

NEWS FROM COMMISSIONER LIZ STEFANICS
DISTRICT 5 - SANTA FE COUNTY
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY

Last April, staff from Santa Fe County visited Argentina as part of an international “exchange” program funded by the World Bank. The goal of the “Regional Credit Rating Improvement Program for Sub-National Authorities in Latin America” (RCRI) program is to assist local governments in Latin American countries to improve their credit worthiness, which in turn will allow them to issue bonds affordably for needed infrastructure projects. Santa Fe County was asked to participate due to its credit rating which has remained outstanding throughout the economic crisis of the last three years.

Last week a delegation from the municipality of Mendoza and the Province of Salta, Argentina visited Santa Fe County. The delegation met with County Manager, Katherine Miller and several members of



the Finance Division and the Projects and Facilities Division and the County’s financial and legal advisors for bond issuance.

I gave a presentation on the County transparency initiative, its history, development, and progress. They were

especially interested in the County’s Sunshine Portal, which provides access to a wide variety of detailed information on Santa Fe County’s finances and financial transactions over the internet.

Early feedback on the exchange with Santa Fe County from the Argentine delegation, ICMA and World Bank officials has been very positive. Because of the World Bank funding for this program, the County’s participation was completed with no budget impact to Santa Fe County.

Thanks, Liz

Here is a summary of the actions taken by the Santa Fe Board of County Commission. All five Commissioners were present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The BCC approved Final Orders for CDRC Case # V 11-5150, Jose Chris Tercero Variance (District 2)

PROCUREMENT

The BCC unanimously approved a contract in the amount of \$284,100 to remodel the Nambe Community Center was awarded to Longhorn Construction

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

The Board authorized to publish of title and general summary for an ordinance that would suspend a case-by-case provision of the Land Development Code for master plans, preliminary plats and final plats that have expired due to economic hardship

MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY CLERK

An ordinance establishing reasonable fees to recover costs in the Clerk's Office was tabled

MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

- Redistricting option map C2 was unanimously approved and adopted through County Ordinance 2011-8. The map and Ordinance are available at www.santafecounty.org/county_commissioners/redistricting/
- Property and Facilities Director Mark Hogan gave the BCC an update on his communication with the Santa Fe Public School District regarding possible relocation of Agua Fria Elementary School

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following cases were approved:

- BCC Case #MIS 11-5280, Santa Fe Spirits Alcohol Craft Distiller (District 2)
- BCC Case #MIS 11-5290, The Steaksman at El Gancho (District 4)
- BCC Case #MIS 11-5300, Don Quixote Distillery and Winery (District 1)
- CDRC Case #V 11-5210, Edwin & Francesca Lemus Variance (District 2)

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