Plan were placed there by via input from the Commission, the Road Advisory Committee, communities and staff. It was initially proposed as a 5 year plan, but some funding sources did not materialize. Skyrocketing construction costs have dramatically impacted how far available funds can stretch.

Some residents lobby their state legislators and get state funding for the County maintained roads they live on. Even though these roads may not be on the Plan, the County still uses the funding to improve these roads. Residents can contact their Road Advisory Committee member to request paving or base course improvements. The Committee has developed a form that they use to evaluate requests. The Committee then forwards a recommendation to Public Works staff. Also, the County conducts public meetings or residents to request things such as paving improvements, senior centers, libraries and other types of facilities. For more information, visit www.santafecounty.org or call 992-3010.

HAVE AN OPINION? SEE GRAFFITI? THINK OF AN IDEA? NEED COUNTY SERVICES?

CONTACT *THE COUNTY*:
820-CNTY (2689)

820-CNTY IS SANTA FE COUNTY'S NEW NUMBER FOR INFORMATION AND SERVICE

Among the many services accessible through *820-CNTY*, you can:

- ⊙ Request road repair
- ⊙ Ask for help with graffiti
- ⊙ Give the County Manager your opinion
- ⊙ Suggest a solution to a problem
- ⊙ Contact Constituent Services
- ⊙ And, much, much more.

All calls to **820-CNTY (2689)** are handled by a live operator during business hours and all calls to voice mail are returned within 48 hours.

820-CNTY is accessible seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

820-CNTY provides County residents with one easy-to-remember number to access non-emergency County government services.

Remember, for emergencies dial 911.

You'd rather email? cnty@santafecounty.org

Long distance? Call toll-free 877-215-5463

2008 Santa Fe County - Final Legislative Report

Below is a list of the funds Santa Fe County received for Capital Outlay. This list includes funding that was approved for the entire County. The list includes projects that the County will act as fiscal agent.

There is also a list of bills passed that will affect the County. These bills were signed into law. This list includes the bill number, title and a short summary about the bill.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING

(Projects to be administered by Santa Fe County)

1	1st Judicial District Court House	\$10,000
3	Agua Fria St. Water/Sewer Line Extension	\$200,000
4	Agua Fria Park Improvements	\$40,000
5	Canoncito Apache Canyon MDWC&MSWA Water System	\$100,000
6	Canoncito/El Dorado Regional Water Project	\$10,000
7	Cundiyo Community Center/Room Addition	\$140,000
8	Edgewood Sr. Center Improvement	\$15,000
9	El Dorado Roads	\$99,000
10	La Barbaria Road Improvements	\$25,000
11	La Puebla Multipurpose Center	\$75,000
12	La Puebla Park Restroom Facility	\$35,000
13	La Tierra Road Improvements	\$25,000
14	Nambe Head Start Park/ Purchase	\$600,000
15	Santa Fe Club House Facility	\$300,000
16	Children's Zone	\$70,000
17	County Clerk Imaging System	\$50,000
18	County Detention Facilities	\$40,000
19	Esperanza Shelter Building	\$50,000
20	Head Start Facilities Improvements	\$50,000
21	Mountain Center Construction	\$205,000
22	County Public Housing Improvements	\$120,000
23	County Road 42	\$25,000
24	County Road 67G/Ravens Ridge Road	\$25,000
25	Tennis Courts in the Pojoaque Valley	\$49,000
26	Vehicles & Equip in Santa Fe County	\$24,000
27	Vista Grande Library Expansion	\$55,000
28	Chimayo Senior Center Improvements	\$25,000
29	Chimayo Museum Construction	\$75,000
30	SFC Senior Center County Wide Meals/Equip	\$57,000
31	Santa Fe County River Corridor Impv./aquire	\$390,000
32	Women's Health Facility	\$45,000
33	Stanley Agricultural Facility	\$50,000
		\$3,154,000

Additional Projects in Santa Fe County

(Not administered by Santa Fe County)

1	Acequia de Chupaderos	\$10,000
2	Acequia delano Improvements-Nambe	\$10,000
3	Acequia Barranco Alto	\$35,000
4	Acequia de Cienega	\$15,000
5	Acequia de Los Gardunos Dam and Head Gate	\$35,000
6	Acequia de Los Indios-El Rancho	\$35,000
7	Acequia de Los Rios-Cuyamungue	\$20,000
8	Acequia Nueva/Comunidad/Llano-Nambe	\$25,000
9	Galisteo Water System Improvements	\$10,000
10	Pojoaque Irrigation Dist. Nambe Dam Repair	\$25,000
11	Chimayo Museum, from Junior Bill (programming)	\$40,200
		\$260,200

Additional Potential Funding for Santa Fe County

1	State Parks & Recreation	\$1,000,000
2	Economic Development Grant Fund	\$7,000,000
3	State of New Mexico Film Initiative	\$7,000,000
		\$15,000,000

BILLS THAT WILL HAVE EFFECT ON SANTA FE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

HB 184 Local Government Investment Provisions

Investment and Pensions Oversight Committee and the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee) Clarifies provisions regarding investment of public funds by local public bodies and other eligible governing bodies. Changes the name of the Short-term Investment Fund in the state treasury to the Participating Government Investment Fund. Defines “participating government” to include the state treasurer on behalf of the general fund, local governing bodies of political subdivisions, the governing authority of a tribe or other governmental or quasi-governmental body created pursuant to New Mexico statutes. Requires tribes or quasi-governmental bodies to adopt a resolution authorizing investment in the fund.

ASSESSORS OFFICE

HB 324 Charitable Care Property Tax Valuations

Clarifies that certain nonprofit properties are not subject to property tax because they are not subject to valuation. Property operated either as a retirement home, retirement community, home for the aged or other place that undertakes to provide care under the Continuing Care Act or as a nursing facility, skilled nursing facility, adult residential care facility, intermediate care facility or intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled licensed by the Department of Health may qualify. To qualify, the facility must be owned by a charitable nursing, retirement or long-term care organization that (1) has been granted 501(c)(3) status by the IRS, (2) donates or renders gratuitously a portion of its facilities or services and (3) uses all funds remaining after necessary expenses to further its charitable purpose.

HB 661 Valuation Impact From Affordable Housing Programs

Requires county assessors to consider the decrease in value that would be realized by an owner of residential property from the effects of any affordable housing subsidy, covenant or encumbrance under a federal, state or local housing program, including those imposed by a nonprofit organization but approved by a governmental entity.

SB 116 Raise Property Tax Limitations Income Limit

Freezes the valuation of owner-occupied single family dwellings if the owner is 65 years of age or older and the owner’s modified gross income is not more than \$32,000 (up from \$18,000 in current law). Owners whose modified gross income is \$18,000 or less may choose to base the valuation freeze on provisions of current law or this amendment.

SB 177 Monthly Property Tax Payments

Allows class A counties (presently Bernalillo, Dona Ana, San Juan and Santa Fe Counties) the option of offering property owners a plan to pre-pay property taxes over ten months. Payments begin June 1 of the year in which the property tax bill is prepared. Payments for the first nine months equal 10 percent of the prior year’s tax bill. The final payment equals the difference between the tax billed for the current year and the amount prepaid. This payment is due March 1 of the following year. The property tax bill prepared for property owners choosing this prepayment plan must show the amount of the final payment due.

COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE

HB 237 Atomic Election Recounts

(Similar to HB113) Requires an automatic vote recount when the returns for a state or federal office in a general election indicates that the margin between the two leading candidates is less than one-half of one percent of the total vote cast or that officer

HB 249 Community College and School Board Elections

Permits community college boards to hold their elections at the same time as school district elections, the first Tuesday of February in odd-numbered years, or the college boards may continue to hold their elections on the first Tuesday of March in odd-numbered years.

HB 327 County Clerk Recording Instrument Fees

Expands the purpose for which recording fees collected by county clerks may be spent to include the rent, purchase, lease or lease-purchase of equipment and vehicles associated with all regular duties of the office. Also includes supplies, maintenance and training.

SB 1 Primary Ballot Access For Certain Candidates

This bill restores language stricken by the 2007 Legislature which provides that a candidate who fails to garner at least 20 percent of the convention vote may still get on the primary ballot by collecting additional nominating petition signatures equal to four percent of the total vote of the candidate's party in the state or congressional district and file a new declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state.

SB 81 Eliminate Election Use of SS Numbers

Removes the voter ID card as an accepted form of identification for voting purposes. Adds the voter registration address to the verbal or written statement made by a voter in order to vote. Deletes the requirement that the last four digits of voters' Social Security numbers must appear on voter checklists and signature rosters. Requires county clerks to prepare and certify accuracy of checklists and rosters and to supply a voter list for public use for each precinct. Requires precinct presiding judges, after polls are closed, to deliver the signed signature roster to the county clerk and mail the checklist to the secretary of state. Absentee ballot applications and mail-back envelopes would be required to bear voters' registration addresses. Voter checklists would not contain voter addresses or any other personal information.

COMMUNITY SERVICES (HOUSING/FIRE/HEALTH)

SB 8 Housing Audit Service Purposes

Changes the term and purpose of a 2007 appropriation of \$200,000 to the State Auditor to conduct an audit of regional housing authorities. Authorization is extended through 2009 and the scope is expanded from simply conducting an accounting of all assets acquired by the authorities to conducting a complete financial audit of regional housing authorities. Any remaining funds would revert to the General Fund.

SJM 44 Volunteer Firefighters Retirement Amendments

Calls upon the PERA, state fire marshal, Volunteer Firefighter Association, Fire Service Council, Municipal League and Association of Counties to report to the appropriate interim committee after June 1, 2008 to propose amendments to improve the Volunteer Firefighters Retirement Act.

HB 546 Tobacco Settlement Fund Programs

Appropriates \$3 million from Tobacco Settlement Program Fund to the Department of Health for tobacco use cessation programs.

HB 615 Distributions to Sole Community Provider Fund

Changes the flow of money from a county's imposition of the second one-eighth increment of county gross receipts tax. Before distributing the revenue to the county, the Taxation and Revenue Department (which collects the tax) first will distribute the county's approved contribution to the Sole Community Provider Fund. Any amount left over would then go to the county's general fund or county indigent claims fund, as appropriate

CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

HJM 22 Study County Jail Overcrowding & Related Law

Resolves that the Legislature must recognize that current New Mexico law is insufficient to permit counties to effectively manage county jail operations. Requests that an interim committee, in collaboration with the New Mexico Association of Counties, study the current laws related to jail operations, report its findings and make recommendations for new legislation to remedy problems.

SJM 34 County Jail Overcrowding Law Study

In response to the serious overcrowding of county jails and the cost of compliance with federal constitutional standards for confinement, the joint memorial requests an interim legislative committee and the New Mexico Association of Counties to study current law relating to jail operations and report its findings prior to the first session of the next Legislature.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT(LAND USE, WATER)

HB 245 NMFA Economic Development Fund

Authorizes the NM Finance Authority to participate in up to 49 percent of loans and up to \$5,000,000 per project from the Economic Development Revolving Fund for 38 private industry projects around the state as follows:

HB 308 NMFA Water Project Fund

Authorizes the New Mexico Finance Authority to make loans or grants from the Water Project Fund to various specified municipalities, counties, pueblos, water user associations, water authorities, soil and water conservation districts, State Parks Division and Interstate Stream Commission for 48 specified water projects.

HM 32 Support Santa Fe Regional Telecom Coalition

Resolves that the PRC should facilitate the work of the Santa Fe Regional Telecommunications Coalition to organize primary telecommunications bandwidth users in the Santa Fe region. Requests that the Department of Information Technology support the coalition's efforts to gain access to the New Mexico lambda rail telecommunications infrastructure; and that the governor's science and technology advisor be requested to assist the coalition to arrange for installation of a gateway to the computing applications center at the Santa Fe Community College as a primary node on the lambda rail connection for the coalition region.

SB 532 Approve Zoning Special Exceptions Authority

Allows a municipal or county zoning authority to authorize in appropriate cases special exceptions to the terms of a zoning ordinance when an appeal shows the project in question is not contrary to the public interest, the denial of the zoning permission results in unnecessary hardship, or if the spirit of the zoning order is still observed.

SJM 13 Traditional Ways of Life In Forest Plan

Requests the U.S. Forest Service to consider and protect the traditional rural culture of local ranchers and farmers, and the preservation of wildlife habitat and natural resources, when evaluating any plans to designate open routes for motorized travel through the National Forests.

SJM 17 State Engineer Review of Water Exports

Declares that exportation of mined ground water from the Estancia basin must be supported by proof of need and proof that there are no alternatives in the area before the State Engineer approves an application to export the water.

SJM 40 Study Off-Road Motorized Vehicle Use

Citing the need for a centralized study on the economic benefits and costs upon which to formulate a sound recreational policy, the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and the Department of Game and Fish, in cooperation with state agencies, are asked to conduct a study and provide recommendations on the impact of off-road motorized vehicles in outdoor recreation areas and how to resolve conflicts and prevent resource damage.

MANAGERS OFFICE (HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION)

SB 66 Minimum Wage Act Exemptions

Corrects an unintended consequence of a 2007 state minimum wage bill that was signed into law when it also removed an exemption from the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. This bill amends the State Minimum Wage Act to restore that exemption thereby providing public employers (state and local government) with the ability to offer employees flexible scheduling and compensatory time payments rather than cash for working overtime. (Without the change cities would reportedly have to spend \$25 million to comply with the overtime pay requirement; counties would have to pay \$10 million a year.)

SHERIFFS OFFICE

HB 263 Sheriffs Fees For Service of Process

Would increase the fee for service by county sheriffs of writs, citations, orders, subpoenas or summons from \$30 to \$40.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES 2008 SESSION

Amending the Economic Development Act to Allow for Public/Private Activities
Not Pursued

Eliminating the County Surveyor Position in Santa Fe County
Introduced by Senator Grubestic, Bill was determined to be germane.

Requests will be made for additional monies for projects that have been previously funded, but have short-falls

This was done and completed to the best of funding that was available

Re-authorizations for previously funded projects, (if language change is needed)

Document Imaging Program for the County Clerks Office

Bill was introduced and additional funding was granted in the amount of \$50,000 for a total of \$100

[Continuation of Support for House Bill 316,](#)

AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTIES; ENACTING THE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY REIMBURSEMENT ACT; PROVIDING REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTIES FOR THE COSTS OF INCARCERATION OF CERTAIN PERSONS CONVICTED OF A FELONY; CREATING THE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY REIMBURSEMENT FUND.

Submit Joint Memorial/Bill with Both Houses in order for Santa Fe County to Acquire the New Mexico State Penitentiary Waster Water Treatment Facility

Bill was introduced by Senator Griego, SJR 10. This bill was forwarded to Senate Rules Committee, Senate Judiciary Committee and was tabled indefinitely in order to work it out during the interim committees.

Submit Bill in the Amount of 700K, to pay for Vouchers for Substance Abuse Treatment

Bill was introduced by Rep. Lucky Varela, Speaker Lujan and was tabled indefinitely in the Appropriations Committee.

Equipping and Positioning Santa Fe County for Superior Service to Residents

EQUIPPING AND POSITIONING SANTA FE COUNTY FOR SUPERIOR SERVICE TO RESIDENTS

- Reorganized – Reorganized Santa Fe County into 4 Departments based on services provided

* reorganized and downsized Manager's Office * Hired ASD Director

- Enhanced Human Resources * Created at-will employee evaluation forms * Hired Human Resources Director * Implemented entry-level salary adjustments County wide * Hired Land Use Director * Hired Finance Director * Hired Strategic Planner * Hired Transportation Planner * Hired Affordable Housing Specialist * Hired Water Review Specialist * Hired Employee Development Specialist * Implemented Fire Cadet Program * Completed the Classification and Compensation Study and implemented it * Hired Housing Director * Implemented College for Working Adults Program * Implemented reorientation for new employees who have been employed at the County for 6 months for continued feedback * Implemented a process for exit interviews on departing employees for continued feedback on possible retention measures * Established the Santa Fe County Focus Group to get input from employees at all levels * Implemented a process to track training provided by HR to ensure each employee has completed mandatory training * updated tuition reimbursement process to include increased funding to assist more County employees with their educational goals * Improved New Employee Orientation to include a thorough discussion on Santa Fe County structure and the importance of customer service * implemented Spanish speaking classes for County employees * Revised Human Resources Action Form to be user friendly * Successfully conducted open*switch enrollment for medical, dental, vision, and life insurances * Converted the use of social security numbers to employee numbers for employee identity safety * Implemented a HR handbook to ensure adequate cross-training * Established monthly HR statistics reports outlining number of trainings conducted, disciplinary actions taken, turnover rates, new hires, and separations * Updated HR Website * Established a tier table for Supplemental Life Insurance for all participants * Established increased life insurance for eligible undercover agents pursuant to Senate Bill 186 * implemented salary increase for Correction employees which increased in retention rates * Provided suggestion boxes for employees to provide feedback and ideas * Provided Flu Shots free of charge for County employees * Implemented Middle Management Committee * Implemented customer service Committee * Implemented Administrative Support Committee * Updated the County directory * implemented Job Search on a local radio station to enhance recruitment efforts * Completed Union negotiations with AFSCME * Implemented COLA in 2007 and 2008 for all AFSCME and non*union employees* Implemented a Merit Increase Policy to include a Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME to allow for pay for performance for their membership

• Improved Public Safety * Successfully negotiated the CWA * Sheriff's Union Contract which resulted in Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office being a highly competitive agency within the State of New Mexico * Successfully took over the RECC * Increased all Fire Division employees eligible for Fire Plan 5 to be covered at a 75% provision by Santa Fe County * hired 20 cadets for Fire Department * Hired new RECC Director * Rewrote RECC JPA between the City and County * Passed 1/16 Medicaid tax (to continue providing health care for residents who can't afford it) * began the Fire Department Volunteer incentive program * Enabled Field Reporting for Sheriff's Deputies * software loaded, 30 laptops configured to PS wireless router, training completed for users

- **Enhanced Financial Resources** * Court House Bond Passed * Fire Tax Passed * Upgraded general obligation bond rating of Aa1 from Aa2 * Finance Division assumed payroll function * Local Government Division Budget Document Award from the Department of Finance and Administration * Budget document submission to the National Government Finance Officers Association for the annual award process

- **Resolved Challenges to Performance** * EZ Impact Fee Agreement/ Paid City * Created a County Wide Motor Pool * Rented space at Bokum Bldg. to address immediate and near term space needs * Corrections Department ReOrg (Replaced Jail Administrator * Corrections Director * Replaced Deputy Jail Administrator * Hired Booking Manager * Hired Financial Manager * Hired Human Resources Assistant * Hired Youth Department Administrator * Replaced Jail medical doctor) * Juvenile Facility investigation conducted * Increased salaries for Corrections Officers * Defined Sheriff's Role at Jail * Refined Jail Advisory Committee Role and created a work plan * Underground utilities ordinance adopted

- **Created Public Information Mechanism** * Approved MOU with the City of Santa Fe for the creation of a Government TV channel * Hired Public Information Officer * Redesigned quarterly newsletter (saves money and trees and reaches more residents) * Created “real*time” public information updates on web site and over 120 news releases reaching every broadcast TV, radio, and newspaper news media outlet in northern New Mexico, as well as over 250 neighborhood associations, community and business organizations, and over 2,000 residents who have signed up to be updated on County information * Created system to handle “crisis communications” * Instituted ability to respond to news media requests for information 24/7 * Added in*house public relations expertise for both day*to*day and high*visibility issues (new Judicial Complex, Oil and Gas Drilling, etc.)

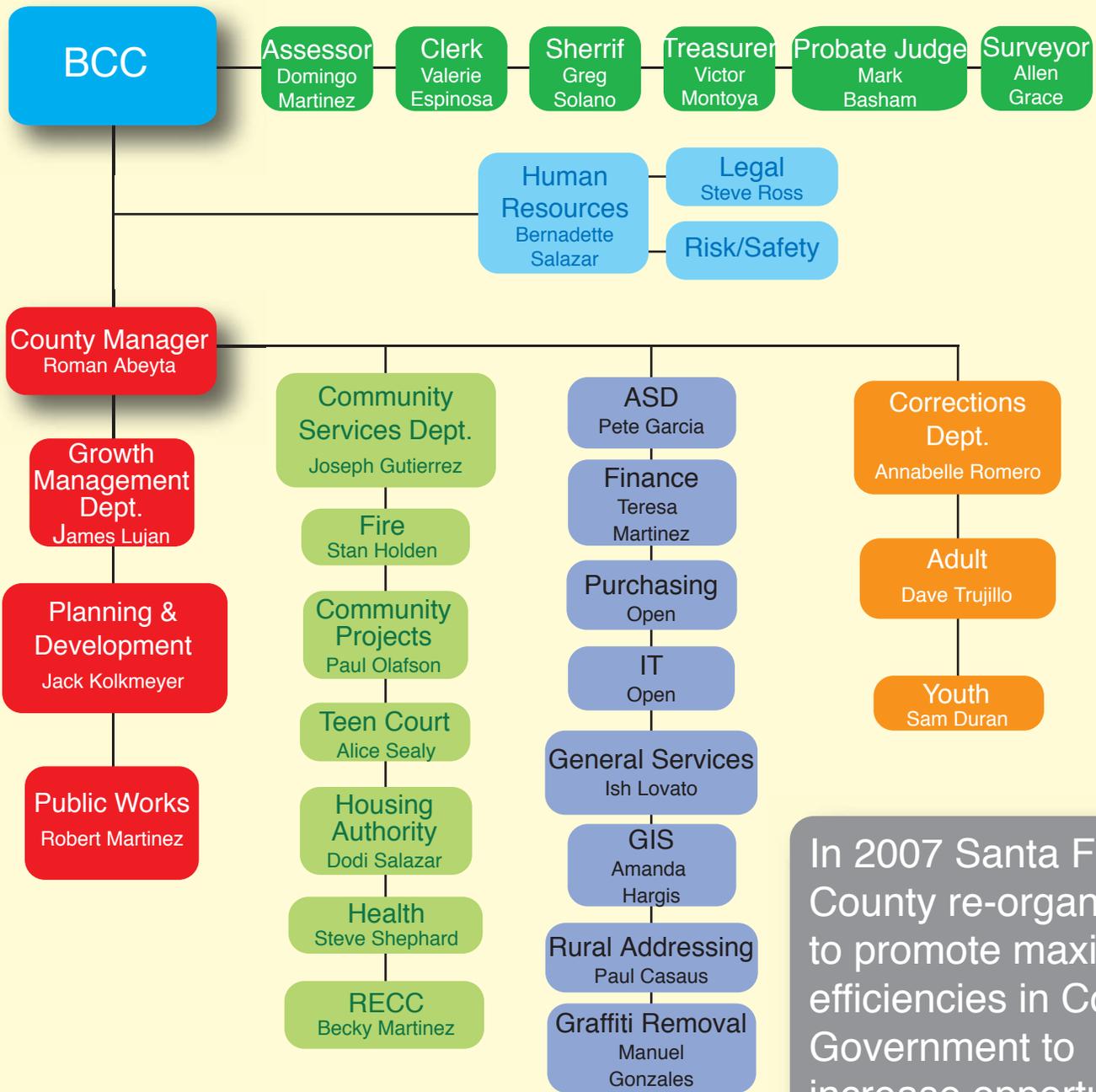
- **Positioning for Performance** * Broke Ground on new Public Works Facility * Purchased Women's Health Building * Purchased Blue Monkey Building * Purchased Ortiz Mountain Property * Acquisition of land for Marcus Trujillo Teen Center Phase III * Launched County Housing Project with Suby Bowden and Associates * Presented Water Utility Plan * Submitted Wastewater Utility Plan * Submitted Draft Water Plan (module for the Growth Management Plan) * Pojoaque Waste*Water MOU * Completed IT Strategic Plan * Increased network connectivity * Jail Admin and Satellite Offices configured for Network access * Upgraded County email system * Configured and implemented active directory and MS Exchange County*wide * Consolidated voice messages and email message within Outlook * Upgraded staff technology * replaced 95 computers county*wide * Increased County data storage capacity * added more 4 terabytes of disk space * Accomplished first half of Phase 1 of EGIS Plan: Foundation level GIS services * Installed GIS Server (installed geodatabase software * Created database design for common GIS layers – parcels and roads * scripted loading of GIS edit layers into geodatabase) * Negotiated contract for GIS editing of parcel maps for integration with CAMA system * Negotiated acquisition of 2008 orthophotos with Bohannon Huston in collaboration with USGS City of Española City of Santa Fe Rio Arriba County and MRCOG * Installed Desktop GIS software for Land Use staff to expand the use of GIS as a decision*making tool in the Growth Management Plan * Trained County staff on use of Desktop GIS software * Documented GIS data layers for use by County staff * Wrote GIS One*Year Plan * Created the Zoning Overview Map and Growth Management mapping * Field verified commercial districts for Zoning Map * Updated GIS content on County website * Upgraded skill*set of GIS staff (ESRI Conference, NMAC Conference, URISA's Leadership Academy, weekly desktop training) * Constructed space at Correctional Facility for electronic monitoring system * Created Jail/Health Sub*Committee * Affordable Housing Ordinance Adopted * NMAC Vehicle Policy updated * Conducted Audit on DCSW for County Projects * Providing monthly budget reports to BCC * Initiated the Clerk Archiving Project * contracted with Professional Document Systems to electronically document all Clerk's hardcopy files onto a server, in addition to adding 2 scanners to scan any new documents * established SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) for the updating of addressing information to RECC for 911 services * Sungard H.T.E. Upgrade Coordinated, tested and implemented H.T.E.'s complete file system overhaul in the software * CAMA * RFP completed and Contract signed * Sharepoint * Documentation server configured and implemented

PROTECTING COUNTY RESOURCES

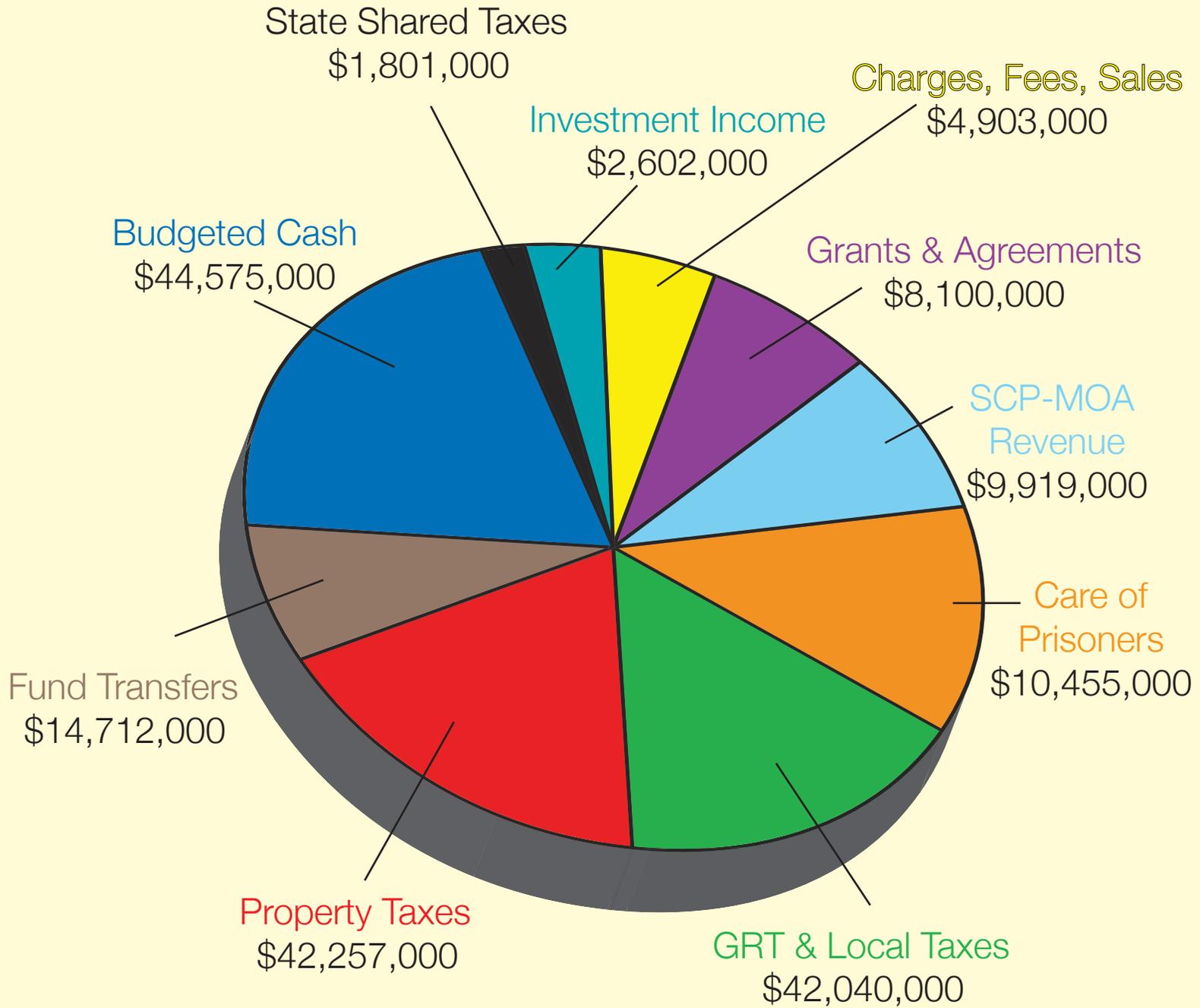
Negotiated two year DOJ agreement * Brought County into IRS compliance * Spearheaded approval of Propriety of Expenditures, Fixed Asset and Inventory Exempt, and Taxable Fringe Benefits Resolution * Transportation Fuel Reduction and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition * Completed review of budget fiscal policies * Adopted new fiscal policies: Monthly fixed assets reconciliation process, Satellite sales of solid waste and recycling permits, Payroll Processing, Payroll time auditing, Direct deposit processing, Processing deferred compensation deductions * Trained on financial activities: County*wide training sessions for accounts payable, travel per diem, fixed assets, taxable fringe benefits, timesheet entry and auditing at the Adult Facility * El Dorado Moratorium Ordinance adopted and expired * Revised the County water allocation policy * Final Environmental Impact Study for BDD issued * Upgraded to Internet Phones: Admin Building, Public Works, and Housing Dept. * Created internet filtering system * Websense configured and implemented * Upgraded data protection * New tape backup implemented * Increased data security * New firewall configured and implemented * Enhanced security * Installed cameras at the Adult Correctional Facility * Established checklists for a Human Resources Actions to ensure accuracy and consistency * Implemented a mandatory social security check for all new hires and rehires * Complied with new I-9 regulations * Implemented background checks on all new hires and rehires * Upgraded IT Infrastructure * Replaced core switch at Public Safety building, upgraded the Core router and switch in the County Admin., Housing, Public Works and Health Building to newer technology supporting internet telephone technology) * Revised No Smoking Policy and posted signs throughout County buildings * Processed and denied Santa Fe County's first Public Improvement District application

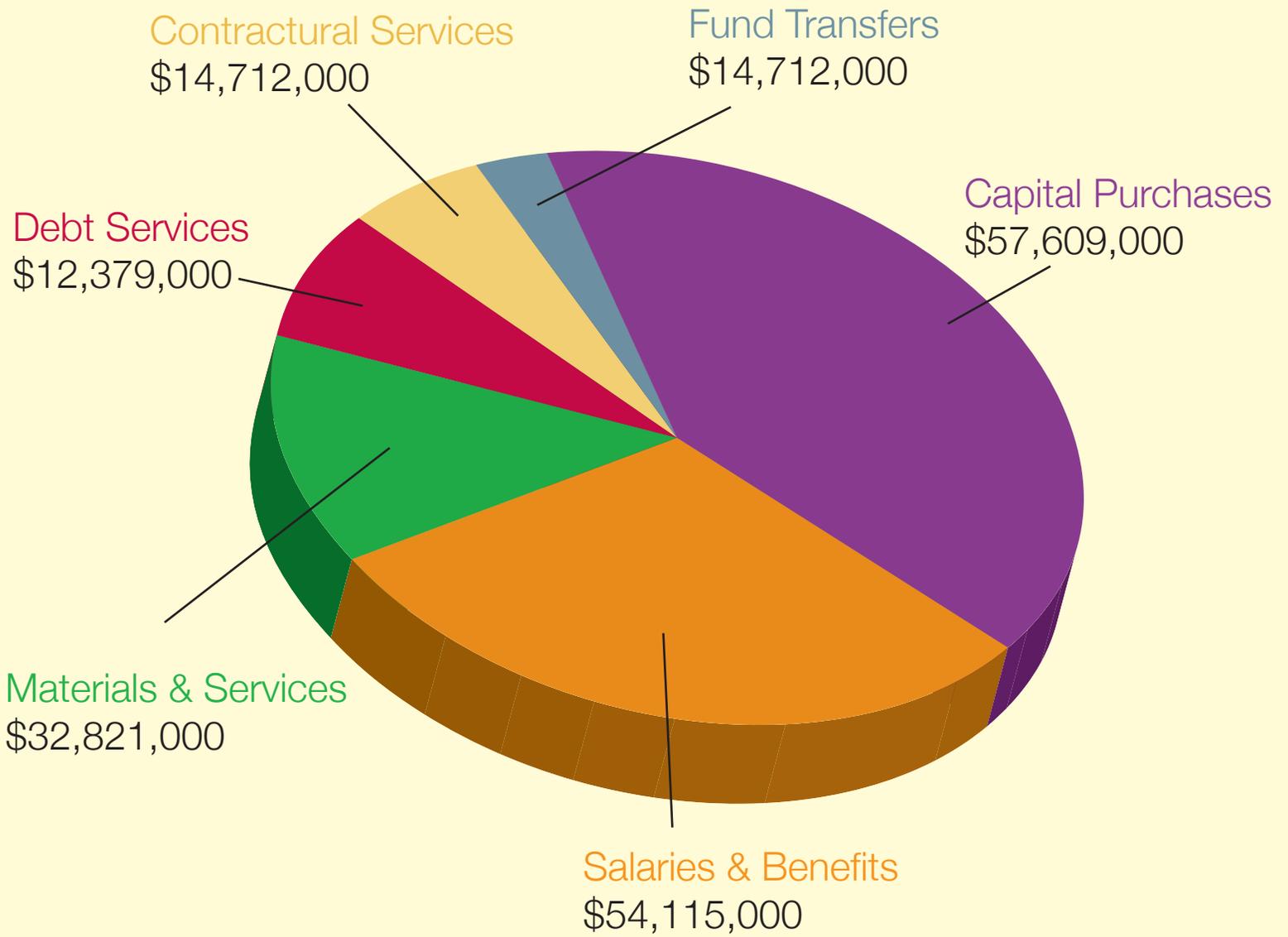
SERVICE DELIVERED

Opened satellite offices in Pojoaque, Eldorado and Edgewood * Created and implemented County Public Information Program * Redesigned Web page * Updated data layers in ArcIMS (online mapping) for staff and public * Eldorado Senior Center constructed * Adopted graffiti removal ordinance * Implemented graffiti removal program * Obtained permanent funding for Teen Court * County Senior Services Program: Eldorado meals * Initiated County transfer station upgrades * Swimming Pool Ordinance adopted * Domestic wells in Eldorado Ordinance adopted * Village of Agua Fria Community Ordinance adopted * Tres Arroyos Del Poniete Zoning District Ordinance (TAP) adopted * Media District Ordinance adopted * Tiered rate structure for utility adopted * Completed construction of Clerk's office remodel * Completed construction of Assessors front entrance remodel * Completion of Nambe Pueblo Addressing Project: renaming of existing road names in Tewa (Native Pueblo Language) * Completion of MRA Boundaries (Map Reference Areas) that are consistent with the City Of Santa Fe Fire Department and Santa Fe County Fire Departments * Completed construction of Aqua Fria Community Center * Completed construction of Thunder Mountain Fire Station * Completed construction of El Rancho Senior Center Addition * Completed construction of Bennie J Chavez Center Kitchen Remodel * Completed construction of San Ysidro River Project * Completed construction of Youth Shelter Phase II * Completed construction of Edgewood First Choice Clinic Parking Lot * Instituted a new County telephone number to improve customer service for residents * Implemented a County resident survey online



In 2007 Santa Fe County re-organized to promote maximum efficiencies in County Government to increase opportunities for interdepartmental cooperation and collaboration that represents a more workable management structure.

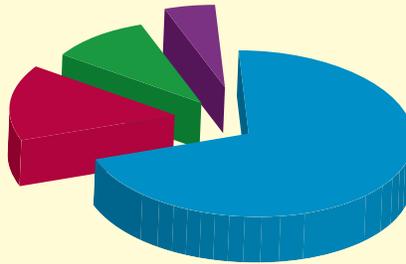




ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Finance
Information Technology
Building Maintenance

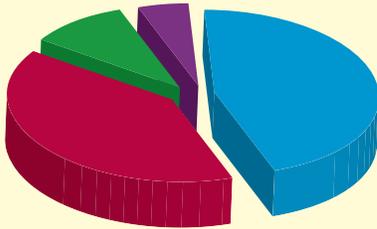
SALARIES & BENEFITS.	\$3,637,000
MATERIALS & SERVICES.	\$1,093,000
CONTRACTURAL SERVICES.	\$947,000
CAPITOL PURCHASES.	\$471,000
TOTAL	\$6,148,000



EXECUTIVE

County Manager
Board of Commissioners
Human Resources
Legal
Risk management

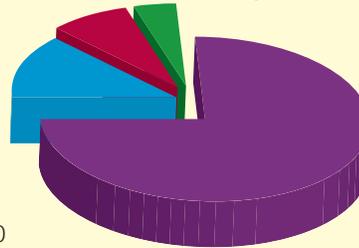
SALARIES & BENEFITS.	\$2,982,000
MATERIALS & SERVICES.	\$2,408,000
CONTRACTURAL SERVICES.	\$538,000
CAPITOL PURCHASES.	\$131,000
TOTAL	\$5,969,000



GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Land Use
Road Maintenance & Projects
Solid Waste
Water Utilities & Projects

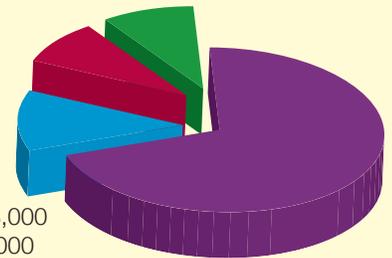
SALARIES & BENEFITS.	\$7,288,000
MATERIALS & SERVICES.	\$2,907,000
CONTRACTURAL SERVICES.	\$1,019,000
CAPITOL PURCHASES.	\$33,830,000
TOTAL	\$45,044,000



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Property Control
Open Space
Facility Projects
Health Programs
Public Housing Authority
Fire Department
Regional Emergency Communications

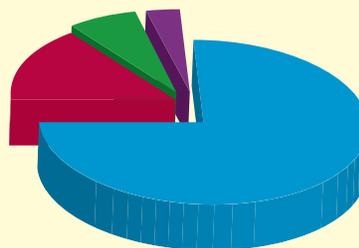
SALARIES & BENEFITS.	\$13,798,000
MATERIALS & SERVICES.	\$7,646,000
CONTRACTURAL SERVICES.	\$7,994,000
CAPITOL PURCHASES.	\$57,477,000
TOTAL	\$86,915,000



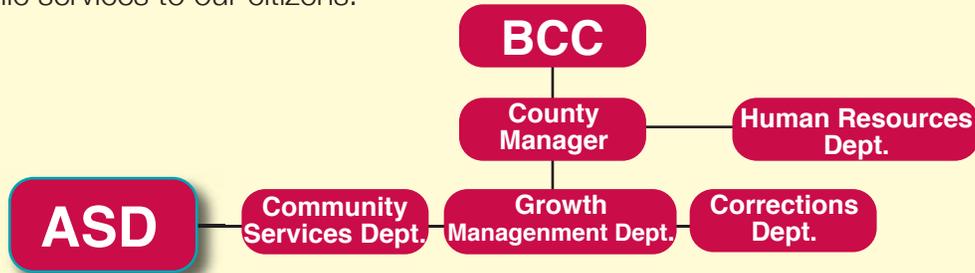
CORRECTIONS

Adult Detention Facility
Inmate Medical Services
Electronic Monitoring
Youth Development Programs

SALARIES & BENEFITS.	\$3,637,000
MATERIALS & SERVICES.	\$1,093,000
CONTRACTURAL SERVICES.	\$947,000
CAPITOL PURCHASES.	\$471,000
TOTAL	\$6,148,000



Administrative Services: The mission of ASD is to efficiently and effectively provide key administrative support services to all county departments, elected officials, and divisions to assist them in carrying out their functions of providing responsive public services to our citizens.



Rural Addressing

Assign Addresses
 Assist Regional Emergency Communications Center

Graffiti Removal

- Graffiti Clean Up
- Voucher Program
- Mural Program
- Teen Court Program

GIS

- Assist Departments, community groups and public with mapping

Finance

- Budget
- Payroll
- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Fixed assets
- General Accounting

Building Services

- Custodians
- Maintenance
- Motor Pool

IT

- System Maintenance
- Network Maintenance
- Phones

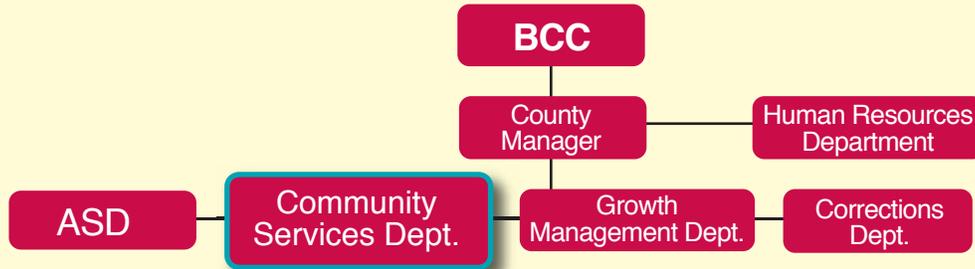
Purchasing

- Acquisition of Goods and services

Accomplishments:

- Conducted Audit on DCSW for County Projects
- Provide budget reports to BCC monthly
- Redesigned Web page
- Policies adopted to ensure compliance with IRS regulations and rectify audit findings
- Transportation Fuel Reduction and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition -Resolution approved
- Satellite sales of solid waste and recycling permits
- Internal Policies adopted:
 - Monthly fixed assets reconciliation process
 - Internal payroll policies for processing, direct deposit and time auditing
 - Review of budget fiscal policies
- Timely and clean financial audit
- Upgraded General Obligation Bond Rating of Aa1 from Aa2
- Conducted annual County-wide training sessions for accounts payable, travel per diem, fixed assets, taxable fringe benefits, timesheet entry and auditing.
- Received Local Government Division Budget Document Award from the Department of Finance and Administration.
- Submitted budget document submission to the National Government Finance Officers Association for the annual award process
- Accomplished first half of Phase 1 of Enterprise Geographic Information System (EGIS) Plan
- Began work on obtaining new CAMA system
- Acquired 2008 orthophotos of SF County
- Installed new GIS software
- Trained County staff on use of Desktop GIS software
- Wrote GIS One-Year Plan
- Updated data layers in ArcIMS (online mapping) for staff and public
- Assisted the State with the Geospatial Advisory Committee, E-911 Advisory Committee, the New Mexico Association of Counties GIS Affiliate
- Updated GIS content on County website

Community Services: The mission of the Community Services Department is to provide comprehensive and quality services and support to the citizens of Santa Fe County. Community Services includes the following divisions: Fire, Regional Emergency Communication Center (RECC/911 Dispatch), Health, Housing, Community Projects, Open Space & Trails and Teen Court



Community Projects

- Legislative Liaison
- Building Projects
- Operations
- Open Space and Trails
- Satellite Offices

Fire

- Fire Prevention
- Fleet Maintenance
- Field operations
- Volunteer Program
- Emergency Management
- Fire/Rescue/EMS Training

Teen Court

- Substance Abuse Program
- Strategies for Teen Anger Management
- Middle School Parent Involvement
- Restorative justice
- Graffiti Clean Up

Housing Services

- Public Housing
- Section 8 Housing
- Affordable Housing
- Housing Maintenance
- Family Self-Sufficiency
- 5 “h” home ownership Program
- Section 8 home ownership
- Development
- Capital Fund Program

Regional Emergency Communications Center

- Emergency calls

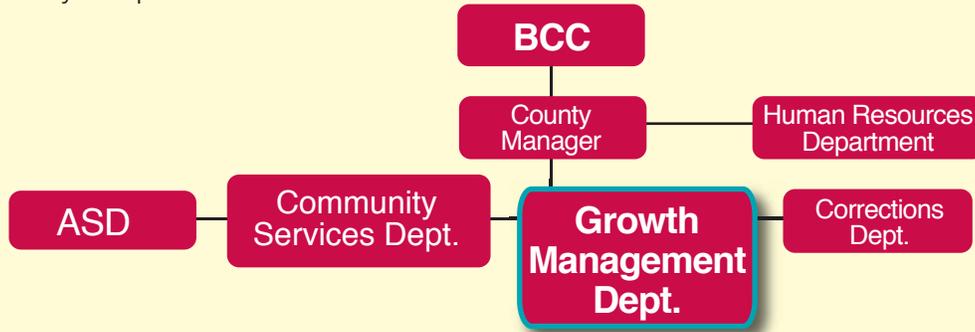
Health

- Care Connection
- Assessment Center
- Sobering Center
- DWI
- Maternal and Child Health Program
- Mobile Health Fair Van
- Health Care Assistance

Accomplishments:

- July '07- Took over RECC, added County Employees (48)
 - Hired new RECC Director
 - Rewrote RECC JPA between the City and County
- Fire Department hired 20 new cadets
- Eldorado Senior Center constructed
- Adopted Graffiti removal Ordinance and implemented program
- Passed 1/16 Medicaid Tax
- Began the Fire Department Volunteer incentive program
- Obtained permanent funding for Teen Court
- Broke Ground on Public Works Facility
- Completed construction of Agua Fria Community Center
- Completed construction of Thunder Mountain Fire Station
- Completed construction of El Rancho Senior Center Addition
- Completed construction of Bennie J Chavez Center Kitchen Remodel
- Completed construction of San Ysidro River Project
- Completed construction of Youth Shelter Phase II
- Completed construction of Edgewood First Choice Clinic Parking Lot
- Purchased Women’s Health Building
- Purchased Blue Monkey Building
- Purchased Ortiz Mountain Property
- Acquisition of land for Marcus Trujillo Teen Center Phase II
- Launched County Housing Project with Suby Bowden and assoc.
- Expanded County Senior Services Program (Eldorado on-site meals)

Growth Management: Growth Management is a newly developed department that encompasses Land Use and Planning, Utilities, Water and Wastewater and Public Works which includes Road Maintenance, Road Construction, Fleet Maintenance and Solid Waste and Traffic Department, This Department has approximately 150 employees and is one of the most visible and demanding departments by the public.



Planning and Development

- Community Planning
- Economic Planning
- Development Permits
- Code Enforcement
- Development Review
- Transportation Planning
- Water Conservation

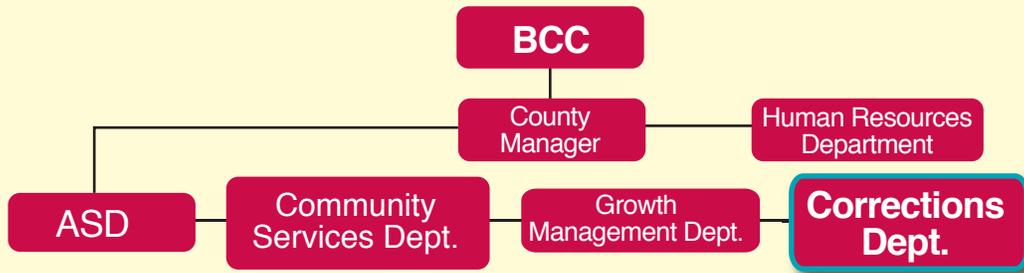
Public Works

- Solid Waste
- Road Maintenance
- Project Development
- Fleet
- Utilities
 - * Water
 - * Waste Water
- Traffic

Accomplishments:

- Hired Affordable Housing Specialist
- Hired Water Review Specialist
- Initiated County transfer station upgrades
- Hired Transportation Planner
- El Dorado Moratorium Ordinance adopted and expired
- Revised the County water allocation policy
- Swimming Pool Ordinance adopted
- Domestic wells in Eldorado Ordinance adopted
- Village of Agua Fria Community Ordinance adopted
- Tres Arroyos Del Poniete Zoning District Ordinance (TAP) adopted
- Media District Ordinance adopted
- Water Utility Plan drafted
- Wastewater Utility Plan drafted
- Draft Growth Management Water Plan
- Tiered rate structure for utility adopted
- Final Environmental Impact Study for Buckman Direct Diversion issued
- Entered into MOU with Pojoaque Pueblo for Regional Waste Water System

Public Safety: The Mission of Public Safety is to provide administrative oversight of all Santa Fe County Correctional Facilities. The Department works closely with Law Enforcement Agencies, the Courts, Public Defender's Office, the District Attorneys Office, the New Mexico Department of Children Youth and Families, and the Community to provide a range of services to meet the needs of Santa Fe's incarcerated population. We are committed to providing a safe, secure, and humane environment with a variety of services to assist those in detention, whether they are sentenced to our facilities or awaiting transport, trial or sentencing.



Adult

- Inmate Medical Services
- Electronic Monitoring

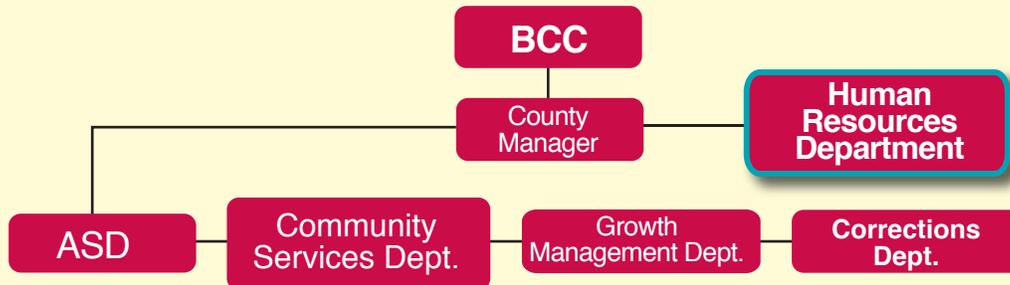
Youth

- Youth Development Programs
- Day reporting
- Adolescent Residence Center

Accomplishments:

- Juvenile Facility investigation conducted
- Increased salaries for Corrections Officers
- Refined Jail Advisory Committee Role and created a work plan
- Developed Department of Labor Inmate Certificate Program
- Corrections Department Re-Org.
- Replaced Jail Administrator
- Replaced Corrections Director
- Replaced Deputy Jail Administrator
- Hired Booking Manager
- Hired Financial Manager
- Hired Human Resources Assistant
- Hired Youth Department Administrator
- Department of Labor with Inmate training
- Replaced Jail medical doctor
- Hired a Medical Director
- Constructed space for electronic monitoring program
- Created Jail/ Health Sub-Committee
- Entered into a two year Department Of Justice agreement for care of inmates

Human Resources: The mission of Human Services is to provide quality services in recruitment, employee development, employee relations, benefits, and compensation with integrity and responsiveness to support County goals through our most valuable resource: EMPLOYEES.



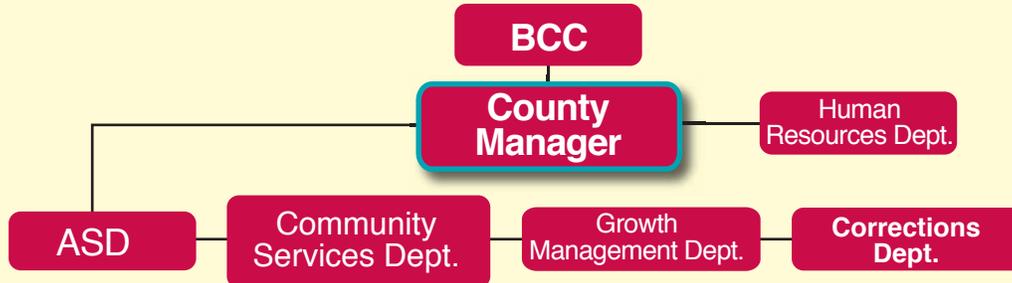
Accomplishments:

- Completed and implemented a Classification and Compensation Study
- Created an employee recruitment campaign
- Implemented background checks on all new hires and rehires
- Implemented College for Working Adults Program at Santa Fe County
- Implemented re-orientation for new employees for continued feedback
- Implemented a process for exit interviews on departing employees
- Established a County Focus Group to get input from employees at all levels
- Implemented a process to track training provided by HR
- Updated tuition reimbursement process to include increased funding
- Expanded New Employee Orientation to include County structure and Customer Service
- Implemented Spanish speaking classes for County employees
- Revised Human Resources Forms to be user friendly
- Successfully negotiated the CWA-Sheriff's Union Contract
- Implemented a Merit Increase Policy
- Successfully conducted open-switch enrollment for insurances
- Converted the use of Social Security numbers to employee numbers
- Implemented a HR Handbook to ensure adequate cross-training
- Established monthly HR statistics reports
- Established checklists for Human Resources Actions
- Complied with new I-9 regulations
- Updated HR Website
- Assisted with the implementation of the Fire Cadet Program
- Increased all Fire Division Non-Union employees eligible for Fire Plan 5 to be covered at a 75% provision by Santa Fe County
- Established increased life insurance for eligible undercover agents pursuant to Senate Bill 186
- Revised Smoke Free Policy and posted signs throughout County buildings
- Implemented Cost of Living Adjustments for all employees
- Provided suggestion boxes for employees to provide feedback and ideas
- Provided Flu Shots free of charge for County employees
- Implemented Middle Management Committee
- Implemented Customer Service Committee
- Implemented Administrative Support Committee
- Updated the County Directory
- Successfully Negotiated AFSCME Union contract
- Hired Employee Development Specialist
- Hired Classification and Compensation Administrator

Human Resources Programs:

- Wage and Salary Administration
- Classification Administration
 - Employee Development
 - Tuition Reimbursement
 - Career Development
- College for Working Adults
 - Labor Relations
- Recruitment, Selection and Retention
 - Disciplinary Process
 - Grievance Process

Manager's Office: The Mission of the County Manager is to support and implement BCC policies and priorities, provide organizational direction and leadership, coordinate strategic and regional planning efforts, and foster efficient and effective management of County workforce and activities.



Managers Office

- Public Information Officer
- Constituent Services
- Intergovernmental Relations
- Strategic Planning

Accomplishments:

- Approved Re- Org. of Santa Fe County into 4 Departments based on services provided
- Created at-will Employee Evaluation Forms
- Hired Human Resources Director
- Court House Bond Passed
- Fire Tax Passed
- Hired Strategic Planner
- Hired ASD Director
- Created a County Wide Motor Pool
- Rented additional office space to address immediate and near term space needs.
- Re-Organized and down-sized Manager's Office
- Opened satellite offices in Pojoaque, Eldorado and Edgewood
- Implemented entry Level Salary adjustments County wide
- Approved MOU with the City of Santa Fe for the creation of a Government TV channel
- Hired Land Use Director
- Hired Finance Director
- Hired Public Information Officer
- Created County Public Information Program

Summary of Work in 2007:

From Urgency to Importance: Our first year has been focused on moving from merely reacting to crisis or demand to being strategic in the investment of the resources entrusted to us for maximum effectiveness. Much of what we've done in the past year has been to position the County for greater performance in the future - we can't harvest fruit before we clear the ground, plant the seed, and make sure it is nourished properly. We have been involved in doing "first things first."

- Preparation
- Prevention
- Values clarification
- Planning
- Relationship building
- Empowerment

Challenges for 2008:

- Improve Customer Service
- Complete current projects/initiatives
- Prioritize new initiatives tactically in harmony with strategic plan to ensure completion



Immediate/Short Term:

Affordable Housing Ordinance Amendments (Legal/Growth Mgmt.)
Performance Based Budgeting (Admin. Serv.)
Growth Management Strategy/Plan (Growth Mgmt.)
Oil and Gas Ordinance (Legal/Growth Mgmt.)
County Land Development Code Re-Write (Legal/Growth Mgmt.)
City of Santa Fe Annexation Settlement (Legal/Growth Mgmt.)
Economic Development Park Development (Growth Mgmt.)
Buckman Direct Diversion Project (Growth Mgmt.)
Green Building Code Adoption (Growth Mgmt.)
Building Permit Program (Growth Mgmt.)
Judicial Complex (New-Comm. Serv.)
Transfer Station Upgrades (Growth Mgmt.)
County Facilities Energy Plan (Comm. Serv.)

Long Term :

Department of Justice Agreement Compliance (Legal/Corrections Dept.)
Succession Plan (Human Resources)
Corrections 20-Year Retirement (Human Resources)
County Facilities Energy Plan Implementation (Comm. Serv.)