

NEWS FROM COMMISSIONER LIZ STEFANICS
DISTRICT 5 - SANTA FE COUNTY
JUNE 28, 2011
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY



The Board of County Commissioners and District Judges toured the Santa Fe Judicial Complex grounds. Construction continues to be on schedule and on budget. The completion date is expected to be December 20, 2012.

Please have a safe Independence Day holiday – celebrate safely, throw water balloons, not fireworks.

*Thanks,
Liz*

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners – all five commissioners were present:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of County Commissioners approved the May 31, 2011 Meeting Minutes

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

The Board accepted the resignation of Jacqueline Baca and Betty Cardenas as members of the Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council.

The following items were unanimously [5-0] approved under the Consent Calendar:

- A joint powers agreement with Los Alamos, Rio Arriba counties, Espanola, and various pueblos for the REDI Middle Mile Broadband Network. Three points of presence (POPs) have been designated and no financial commitment from the County is required
- Collective bargaining agreements with The New Mexico Coalition Of Public Safety Officers-Communication Workers Of America, Local 7911 union and The American Federation Of State, County, And Municipal Employees; New Mexico Council 18, Local 1782 union. There is a potential for re-opening negotiations should the County's financial situation change
- A professional services agreement with Modrall Sperling for bond counsel services

Program Manager Greg Smith gave an update on preparations for the upcoming County Fair, which will run from August 3 to August 7. He encouraged the public to visit the Fair Grounds to see the improvements that have been made.

Planning Director Robert Griego announced the Taos Resource Management is in its final phases. The County participates as a cooperating agency. The RMP will offer a range of reasonable choices with

current mining grandfathered in and emphasis on protection of cultural and historic resources. Opportunities for public input still exist and the final draft is planned for an August or September release.

The following resolutions were passed:

- Changing precinct boundaries as a first step in the redistricting process. The number of precincts was changed from 87 to 88
- Approving the fiscal year 2012 final budget of \$218,272,900 of which \$158 million is recurring expenses

COMMUNITY SERVICES

An agreement with PNM to relocate power lines for the construction of the First Judicial Complex was unanimously approved. Money will come from contingency and grant funding. Action on the easement was tabled.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance Director Teresa Martinez gave an overview of the County's financial health, noting both property tax collections and gross receipts were over budget and cost-saving measures continue to reduce expenses.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

There was a (3-2) decision to authorize publication of title and general summary for an ordinance to amend the Solid Waste fee schedule, adding a 12-visit option. Commissioners Holian and Vigil voted against the authorization.

COUNTY MANAGER ISSUES

Public Information Officer Kristine Mihelcic and RECC Director Ken Martinez explained the difference between the County's notification systems. The Dialogic or Reverse 911 system is used only for emergencies such as evacuation notifications and currently only uses land lines. The Nixle system is used for community messaging and announces items of interest such as road closures and public meetings. A newer Dialogic system with increased capacity and the ability to chose a preference for landline, cell phone or email notification cell phone registration will be available at the end of July. Residents can sign up for Nixle by clicking "Get Connected" on the County website.

G.I.S. Analyst Erle Wright announced that redistricting efforts have begun. In future meetings, the Commissioners will be asked to consider options such as whether there is a preference for minimum change, whether future growth will be considered, how public input will be taken and other parameters that will affect the outcome that follows the 2010 Census. There was a request to include the League of Women Voters in the public hearings. At the July 26 BCC meeting, maps showing potential options will be presented.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Mayfield asked that all County employees be advised of the new state law governing the Code of Conduct that will take effect July 1, 2011.

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