

SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 25, 2020

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1. **A.** This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:15 p.m. by Chair Henry Roybal in the Plaza Conference Room, County Administrative Complex, 100 Catron Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. Roll Call

Roll was called by County Clerk Geraldine Salazar and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Henry Roybal, Vice Chair
Commissioner Anna Hansen, Vice Chair
Commissioner Rudy Garcia
Commissioner Anna Hamilton
Commissioner Ed Moreno

Members Excused:

None

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. State Pledge

E. Moment of Reflection

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Erika Quintana, the State Pledge by Alex Gallegos, and the Moment of Reflection by Theresa Roybal of the County Clerk's Office.

I. F. Approval of Agenda

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there any changes to the agenda? And if there's not, what's the pleasure of the Board? Manager Miller.

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Mr. Chair, the agenda – we had no amendments to the agenda as originally posted.

CHAIR ROYBAL: All right.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve the agenda.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion from Commissioner Hansen.

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CHAIR ROYBAL: And a second by Commissioner Hamilton.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

I. G. Approval of Minutes: January 28, 2020

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I have changes that I will give to the stenographer, and with that I move to approve the minutes with changes.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so I have a motion.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And a second. Are there any other changes or anything under discussion? Okay, seeing nothing.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

H. Recognition of New Hires

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I just want to – in your packets, I just want to point out we have a few new employees that were hired between January 1st and January 31st and then I think we might have an additional employee that's here behind me and I'll get to that one. So in Finance, we have a new department administrator, Athena Martinez. In Community Services, Antonio Vigil. In Land Use, I believe some of you already met Lee Marie Depietro, the senior planner for Housing. In Corrections, Maria Sepulveda, in Booking. In Public Works, in Projects, Barbara Herrera. I think you met Barbara, but there she is over there. Barbara is one of our new Project Managers, moving things along rather quickly.

And then an equipment operator in our Roads Division, Duane Quintana. And then in the Sheriff's Office, Samantha Talamonte, a Sheriff's Deputy III.

And then also, because we typically do the month before, as I said, but we did have a new employee start in CSD, and that's Devin Baldwin. Jennifer, you want to –

JENNIFER ROMERO (Community Services): Sure. Devin Baldwin has come over from the State. He's had some previous work with the courts here in Santa Fe County and other previous employment community service related. He's a great addition to our navigation team and we're so happy to have him.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Great. Welcome aboard. I'd also like to welcome all our new hires that were mentioned by Manager Miller. We had Athena Martinez, Antonio Vigil, Lee Marie Depietro, Maria Sepulveda, Barbara Herrera, Duane Quintana and Samantha Talamonte. Welcome to Santa Fe County. Do we have any other comments from the Board?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I want to just welcome them all and thank them for joining our team at Santa Fe County and we look forward to seeing you. Thank you very much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen.
Commissioner Hamilton.

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COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. The very same thing but it's wonderful just to see new people who bring special points of view and expertise and can contribute that to the County. So welcome aboard and we look forward to working together.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you. Any other comments?

I. I. Recognition of Years of Service

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, also, one of the things we like to do at the end of the month Board meetings is recognize those employees who have continuously served in Santa Fe County in five-year increments. So if they have stayed with us five, ten, fifteen, twenty years, we just send them a note thanking them and a little pin and I just make sure that I bring that up to you at the end of the month so you know how many people actually make careers out of being at Santa Fe County. And in your packet we have a few that have hit some milestones.

In the Sheriff's Department, in Animal Control we have two employees – three employees actually, that hit their five-year mark in February and that's Charmaine Griego, Antonio Lopez, and Jeremy Lewis. And then in our Corrections Department in Medical Services, our Dr. Olivares has also hit a five-year anniversary on the 23rd. In our Fire Department – and he's here with us, Ignacio Dominguez is in our Emergency Management but Ignacio has done several positions with the County, in RECC and HR and now in Emergency Management, so congratulations and thank you, Ignacio for ten years at Santa Fe County.

And then Daryle Garris hits his fifteen-year mark tomorrow and he's with our Public Works Solid Waste Department. So I just wanted to recognize them and thank them for their time at Santa Fe County.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller, and it's always really great to hear the amount of time and service that people put towards the Santa Fe County as a dedicated employee. It's really our honor to see so many people that choose to make their career here. I know one of our Commissioners, his whole career was here at Santa Fe County and he's still putting in his time now. So I really appreciate that and just really want to thank the employees that we recognize today for the years of service and say congratulations. Any other comments from the Board?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, sure. It never gets old to thank people for being here for so long and it's meaningful to the County and to us, and also personally to everybody who has made a career and hits a milestone and for that reason alone it's really worth recognizing it and taking the time to thank them. So thank you very much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Any other comments from the Board?

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2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2020-18, a Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Complete and Submit a Local DWI Grant Program Application(s) and Related Documents and Agreements (DWI/Lupe Sanchez)**
- B. Resolution No. 2020-19, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Road Projects Fund (311) and to the Roads Fund (204) to Budget Three (3) Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) Grants in the Amount of \$357,888 (Finance Division/Yvonne Herrera)**
- C. Request Approval of County Health Care Assistance Claims in the Amount of \$2,199.02. (Community Service Department/Jennifer Romero)**
- D. Resolution No. 2020-20, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase in the Amount of \$24,359 in the Housing Section 8 Voucher Fund (227) (Finance Division/Yvonne Herrera)**
- E. Request Approval of Change in Status of Paralegal Position from Unclassified At-Will to Classified As Part of Efforts to More Effectively Respond to Inspection of Public Records Act Requests (Human Resources/Sonya M. Quintana and Legal Department/Gregory S. Shaffer)**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion and a second. Under discussion, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I just have a quick question regarding the DWI grant, and I don't know if Manager Miller knows this or not. How much can we apply for that grant? And also, did the state legislature cut any DWI grant funding? Do we know?

LUPE SANCHEZ (DWI Coordinator): Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, the legislature to the best of my knowledge, at this point did not cut any funding to the DWI grant this year, so that's a positive thing. Right now we're expecting – and these are just estimated numbers. They're based off of liquor excise tax and they kind of estimate what they're going to bring in, and they're usually fairly accurate. So we're looking at \$1,285,000 for fiscal year 2010-2021.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, great. Thank you, Mr. Sanchez, for that clarification. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Also, Mr. Chair, the tax on the liquor, does that actually go – is it distributed statewide? Or if you have a larger city – larger cities because they have more sales, do they get more money from the tax or is it distributed equally?

MR. SANCHEZ: Chairman Roybal, Commissioner Garcia, there's a formula that's in place with DFA, and that's correct. All 33 counties get funding from the liquor excise tax. It's based on the county size, number of DWI related crashes in the

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county. But the crashes aren't based on a yearly basis. They're based from – I believe it's from 15 years ago, that number. I'm not exactly sure what year was it they're basing the number of crashes. It's something that we are hoping that they would at some point adjust to more accurately reflect what's really taking place in the counties in more present time. So there's an equation that's in place to determine how the funds are distributed.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. No more questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Sanchez. We appreciate your being here.

MR. SANCHEZ? Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so we had a motion by Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Hamilton for the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

[Clerk Salazar provided the resolution numbers throughout the meeting.]

3. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

A. Appointment/Reappointment of Four Members to The County Open Lands, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC)

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have from Growth Management Maria Lohmann MARIA LOHMANN (COLTPAC Coordinator): Mr. Chair, we need to reappoint or appoint several members to the County's Open Lands, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee. We have three members who are currently serving on the committee who would like to be reappointed, including Ruben Cedeño from District 3, and Linda Siegle and Jean Pike who are at-large members. We also advertised for one vacant position and as you see in the very large packet material we received 11 applicants for the at-large position.

Everybody was really incredible. I'm just always blown away at how much people want to be involved and how incredible people are. So after reviewing every single one of the applications we have made recommendations which are in your packet to reappoint the existing members and to appoint Morika Hensley for the at-large if that is your agreement.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. I agree with you. It's a great group of candidates to choose from and I would like to make a motion to appoint the three members that are present and I was also especially happy to see a millennial that was interested and the fact that she's young and wants to serve on this committee, I feel like we need more people in that age group – how do you say her name?

MS. LOHMANN: Morika Hensley.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So Jean Pike, Ruben Cedeño and Linda Siegle.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So a motion from Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Under discussion, Commissioner Garcia.

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COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Ms. Lohmann, since there's many individuals that are interested, how does staff go about choosing one of them?

MS. LOHMANN: Commissioner Garcia, I went through the applications. Everybody submitted their résumé and a letter of interest. Because I had so many I narrowed it to three, and from there I called and interviewed the top three candidates and asked them all the same questions and worked with Planning staff to have a conversation about each one. To be totally honest, it was a very, very difficult decision. Everybody was very highly qualified.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. No more questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Any other questions or comments from the Commissioners? No? Okay, so we have a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Resolution No. 2020-21, a Resolution Amending the Santa Fe County Road Map and Certifying a Report of the Public Roads in Santa Fe County

GARY GIRON (Public Works Director): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners, Manager Miller. Annually, Public Works and the County submit a resolution that fulfills the County's requirement to receive its share of the road maintenance funds from the state of New Mexico that are generated from gas and motor vehicle taxes. We have updated the report. It is then submitted to the Department of Transportation by April 1st of the year.

We have additions and corrections in there and I wanted to take a second and just talk about what those are. The first one, the addition, on Main Street from the intersection of New Mexico 14 to the intersection with First Street, which is .34 miles. What happened is that in clarifying the road we believe that it was the responsibility of the Department of Transportation and came to find out that it was the County's responsibility so we are correcting that and placing that on our list, because the DOT had not been maintaining that road at all.

And then the second ones, are corrections and –

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'm just wondering, have we adopted that section of Henry Lynch that – that has already been done? [Mr. Giron nods in the affirmative] That's what I thought.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, Commissioner Garcia. We did that. It was adopted prior to when we did the certification last year so it was added to our inventory. And we had them maintain it.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. I appreciate it.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for the clarification. And thank you for the question. Go ahead.

MR. GIRON: And then with corrections, there was an annexation by

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Edgewood, by the community, that ended up in District Court and was resolved on 3/8/17, and at that time our road list should have been updated. We are making those corrections and that's what you see there on the second page from Patricia Place down to East Frost Road and they are for areas of that community that have been annexed, from Meadows Subdivision, other subdivisions, the Del Monte Subdivision, a future subdivision and some other roads. And if you have questions I have Matthew here from Traffic and I have Diego Gomez, the road engineer. With that I'll stand for any questions.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, staff, has the Town of Edgewood seen this? Has the Mayor seen this, do we know? And the reason why I'm asking, because some of these individuals are actually – if they had it that the County was maintaining these roads, yes or no, in the last year or two, and if so, if we automatically stopped maintaining 6.4 miles of roads I'm going to get calls. So I'm just wondering –

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, I believe that at the time, and this is what I understand in talking with Diego, that at the time that the District Court made its judgment and allowed that annexation to occur, that we stopped maintaining the roads and the list was just not updated after that point. So all of these actions have taken place since 2017.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: And also, this happens a lot down in that southern part of Santa Fe County and I don't know how to go about this, but if we actually – sometimes you see those signs that say County-maintained stops here. County-maintained begins here. And sometimes it's from here to the end of the building there. It makes sense to me, so whenever the snowplow goes through there, we lift up our plow, it keeps going and we put down our plow, it just kind of drives me crazy. And I just don't know what to do with that because it just makes sense it's a government road. It's a government vehicle, and I understand the whole staffing and how that works, but like I say I find it very challenging when we lift up our – I can understand when we maintain the road or when we do alterations or upgrade the road. I definitely can see that, but just kind of –

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, it is an issue of liability that when we start to put our plow down on a road, if it belongs to that local community, or it belongs to the DOT then we are assuming liability for what's going on on that road. So we've been extremely careful with that.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So Mr. Chair, so there's no way we can sign a MOU with the Town of Edgewood as into how can we figure this out. How can we actually work government to government? It's probably something we can look at in the future and how we can go about doing that, because like I said it is a government road and like I said, I understand the whole maintenance and upgrades of the road, but those are just some of the things that – like this last two, three weeks ago, Edgewood got hit with a storm that was pretty intense down there and because of the wind and so on and so forth, they got about 15, 20 inches of snow in some of those areas and I just hate to see our snowplow once again go down, lift up the plow – but we can talk about this a little bit later.

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, we will discuss this with

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Legal and discuss this with you and see if we can come back with an answer.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for your questions, Commissioner Garcia.
Any other questions from the Board before we proceed? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would just like to know how many total miles of road do we maintain? I think it's at the bottom. 565.21?

MR. GIRON: Yes. That is correct.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Just in case somebody asks me that question I want to be prepared.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Do we have any idea how much it increases yearly? Not a whole lot, right? Because I think it's been about 500 since I've been in office. Diego probably knows.

DIEGO GOMEZ: (Public Works): So, recently there have been some corrections. When I first started in 2011 it was more, and then the City annexed and so with the annexation both in the Town of Edgewood and the City of Santa Fe our number has gone down. But based on acceptance of future County roads and future annexation, that is kind of a moving target. And so we're always around between 550 and 600. Somewhere in there, depending on what's going on currently.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you for that update. Do we have anything else to report on this resolution?

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, we do not.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. So what's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion and a second to approve the resolution amending the Santa Fe County road map and certifying a report of the public roads in Santa Fe County.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

B. Request Approval of Temporary Construction and Permanent Utility Easement Agreements Between Santa Fe County and Property Owners of Cañoncito

CHAIR ROYBAL: Once again, we have the Public Works Department and we have –

SCOTT CASEMAN (Real Property Supervisor): Scott Caseman, Real Property Supervisor.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Scott. You can go ahead and proceed.

MR. CASEMAN: Mr. Chair, today we're bring to you 17 easements for the Cañoncito water improvement project for your approval. There are 42 easements that are required for this project. Since this packet was submitted we have acquitted an additional six easements. We have scheduled eight other easements to be signed by the landowners this week in the office, or that are being mailed, the easements or plats for their signatures because they're out of town. So that leaves 11 remaining easements we

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have to acquire. We only have mailing addresses for those and a letter today with an example of easements going out requesting that they contact the County.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Caseman. Is there any questions from the Board? So on the 11 remaining easements, do we have any idea, more or less, the timeframe? We probably don't, being that we have to mail them out.

MR. CASEMAN: Well, we're stressing that we are looking to move this project forward quickly and requesting that they contact us as soon as they can.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we don't have an expiration date for them to call at this point.

MR. CASEMAN: I can certainly put – the letter will go out tomorrow, so I can modify the letter if we want to put a timeframe on that. That's easily done.

CHAIR ROYBAL: That may not be what the Board wants. I'm going to go to Commissioner Garcia and then I'll go to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, the resolution says that it's temporary easements or are they permanent easements?

MR. CASEMAN: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, there are both. We have temporary construction easements that we need just to build the project and then once the project is completed, that easement goes away. There are also permanent utility easements that we do acquire.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: And Mr. Chair, so these easements are anywhere from a utility line – are we going across a County road or are we actually going across private driveways?

MR. CASEMAN: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, there are times when we're going into someone's land.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So Mr. Chair, what happens if an individual has asphalt, if an individual has, let's just say basecourse or their road is upgraded? Is the County going to go and resurface or put their road back to the way it was originally?

MR. CASEMAN: I'd like to defer that to Mr. Dupuis.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just because, Mr. Chair, what happens once in a while is, I've seen other utility companies do this is where they go and put – just to be upfront, gas lines through some of our areas in La Cienega and which are private subdivisions and they tear up their entire basecourse and they don't put it back to the way it was whenever the gas company got there. So those are just why I'm asking these questions.

JOHN DUPUIS (Utilities Director): Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, this subdivision, Cañoncito, it's only for the waterlines within the subdivision along the Old Las Vegas Highway, and there are no improved roads, no blacktop or basecourse. It's largely rock or gravel drives. And so it's to restore to the existing condition but it does not include paving.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. And can you state your name and position for the record and also for our constituents that are listening on the radio?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, this is John Dupuis, Santa Fe County Utilities Division Director.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, John. Okay, was that all your questions, Commissioner Garcia?

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COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So we're not – it's my understanding that the remainder of the process of getting rights-of way and easements and starting some of the construction or the bidding process is going to run in parallel. Is that a true rumor? I know this is time-sensitive. I know you guys are taking whatever options. I just wanted to put the question on the table to get the –

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, we currently have a requirement – and it's not the County that has the requirement; it's the association's contract with the Finance Authority. And the attorney for the association has certified that the association has easements adequate to construct the project prior to the grant award, but the County intends to acquire the assets of the association because they've requested that in the future. And so as part of this project we are also acquiring the easements that we will need to ultimately take it over. And so that is running concurrently with the project and ideally we'd like to have those easements in place before the construction starts but otherwise we intend to rely on the association's attorney's letter stating that their easements are sufficient.

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, with the idea that by the time the County takes ownership of that that all of those easements will have been acquired so that they satisfy all the County requirements.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Appreciate it. That was most of my question but the other part of the question was that this is not going to hold up construction, given the incredibly tight deadline for part of this project. Is that probably true? And I'm sure there could be some concerns about that. And I see you taking a deep breath, but I figured I might as well put it on the table.

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, all of those issues are not yet resolved. We are working with Legal now to have an opinion about what the resolution of that issue is. All things being equal, if everything gets resolved, I think that the RFP will be published this weekend, so we will start to move ahead with the project.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: That sounds good. Thank you very much for all those efforts.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for those questions, Commissioner Hamilton. Okay, so if we don't have any other questions from the Board, what's the pleasure of the Board on this item?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair, I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Second.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And a second from Commissioner Moreno and Commissioner Hansen.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

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C. Request Authorization to Publish Title and General Summary of Ordinance No. 2020-___, an Ordinance Amending Santa Fe County Ordinance No. 2014-10 (“Solid Waste and Recycling Management Ordinance”), as Amended by Ordinance Nos. 2018-7 and 2020-2, to Specify That Solid Waste Permits Do Not Expire

CHAIR ROYBAL: From the Public Works Department we have Mr. Giron again, and this is something that I’m really glad that we did bring forward and that my fellow Commissioners supported making this change. I think it’s something that is going to be for the best for our community and it will definitely give our constituents the opportunity to completely use their dump permits before they expire. Mr. Giron.

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, I’m going to give background so that people understand how this has evolved. So at the December 10th meeting of the Board of County Commissioners they authorized publication of title and general summary of an Ordinance, 2014-10, the Solid Waste and Recycling Management Ordinance. And that was to address the concern that purchasers of three-, six- and 12-trip punch permits in the calendar year 2019 be allowed to have those permits and not have them expire.

The BCC held a public hearing on the proposed amendment on January 14th, at which time the BCC requested that the ordinance be written to remove the expiration from the provision of the 2019 waste permits also. In other words, the BCC decided to reach the ultimate goal of allowing purchasers of permits in calendar year 2019 to realize the full value of those permits through a different means. So the BCC adopted an ordinance amendment on January 28th establishing that solid waste permits do not expire.

At the January 14, 2020 BCC meeting, the BCC indicated its desire to remove the expiration provisions of all solid waste permits. Staff is now prepared to complete a process of removing expiration from all solid waste permits. Therefore we are asking that the BCC authorize publication and general summary of the attached ordinance which establishes that Santa Fe County solid waste permits do not expire regardless of what year they were purchased, and I believe that is for 2014 forward into the future.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for that summarization, Mr. Giron. Is there any other questions or comments from the Board?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I just have a – Mr. Chair, I have a comment. Even at lunch today at the Energy Efficiency lunch, a gentleman asked me why are the permits expiring. I told him that after this goes through they will not. So it will be a good thing. So I thank Commissioner Hamilton for bringing that up. I did have a conversation with a gentleman as well today. But it just kind of shows that it’s something that was a great concern. But one other thing I want to reiterate is that we need to make sure that we get this out to our constituents. We don’t want anybody to throw their permits away when they’ll still be able to use them. Also, I’m not sure that our staff completely knows yet at the transfer stations. I did get a call that they didn’t take a permit from last year at the Pojoaque transfer station. So I don’t know if that was recently, but I just want to make sure that we are getting the message out to our staff and to our satellite stations that we are allowing them – I believe that we’re allowing them not to expire but

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basically not expiring. Is that correct, Manager Miller? .

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, what we did is we did make a change to the ordinance already that stopped the 2019 ones from expiring, but because when we published title and general summary for that it didn't include prospective future ones. This particular ordinance change will make sure that the 2020 permits that people have purchased since January that had an expiration date on them already printed as well will not expire and in the future we will print them so that they don't have an expiration date on that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Great. Thank you for that, Manager Miller. I think it's really important and for any listeners that are out there, please share this information with friends, family and anybody that you think needs to have this information. We will do our due diligence to get the message out to the constituents. I'll got Gary. You had something else to add?

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, I also wanted to reaffirm that we are getting the information out. We will make another effort to do that and will follow up to make sure that all of our staff are trained on what has been approved to date.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Giron. As always, I thank you for your due diligence and your hard work. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'll just say thank you for making the effort to reach out to all of the staff and I think that is really important.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hamilton, would you like to make the motion?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, thank you. I'd like to move to approve this.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I'll second it Mr. Chair, and for discussion, I'd just like to thank you for bringing this forward and the colleagues also sitting up here that recommended approval of this and also staff and Manager Miller for working with us, because there's a lot of constituents out there that were interested in this. So thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. So we do have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton and also a second from Commissioner Garcia.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

CHAIR ROYBAL: It is still early. It's only going to be 3:00 so I may opt to reopen Matters of Public Concern after 5:00. Is there anybody here from the public that would like to address the Board? Okay, once again I'd like to ask if there's anybody here from the public that would like to address the Board? Seeing that nobody's here from the public that would like to address the Board I'm going to go ahead and close public comment but like I said, I may open it after 5:00 again.

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6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of Open Space and Trails Annual Report 2019-2020

CHAIR ROYBAL: Welcome, Maria.

MS. LOHMANN: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, in 2019 we adopted the Open Space and Trails Strategic Management Plan, and as part of that strategic management plan we outlined several goals, one of which was to have more communication to highlight our goals but also to celebrate our successes in the open space and trails program. And one of the ways that we identified to do that would be to put together an annual report. So what is before you on the screen and also in your packet is our 2019/2020 annual report. And the intention of this document is, as I said, to recap our goals, what we accomplished, outline our goals for 2020, and also highlight some of those really exciting projects that we worked on during the year.

So we started out the document with just a recap of the vision that was outlined and adopted in the strategic management plan and put together an outline of why we created this document. We also – the following spread is the 2019 accomplishment scorecard. So these two pages here are what we identified as projects and priority projects in the 2019 capital outlay. And what we did is we put a status update next to each of the items. So you can see that we were very busy in 2019. We accomplished almost every single one of our goals. Only a couple we haven't even started, and that's okay because we'll start them over in 2020.

And then the following page is our 2020 work plan. And we are just as ambitious in 2020 as we were in 2019. We have each of our goals separated in resource management, educational programming and stewardship, project development and implementation, and planning and project development. And again, these are all consistent with the 2019 strategic plan.

The highlighted items are specific priorities. So what we want to do specifically in resource management in 2020 is conduct surveys on our open space properties for piñon jay nesting colonies, in particular they're a species of high concern in New Mexico because of climate change and habitat loss. We also want to do surveys for rare plants on our open space properties, and we want to implement monitoring and research programs including picture post installation, which we've already started but we want to ramp that up a little bit.

So that's specific to resource management, but you can also see that there's a whole lot more under resource management than just those three. So we're going to start on all of these. Maybe we already have in some cases.

In terms of educational programming and stewardship, our priorities in 2020 include developing messaging and education material relating to specific properties, but also specifically Thornton Ranch open space. We also want to continue our partnership with the Northern New Mexico Master Naturalist program. That has been a huge success for Santa Fe County but also the partners that we've been working with including Santa Fe Botanical Garden and Randall Davey Audubon. We've had full classes the last two years which have included about 20 master naturalists and that's translated into 12 volunteers on Santa Fe County open space properties.

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In terms of project development and implementation, Thornton Ranch open space is of course a very high priority, as well as the Ortiz Mountains open space forest restoration project which we are coordinating with our wildland crew on.

And then in terms of planning and program development, we'll be working a lot on Thornton Ranch open space, including developing tribal communications and concerns procedures. We're also going to lay the ground work to think through interpretive rangers and interpretive programming, and we also want to build a database and have an online platform for everybody to access all of this information about Santa Fe County open space properties.

So those are our big goals in 2020. I'll come talk to you next year and we'll hopefully have checked off everything on this list too.

And then the rest of our document highlights some of these projects that we are so exciting about working on this last year. Los Potreros open space in particular was a huge success. We worked with Ecotone and Tooley's trees to do a pasture restoration project and we turned the dry pasture green and are going to continue that project into 2020 along with some wetland restoration projects potentially.

We also wanted to highlight our work at Talaya Hill open space which has gotten us some national recognition in partnership with our wildland fire crew. We have been able to balance wildlife needs with the very important fire hazard mitigation, so everybody is really impressed with Santa Fe County and how we are balancing both of those very important aspects on this property.

We also wanted to highlight some of our exciting trail projects – both the Santa Fe Rail Trail and the Arroyo Hondo received grant funding to complete segments, so you may have seen construction in Eldorado related to the Santa Fe Rail Trail. That segment is between Avenida Eldorado and Spur Ranch Road and that construction is almost complete. We've also received funding for the Arroyo Hondo Trail and that construction is almost complete as well between the Rancho Viejo fire station and the diverging diamond interchange. But we also received additional funding for that trail to continue those segments from the Santa Fe Community College all the way to the Turquoise Trail subdivision. So that will make that trail almost complete.

We also are really excited about the Pojoaque Valley Recreation complex. That recreation complex is getting a lot of use. It's very, very popular, and we are implementing the most recent phase 3 of that project and we're very excited for that.

And of course we couldn't do this without our partners. We, as I mentioned before, the master naturalist program has just been a huge success for us at Santa Fe County and what this program is doing is providing some very rigorous training for people who are interested in volunteering at these land management agencies, and these people are very, very committed. They show up for a class for 12 weeks for three hours a week, plus weekend field trips and they are incredibly talented. They are so dedicated. And then, after they do all of that, they have to put in 60 hours of volunteer hours at one of the partner agencies to be considered a certified master naturalist.

Most of the volunteers that we have at Santa Fe County have worked way more than their 60 hours, just because they really enjoy doing it for us, and we are so thankful for them. So we wanted to make sure that we called out our partners in that effort.

And then the other really successful event that we did this year with the help of

partners is working with the Santa Fe Watershed to do some river restoration on the Santa Fe River. They helped us plant trees and willows, and also they just do an incredible job of gathering the organization, gathering community members to come out and help us clean up the river. So we wanted to really just highlight all of that.

So that is my presentation and with that I will stand for questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for a really good presentation. I'm going to go to the Board. Any questions from the Board? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: A lot of the surveys and work that you've done this year, is a lot of that done in house?

MS. LOHMANN: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, a lot of it will be done in house with Peggy Darr, our resource management specialist. We are – there will be a few other things that we will need to request in our budget. Some of those specific items, like bat surveys. Bat surveys are something we probably need some help with.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen, and then I'll come to Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I know we finished the Santa Fe River Trail last year. When do we turn that over to the City?

MS. LOHMANN: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I can't answer that question. I should know that off the top of my head but I might need Scott Caseman to help with that. I'll get that answer to you soon.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And then I'm just wondering if, besides the planting of trees and other things that we will be bringing up later, I want to know if you're planting like milkweed and pollinator species plants.

MS. LOHMANN: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, yes, absolutely. That is part of our ongoing projects. All along the river corridor to enhance those wildlife environments.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Anyhow, congratulations. It's very nice to have this annual report. I think it's a great idea and it's a great thing for us to be able to share and show the great work that we're doing. Thank you.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, we're just about at that year point in the final inspection on the river trail. I don't know if they just finished it or it's just coming up, but I was talking to P.J. about that last week that it's right about now that we would have the final inspection for it to be completed under warranty and then we would turn it over to the City.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is a good presentation but I'm going to ask you some question because I've worked for the County for many, many years and I'm very concerned that we have not opened some of our open spaces that we purchased probably since 2012. So I just have a little bit of concern regarding these plans and plans. As Commissioner Hamilton brought up, where is this money going to come from? We have stuff in here – I guess my district has a lot of open space in it as well as Commissioner Roybal's district. Thornton Ranch, three years ago we had one of the staff members say we were going to open it up in a year, year and a half and three years and we still haven't opened it up. We're still call on this plan here to work with the Native Americans, which I thought we were already doing that for the last

three years. So those are questions I have on that one.

I understand the environment. I get it. The wildlife. I understand that. Who determines whether we're going to conduct a survey for bats or for frogs or for lizards? Because like I said, my open space in my area, are – we deal with ranchers in my area and some times, some may or may not agree with a coyote on their property because we all know the reasons why or why not. And so those are some of the concerns I have for some of my open space, once again in my rural area, because why not look at a cat? Why not look at a bobcat? And it just concerns me that I feel that a lot of these surveys could or may – and I understand why the surveys are being there, but this could possibly not have our open spaces open forever because of a study or plan that we have in this plan.

Another thing is, I don't know if this has or has not happened. Have we actually checked with our maintenance staff to see how this coincides with what they're doing and how they're planning and whether they're actually certified to look at some of the species of plants that Commissioner Hansen brought up?

One of the other things I thought was very good in here you put fencing for the new segment of trails. It doesn't say who really determines that. I've gotten some calls from the individuals at the diamond interchange, the new trail that we put out there. Some of those businesses and even some individuals are concerned because this did happen in the city limits many years ago where people would go sit on the trail and they would radio into somebody and they'd break in their house once they actually – once the individuals had left their home to work.

But there's that new trail there at the diamond interchange and there's plenty of businesses there that – well, we didn't realize this trail was coming through here. So is the County going to – can we put up a fence there? Those are just questions that I have.

And then in regards to – it will be here before we know it is the fire season. Some of our open spaces have not been maintained for a while and so this concern is into – let's take the Santa Fe River. It's way overgrown. I'm not an ecologist but we still have our beaver deceivers in there. So those are some concerns I have regarding the open space. Like I said, it's a great plan, great presentation but this –

MS. LOHMANN: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, I might need some refreshing because I want to make sure that I answer all of your questions. But I'm going to start with the first one. The intent of the work plan items is to be a little ambitious, yes. But we also want to show progress. So the things that are on this list are all things that our open space staff, from resource management to project management to maintenance have all agreed are priorities. So we have all agreed that we can do this. So P.J. and Dave and Cedric and Daniel and Shane and Reyes, they're all on board. All of our guys. Frankie and Chris – everybody. Josue, they know that we're going to be very busy. We've had those conversations.

Most to the surveys in particular, we can do in house and the reason that we've decided to do that is not to exclude people from our open space properties but to make sure that we manage our properties in the most responsible way. The point of our open space program is conservation and recreation. And so we do our best to balance both of those together. Our intention is not to keep people out forever.

Thornton Ranch open space in particular is very complicated and we adopted plans in 2017 but we also knew that we weren't going to get that property open in a year,

that there needed to be some budgeting of bond funding and some other things. And so we're working through that and we haven't stopped working on that project since we adopted those plans. We are on track right now to open the property in the next year and have continually worked on that project. So these items that we've called out in this work plan are specific items that we know that we need to do before this property gets opened, but they're not the only items that we've been working on specifically.

I think that answers most of your questions. What did I forget?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I'm just concerned, because we're going to hopefully go out for a bond now in November and we need to prove to the taxpayer that we're actually going forward a lot faster than – I wish we would be going a lot faster than we are. So we need to prove to the taxpayer, but we're going to have another open space bond? What have you all done with the other properties? That's why I'm asking these questions.

One of the other things and I saw the Los Potreritos open space in Commissioner Roybal's district. This happened probably when we first got the property, as into – I forget his name. A gentleman wanted to put some cows on the property and graze it because it was just turning yellow and it was a fire hazard. So have we actually put in this plan to work with, I don't know, farmers? Cattlemen? Maybe we can look at that because it's not all just about planting plants, right? We've got to work with everybody that's out there because those people that work the land and the properties for way before we were here. So if you can take that into consideration as well.

MS. LOHMANN: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, one of the best pieces that I enjoy working on the open space properties is that each property is unique and specific and it was purchased for a specific reason. So as you mentioned, Los Potreritos was purchased to preserve the historic agricultural traditions of northern Santa Fe County. And so we use that lens as we are working through these property management plans or different projects. So everything we do at Los Potreritos open space, for example, is with the agricultural heritage in mind. So we will always be working towards preserving that. Yes, there might be some wetland restoration projects and some soil restoration, but that is all in the effort of getting to a point where we can do some agriculture with the community on that property.

And we work with the acequias. There are several acequias in that area so that's – we do a lot of that. And I also just want to address fire hazard risk. We have a really good working relationship with our wildland fire crew. They've been working at Talaya Hill open space. They have been working at Little Tesuque Creek open space. We've had lots of conversations with them about the river and the Ortiz Mountains open space, so we are working on a lot of those things.

And if I can just point your attention to the project development section of our 2020 work plan goals, we have major projects planned.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: What page are you on?

MS. LOHMANN: I didn't put page numbers. I'll do that next time. It's page 6-ish.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Project and development?

MS. LOHMANN: Yes. Project development and implementation for 2020. So we have projects that we are working on. Madrid open space, Ortiz Mountains,

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Talaya Hill, Los Potreros, Little Tesuque Creek, San Pedro and Lamy open space, the Bennie J. Chavez Community Center, Romero Park, Santa Fe River, Arroyo Hondo Trail, Thornton Ranch open space, Mt. Chalchihuitl – so there are lots of projects here that we are working on, and those are just big projects. That's not including maybe some fun activities at Talaya Hill open space, or those kinds of things.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So Mr. Chair, so when you say you're working on these, what does working on them mean? I guess – is there a work plan? What's the timeframe? What's it going to cost? Because we're coming into budget season here. And so I would like to know what does working on them mean? Because, like I said, we've been working on them for – I've worked here for a couple years and seeing this stuff, right? Sorry if I'm asking the straight up questions but those are the concerns I have.

MS. LOHMANN: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, all of these projects have some scope in either our budget request or our capital requests. A lot of them we are leveraging other funds, in partnership with BLM, for example, or abandoned mine lands, or we have opportunities for grants. So we are trying as much as we can to prioritize those projects where we can leverage other money. There are some things that we will be moving forward in planning and there are some things that we might be moving forward in the projects office. There are some things that we are moving forward with maintenance. There are lots of things that we are moving forward with volunteers. So it really just depends on the project, and I could go on for hours and hours and hours about the specifics. I'm happy to sit down with you and talk about that.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: A couple last things, Mr. Chair. We don't need to go on for hours and hours. And one of the good things I like, I know under the current federal administration we've had a challenge with BLM because they don't have a state director and it's taken a little while now. If we finally have a state director. And I like when you say public outreach and partnership with BLM, New Mexico Game and Fish, USFS. I want to see our open spaces. And the planning part has come in great strides the last two or three years. So I just want to mention that as well. So show me some product, plans please. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you. If I could add something really quickly. I'd like to see if there's a possibility if we can try and get an update in like six months, if that would be feasible instead of waiting till next year. That would be great if we could do that. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen as well.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. I realize when I talked to you I had mentioned this before and I'm going to mention it again. Goats to be used for landscaping. The City's doing it, so I just want to make sure that we're considering that as a means of weed control in any of our areas. I think that that is important. And then I'm hoping that this presentation or this annual report will be put up on the website. Okay. And those are the two things I have for right now.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. I'm going to go to Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you. District 5 has a lot going on. I anticipate that we're going to get the new leg of the Rail Trail. I expect that this summer, and all of the trails that criss-cross from the Community College into District 3 and I'm

really impressed with the workmanship and we still have another series of projects later on. I think I'm really anxious to get on my bike and see what you guys have done. This is really great because it's projects, all the projects put together. In just a few years that I've been on the Commission we've done a lot of really good, positive projects and I'm happy about that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Once again, I'd like to just thank you for your presentation. You guys did a great job. Mr. Olafson, I'm sorry I didn't call you out earlier. The one and only Paul Olafson. Thank you, sir. Okay, any other questions from the Board? Manager Miller.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I just want to compliment the staff that works really hard on balancing all this. As Commissioner Garcia said, this started a little over 20 years ago, this idea that Santa Fe County could take an open space bond question out to the voters and ask them would you like us to buy open space and preserve it and also hopefully make it open to the public. And it is a complicated program. It's complicated to figure out that balance between what we open up to the public and what we are just trying to preserve and make sure that it didn't get developed or something else happened to it.

And it's also a challenge because bond money is one-time money. Maintaining it is recurring money. And so they are constantly working with the Public Works staff. We had no maintenance people when we started this program to even put a rake on a trail or do anything like that. So it's been a real balance over 20 years of purchasing – I don't know – 6,500 acres of property, building I don't know how many miles of trails. Sixty miles of trails. Some of those single hiking trails and others paved. And the maintenance that comes with that, the doing it and the way that they've planned it out by doing it by segments.

I just want to bring it up because I know we're starting to hit that probably critical breaking point of where we will start to open – not just purchase the property and turn it over to the state to run a park, but to actually have some of our own facilities opened and needing staff. That's going to be a big challenge for the County Commission to make those budget decisions. That's a whole different kind of program for us. Right now we don't have park rangers. We don't have attendants at our facilities, and we'll be branching into a completely – most of them are: we built the trails; you go use them. We go and fix them if it rains or do some maintenance on them.

Opening Thornton Ranch is a different kind of facility. It's a different kind of facility than Romero Park or the Pojoaque ball fields. We don't staff those. You're going to have to start considering from a policy perspective, if you want these facilities to be open to the public, some of these open space properties, how do we properly protect these properties and the people visiting them? So you're going to have some challenging decisions ahead from a priority perspective as to how we move forward on that. Obviously, the staff is working hard at trying to figure out best ways to recommend things but it will be a balance from a budget perspective, so I think Commissioner Garcia's questions are fortuitous as to where are we going with this because what I see on the horizon and the near horizon is having expanded type of services that we don't currently provide.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Okay, are there any other comments from the Board?

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7. **MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER**

A. **Miscellaneous Updates**

B. **The Second Session of the 54th Legislature: Updates and Requests for Direction on Bills that Passed Both Houses and Are Awaiting Action by the Governor** [*Exhibit 1: Legislative Report; Exhibit 2: Capital Outlay Projects; Exhibit 3: Reference List*]

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I don't have any miscellaneous updates but we do have legislative updates.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have Hvtce Miller and Tessa Jo Mascarenas. Thank you guys.

HVTCE MILLER (Liaison): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. I'll just take a moment while Tessa is passing out the report, and in the report, it's separated into three different stapled sections. The first part has the black cover page and the second part is the capital outlay projects, and the third part is just a reference list showing all the items which were passed by the legislature this go-round.

The legislature this time was fairly well organized. Things went according to the governor's agenda mostly. Items were based mostly around budget items for the state and quite frankly trying to spend a large amount of money which the state hasn't seen in quite some time. They also had a similar session last year and they were, I think, not used to having so much money to spend and this time around they were a little bit more used to it and a little bit more fighting for different projects, all between the different legislators.

The first part of the black-covered section goes over all those different items which we had been presenting at previous meetings which are the governor's agenda items, and for the most part she did well getting all those items through the legislature in some fashion, although maybe not fully funded as what she wanted to at the beginning of the session, but I think there was only a few bills related to public safety which were not included in the bill which later became the public safety package.

If you like, we'll go through the different ones here and I can just briefly speak about them and if at any time you have a question go ahead and interrupt me and let me know your question.

The first group of items were related to education. Two bills in that were House Bill 83, the early childhood trust fund, and actually the second item, the opportunity scholarship was not a separate bill but was a part of the overall budget. But the first item, the early childhood trust fund had strong bi-partisan support and that went through and that did get funding and the idea behind that is creating a fund so that in the future, much like the land grant permanent fund devised by public school, this particular fund would be set up to provide early childhood resources. I have here such services that would benefit from the funding. It would be home visits for new parents, daycare and pre-kindergarten.

The second item was the opportunity scholarship and that was often noted as the free tuition throughout the state, and the way that ended up being was that it is hoped that it will come back again next year and get another allotment of funding so that it can expand and provide more scholarship opportunities for everybody within the state. More

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so right now the opportunity scholarship, the way it's set up is that it more or less follows the lottery scholarship guidelines and that did receive some criticism because it wasn't the actual bill. It was an amendment within the overall state budget so it didn't run the course like a regular bill, going through committees and getting input and amendments and what not like a regular bill did. So it was kind of an element of the entire budget as a whole and they had to debate it on both sides of the floor as it came through. But that did pass.

The next group of issue is the economy. The first one here being recreation cannabis. It made it through one committee, got to the second one and that's where it died. And then I have here a report on some of the issues that were pointed out, one by the Senate Judiciary Chair was that licensing for marijuana businesses could be given to those that had prior arrests regarding prior drug convictions or they had arrests related to drug convictions, that they would still be able to be licensed according to the language in the proposed bill.

Another item was that right now with alcohol sales, an option to counties to do that which in that legalize marijuana bill, it just covered everybody even if your county wasn't necessarily behind the idea of these recreational cannabis sales you couldn't stop it if a business wanted to open then they had that right according to the law.

Another big point to the legalization bill here was that a lot of these initiatives are ballot initiatives so it goes out to the voters. There's only two different states that have gone through the legislative route to legalize cannabis and that was Illinois and Vermont and here in the bold, on page #3, these are the specific elements within the proposed bill that are related to counties. And as you see here, that right at the top, a local jurisdiction may adopt rules that do not conflict with the Cannabis Regulation Act, and that's another one of the elements which local rights proponents were stating that it didn't give a lot of say to municipalities and counties as to the legalization and how it's dealt with in each individual community.

That is a big factor because every community is a little bit different, depending on where you're located within the state, how your population is made up, and just your history related to substance abuse issues. So I think it does take a little bit finer look to deal with each individual locality to get real finite input from those locations.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Do you think it has a possibility of passing next year?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, it does and if it gets a little bit more face time with everybody that's involved – as I said in the report it takes a little cooperation and also understanding with policy makers as to exactly how it will impact your different communities. And like I said, there's a lot of factors which makes up each individual community and it's not going to affect everybody the same. I think it's a very good idea for Santa Fe County to get our specific questions and concerns to lawmakers and let them know what we think might be issues of concern for us. And that's something very important to consider here in the interim between now and the next legislative session.

Which brings us to the next point here on those items that impact the County specifically was the four percent excise tax that we could impose on the recreational sales. We could begin looking at that right now saying how are we going to utilize this

new funding if it comes into law and what are the issues related to this specifically that we might have to address with that four percent.

The next item on the governor's agenda was the PERA solvency. Right now the state retirement fund is approximately \$6 billion unfunded, and so what that has done is reduced the state's overall bond rating and so it means that we basically have a lower credit rating. So we have to borrow at a higher rate. So that was the immediate need for trying to address this. The changes put forth in this was an infusion of cash - \$55 million – and it's also increasing contribution rates from employees and employers. The good news for County is that our increases won't be seen for another two years while the state's will take effect this year. So if need be we can take a look at this some more and consult the legislators on how this is affecting us. We can even take a look at how increased contributions are affecting state employees as well.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, Mr. Miller, Commissioner Moreno has a question for you.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: On that point, did they fix anything, the County or people who are in the system?

MR. MILLER: Chairman Roybal, Commissioner Moreno, are you saying are they fixing – are they making it so that they know that they have a retirement fund in the future?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Well, there are two funds, the ERB and the PERA, and they're not in sync and there's confusion out there in the land. Did they make it better or make it worse?

MR. MILLER: Chairman Roybal, Commissioner Moreno, I think that would be hard to say until you see the results of these actions or the elements that they put forth in this bill. And like I said, the main objective was to show to bond raters that the state was making an attempt to not just let this go, or let the debt keep increasing. And so it's not even certain that this will in fact improve our bond rating and allow us to have lower interest rates as a state for borrowing money, but I think what this shows to them, to bond rates, is that you're making an attempt and you really are putting forth real dollars that are going into that retirement account.

As for individual retirees or potential retirees, I think that will take some time to see in fact how the entire fund becomes more funded and more solvent. I think overall that you would just feel more secure knowing that there's more money going into it and that in the future that if there's more money into it you'll have a higher likelihood of getting your payment received that you put into the retirement account.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thanks.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno, for your questions. I'm going to go to Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, thank you. I just had a couple of similar questions as Commissioner Moreno did in regards to PERA and how that affects the existing individual and then also what percentage is it going to affect the County per year, but I don't know if we've already calculated that or not but just for time I'll actually get with Manager Miller or you two. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: Chairman Roybal, Commissioner Garcia, I think that's a very good question. I think there's more analysis needed for this to show, like you're

saying, employees. Because right now there's different sets of how many years you can put in until you retire, and then there's public safety. There's a lot of different classes so we can take a look at that in more detail and provide information to you at a later time.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, on that point, when we do the budget we go through and we let you know the fiscal impact specifically to each piece of legislation that's signed by the governor and how we have to factor that into our budget for anything that will require us to expend more funds, or if we're going to lose any revenues, what we estimate that to be. But specifically on the PERA plan, as you know, there's different plans. The state and in that list that Hvtce put together, there's different increases by year for the employer and for the employee, depending on what plan they're in. And we have different plans as well, but we're in municipal plans, not the state plan.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Manager Miller. Commissioner Garcia, were there any other questions? That was it?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: That's it for now. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. If you want to continue.

MR. MILLER: Okay. I can go through these next few items a little more quicker. The lifting the cap on economically targeted investments as a percentage of severance tax permanent fund, which was Senate Bill 136, and that was more or less just giving permission for SIO, the State Investment Officer to put forth investments in a different way so that they can hopefully realize a higher interest rate.

Next one was electric generating facility economic district, House Bill 8. That was related specifically to the closing of the power generating station in McKinley County. While on the governor's agenda it wasn't really impactful statewide.

The next group of initiatives that she had was under public safety. The first one was Senate Bill 5 and I think most of us have heard about this one. It's the extreme risk protection order, and that involved court orders taking away firearms from those deemed I guess not able to possess a firearm.

MS. MASCARENAS: It's also referred to as the red flag gun bill

MR. MILLER: That did pass and is still receiving a lot of attention from different law enforcement agencies within the state.

MS. MASCARENAS: And it was actually just signed by the governor within the last hour.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Is she signing other bills today?

MS. MASCARENAS: Not that we've been made aware of. I just get the notifications as they're signed.

MR. MILLER: The last bill that I know was signed on the 20th, then this one today. There's a lot of review going on still with the legislation that was passed and bills being signed.

The next group was more of a package deal and this dealt with House Bill 6, House Bill 35 and House Bill 113. And that dealt with permissible payouts from the law enforcement protection fund, increased penalties for felons using firearms in a crime, sentence enhancements.

The next items below that, while public safety items they weren't included in that package bill, House Bill 6. Those items were increased penalties for violations – racketeering, threats and acts of mass violence, chop shop legislation and sex offender

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registration requirements.

The next item, HB 184, does relate to Santa Fe County. This is allowing law enforcement within schools, as shown on page 6, municipal police and sheriff's departments are entitled to \$45,000 each with the passage of this law.

The next item under public safety, HB 237, increased penalties for human trafficking didn't make it all the way through but did make it through the House.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: What was the problem there?

MR. MILLER: That, I'm not sure. I think it was just because, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, I think the main issue was it was a complex situation and it was taking a lot of review. Senate Judiciary really gets packed and bottle-necked up on later dates within the session.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Thank you.

MR. MILLER: On page #7, drug importation, Senate Bill 1, strong support from both sides. It made it through very easily. Next was Senate Bill 139, residency requirements, medical cannabis, and that changed the language back in the law back to only New Mexico residents could apply for that medical cannabis program.

Next item listed: House Bill 100, increase access and affordability in the New Mexico health insurance exchange. This just opened up more – broadened the exchange to dictate which plans are sold through the exchange, so basically providing more options within the health insurance exchange.

Next item was Senate Bill 131, tobacco licensing and tobacco and e-cigarettes. This was more of an unfortunate issue to fall in line with recent changes in federal law making it so that you have to be 21 or older to buy or possess tobacco products.

And the last item under health was the Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity fund, House Bill 225. Those services are for senior citizens and adults with disabilities in New Mexico regarding transportation, food insecurity, physical and behavioral case management and caregiving.

There at the bottom of page 7 we go on to environmental items. Senate Bill 29 – this was a credit which had expired, I believe in 2016, and this renewed that and this was helping the state overall with residents obtaining solar systems for their individual houses and also would go to helping the economy in providing jobs in that particular field, solar collection.

Next item is on top of page 8, electric vehicle tax credit, and this is a credit to encourage people to buy electric vehicles and also to install electric vehicle charging stations within their home.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I have a question, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, it says establishes a \$2,500 tax credit for residents is above \$50,000. Oh, never mind. And a \$5,000 tax credit for residents – okay. And a \$300 – okay. Great. That's good. Has the governor signed that yet?

MR. MILLER: No, Commissioner Hansen. Not yet.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay.

MR. MILLER: It would be one of the items on her agenda I'm sure. It's going to make it through.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay, Good.

MR. MILLER: Next item there is PRC reform, which is House Bill. This was an initiative trying to reorganize the PRC from the way that it is now and making it more of appointed positions from the governor's office. There was still a lot of talk about having people have that right to choose their PRC and I think that was a hold up with the bill in the community itself. Right now, PRC Commissioners are elected officials so making a complete change from that was cautionary from other elected officials who are state legislators.

Next item is IRB authority for transmission lines, and this refers to the Industrial Revenue Bond Act. Basically within this bill is you're foregoing some taxes that are collected and what they're trying to change within this bill, it says five percent of the total amount of any tax payments to counties, municipalities and other local entities who levy taxes on the property, they want that to go to the school district.

The last item here, community energy efficiency block grants, Senate Bill 114 did not make it through and was not passed in the session.

So going through that list, a large percentage of the governor's agenda items did make it through and depending upon whether they're finally passed in a manner that she would like to see them be instated, she will sign off on them or not.

The next section starting on page 9, PERA solvency, we talked about that, and the net item on page 9 is unions. This one is a little complex and I'm not sure if you would like us to provide later analysis. That might be even better. We can even show you, I would say scenarios specific to Santa Fe County where changes were made and how they affect us here.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I think that would be acceptable. Is there any others that you would like to bring back to the Commission besides that one?

MR. MILLER: Another one would be House Bill 326 on page 12, tax changes. It's a fairly complex bill in the manner that this would affect Santa Fe County. I think it would be best demonstrated through examples of how these changes are going to relate to specific scenarios here at the County.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. I think I would be amenable to getting a more explicit presentation on those items in the future. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I just have a quick question. Are all these bills, as indicated, like the strategic plan for energy grid modification, did it pass?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, yes. It did pass.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So that might be another one it might be interesting to get some information, unless there's absolutely no relationship to implications for the County.

MS. MASCARENAS: And we also gave you in your packets a listing of everything that passed both houses, so you'll have that as one of your attachments.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I just had a quick question.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I don't know if Manager Miller or you guys could help me. On page 12, it says limit on multiple source contracts for architectural and engineering services. Am I reading that right? We have to go once a year to the

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Legislative Finance Committee on an annual basis and to the General Services Department on at least a quarterly basis?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, I have to look at this one. There was a lot of confusion about this particular bill. There was one, as a matter of fact that you all – because they actually were taking local governments out of the ability to do multiple source awards for architectural and engineering services, yet that's not what it was intended. Supposedly it was intended to have a different process. So then they had this other bill and I don't know what ultimately passed. It was designed to help school districts but the way that it was actually written took away some authority that local public bodies already had. So I would need to look at this one and make sure, because it's not – it was a different version than what we actually said that we were going to oppose. So I'll have to go back and look at that one.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. And also Mr. Chair, on page 14, the second one to the bottom is more district court judgeships, Senate Bill 185. As we know, we need to house our district court judges. Do you know if that takes effect this fiscal year? Or is it an election? Do we have space, I guess is my concern.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I had to look and see if that one – I don't think that was one for our district.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, my understanding is how these new judge positions would be filled is through governor appointments, and there was also funding provided within the state budget for those positions as well.

Mr. Chair, I just wanted to go highlight some of the – just a few items more within these last remaining pages. On page 10 was the lodgers tax House Bill 117. What that changes is the use of lodgers tax after the first 30 days, lodgers tax collected with some stipulations can be chosen to be used for other county funding, and that would have to go to the County Commission to decide if they want to do that. That was an initiative put forward by some of the southern counties because they right now aren't able to use all the lodgers tax funding they're receiving right now but they do need the revenue source to provide public goods within those areas down there because of the vast and rapid increase in employment and population due to gas and oil jobs within that area.

On page 13, this bill is about the 2020 Census, Senate Bill 4, this money will go to different localities within the state to increase or promote participation in the 2020 Census. Last year, it shows here the state got \$3.5 million and then the DFA funneled that money down to the 33 counties, so it's expected that Santa Fe County will be a recipient again of some of this \$8 million.

The item below that, Senate Bill 117, clarifies exemptions for low income and disabled property owners and that clears up some language there.

Those were the major items we were tracking there but weren't necessarily on the governor's agenda. On the very last page, page 15, these are some of those items which were of Santa Fe County interest but they were not passed. House Bill 229, changes to election law; House Bill 9, Community Solar Act; and House Bill 29 and House Bill 77 regarding exemptions on people receiving Social Security income.

MS. MASCARENAS: Okay, on the sheet that is highlighted, under capital outlay – I'll be brief on this but we got over \$3.5 million in capital outlay. I'll just kind of read out the list. If you all have any questions about it feel free to stop me. We have

Acequia del Rincon improvements, Acequias de Chupadero improvements, the Chupadero water systems improvements, Edgewood Senior and Wellness Center, Greater Glorieta drinking water project. I know that one was mentioned previously as being pretty important. The Los Pinos Road crossing at Arroyo Hondo, the Madrid fire suppression system improvements, Rancho Alegre Road feeder – excuse me some of these titles are very different than what we had presented to them.

Also the Romero Park area waterline system extension, the Agua Fria wastewater and utility system expansion. They listed what were our asks for energy efficiency improvements but they listed it as Santa Fe County PV units and electric vehicle charging stations. We got over \$2 million for the Santa Fe Recovery Center program facility expansion. We got \$90,000 for the Santa Fe County shelter roof replacement.

So I think we did pretty well. There's always room to grow. We're always happier to get more of that pie but I think this year we did pretty well as far as capital outlay goes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, so on the capital projects, the Santa Fe County roads projects, did we get money for roads? Or has that not been released?

MS. MASCARENAS: Yes, we did. That's actually in our next section. Under roads, we got two appropriations for the Eldorado roads. We got two for – one for Lopez Lane bike and pedestrian improvements, one for Lopez Lane and Agua Fria Street improvements. We got two appropriations for Ranch Alegre streets. We got one appropriation for Santa Fe County Road 78 and for County Road 74. And that's on page 5.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And then, Mr. Chair, is there a road fund that was given to the DOT Secretary like last year? \$50 million? Wasn't there \$50 million given to the Secretary for roads?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, yes. Actually, the DOT Secretary was talking about that in Senate Finance and was stating that other than these projects here he was thankful that the legislature was allowing him to look at those items which are priority items within the state and not earmarking them. So those funds other than these that went directly to DOT are going to be determined by DOT as to how they're going to be spent.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay.

MS. MASCARENAS: So as stated previously, although many of these bills have passed both the House and the Senate we are awaiting the governor's signature on the majority of them. So we will keep you informed as that information becomes available.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: And that includes capital outlay?

MS. MASCARENAS: Yes. Any other questions?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Any other questions from the Board?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: No. Thank you very much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you.

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7. MATTERS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**A. Commissioner Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to
Constituent Concerns, Recognitions and Requests for Updates or
Future Presentations**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Do we have any matters from the County Commission? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would just like to ask, and I asked this at the last meeting or a month ago if we could please have the presentation that Southwest Architects presented put on the website. I couldn't find it, actually. So the whole presentation doesn't seem to be put up on the website. And I have been getting calls and I would just love to be able to direct the calls to the website so they could see what great work we're doing to protect the beautiful John Gaw Meem building. That's really the only thing I have at the moment. So thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. I just wanted to remind everybody that the first Saturday of March, which is the 7th is Coffee with the Commish at Hondo Station 2. Everybody in District 4 and anybody else that's interested should come over and talk to us about stuff. Saturday morning from 9:00 to 11:00.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Great. Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Moreno, did you have any issues you wanted to bring up?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: No. I'm good.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, sir. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just Happy Birthday to Katherine.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Happy Birthday, Katherine. Commissioner Hamilton, I'll go back to you.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: t. I appreciate it. Interestingly, I've actually had some people ask me about County preparedness for coronavirus potential infections. And in some cases the questions had to do with some cross between the hospital and emergency management and planning. I know the County has a very strong emergency management group and there are other situations I know they have generically planned for, by generic meaning getting in place agreements in the case for emergency actions. So the question still remains though specifically – the hospital, that's not something that's specifically under County jurisdiction, but I think there would be some interest in having the County think about what kind of plans might potentially be needed should the situation come up. Obviously there are state resources to draw on as well but that concern was brought to my attention more than once and I wanted to bring it forward as a consideration for the County to move on. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, just on that note, maybe we could have a presentation from our operations emergency manager to see how do they handle that. How do they handle a major car accident or an 18-wheeler tanker? Hopefully this never happens down 599.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: That might be a good idea.

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CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, I think that would be beneficial for us to get that presentation. Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton and Commissioner Garcia. I'm going to go to Manager Miller.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, in answer to Commissioner Hansen's request, the presentation is on line on the building. It's been online. When you go to our website, if you click on the picture of the actual building and the project that's going on right now it will take you right to the headline that says the H-Board presentation on there.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay.

MS. MILLER: So it is on line.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. So one thing I wanted to bring up, it's getting to that season where I'm starting to get calls from the acequias so I want to let staff know to be ready. I am getting calls from the acequias and asking for in-kind donations. I know we do heavy equipment and dirt work for the acequias. It's spring. Spring is coming and we do have daylight savings time that's going to happen right before our next Tuesday meeting. I believe it's on the Sunday right before our next Tuesday meeting. So just to make everybody aware, we do have that daylight savings time that's coming forward.

Also, I wanted to congratulate the Pojoaque Choir. *[Exhibit 4]* They've actually – we have the instructor, Ms. Isabel Becker-Hudson. She's been a choir teacher for approximately 40 years and she's always using positive reinforcement, reinforcing to her students perfection as a goal. I did want to say that she received an invitation this year to actually fill out an application which requires some letters of recommendation to perform at Carnegie Hall. So she did fill out the application and I'm happy to announce that the Pojoaque Choir learned this month that they've been accepted to perform in New York City at the famed Carnegie Hall on October 11th for the National Memorial Concert.

Ms. Hudson did say that she received the acceptance letter from the historic programs which host the event in January. When she told her students they erupted in squeals and cheers and some even cried, so it's something that a lot of these students work really hard throughout the year to achieve this level of performance. There's been a lot said that they did shed a tear when they heard the news. In the four decades that Ms. Hudson has taught choir this is the farthest she's taken Pojoaque singers. A lot of the areas were just to Albuquerque or to Colorado to perform, so this is indeed an honor for the student.

They will be going on a six-day trip and it is 38 students that will perform at Carnegie Hall alongside other high schools and students from across the country which will create a massive choir ranging from 100 to 200 kids. Thus far the schools from Ohio, Louisiana, Florida have all accepted is what they've heard from Chris Meeker, who's the historic programs director. This is the first time that New Mexico will be represented in this event so I think it's an honor. The event is going to be for the first responders and the survivors of the 9/11 holocaust which happened prior to probably all of these kids being born, so there's going to be a lot of history that's going to be brought forward by 9/11 responders and others that will share stories of the events of 9/11.

I know that they have created a GoFundMe page and I do want to see if I can contact the teacher to see if she would be willing to bring the students at one of our BCC meetings. But I do want to just put that out there that these kids worked hard and they did

a great job. And I want to encourage all of our Commissioners to look at accomplishments that are kids are doing in different things and different events that they participate in in their respective schools so that we can identify these types of achievements. So I just wanted to put that out there and just congratulate Pojoaque High School and the kids from the choir and also Ms. Isabel Becker-Hudson for her dedication and hard work with our students in Pojoaque High School.

Any other comments from the Board? No. Thank you.

7. B. A Proclamation Proclaiming March 10, 2020 as “Tibetan Freedom Day”

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I know I have a few Tibetans here, Lama Gyurme and Tashi. Do you want to come up and sit at the table please, all of you? I know there's not as many as last year but we also don't have as much room. So I didn't really encourage everybody. Please come up. I'm grateful to have this proclamation and I'm going to read it and then I will bring forth a motion to have it passed.

This is proclaiming March 10, 2020 as Tibetan Freedom Day.

Whereas, Santa Fe County recognizes the rich cultural history and heritage of Tibet and the Tibetan people; and

Whereas, the local Tibetan community of Santa Fe adds depths and richness to our county; and

Whereas, on March 10, 2020, Tibetans will commence more than a half century of occupation and exile and the exodus of about 80,000 Tibetans across the Himalayas; and

Whereas, Santa Fe County supports the conclusion of the United States Congress that under the established principle of international law, Tibet is an occupied country whose true representative in exile is the Tibetan government based in India headed by Sikyong Lobsang Sangay; and

Whereas, the Tibetan people acknowledge and honor his Holiness the Dalai Lama, recipient of numerous awards from many governments and institutions, including the Nobel Peace Prize and the United States Congressional gold medal as the spiritual and temporal leader of Tibet and Santa Fe County encourages the People's Republic of China to enter in discussions with his Holiness, the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government to resolve the question of Tibet based on the will of the Tibetan people and ensure respect for the fundamental rights of the Tibetan people.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County do hereby proclaim the 10th of March 2020 as Tibetan Freedom Day.

And with that, I would like to move to proclaim that day.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'll second. So we have a motion and a second. Under discussion? Any other comments? Okay, so we have a motion and a second. 21233

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Congratulations. Would you like to say anything, sir?

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CHAIR ROYBAL: Congratulations. Would you like to say anything, sir?
Or anybody?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: This is Tashi. Tashi is the president of the Tibetan Association here in Santa Fe and yesterday we celebrated Losar and it was so wonderful to see that there were grandmas and brand new babies, all of Tibetan descent and probably over 80 people attended so it was very nice.

TASHI GYALKHAR: I truly appreciate all the support that we are receiving from all the Commissioners and especially Anna for supporting us all these years and also helping us with getting the proclamation that we truly need because we are commemorating the 62nd year of Tibetan oppression on March 10th this year. So it has been more than a half century. So we truly appreciate all the support and hopefully we can keep it going until we do receive some piece of land back and then finally go home. Thank you so much for inviting us here and helping us with our cause. Thank you so much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Tashi. Thank you all for being here.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Really quick. I understand the present situation, but you're welcome to stay in Santa Fe.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: We're very happy for their contribution to our community and all the unique culture. There is a number of stupas in Santa Fe which are monuments to the enlightened Buddha, and one of them is on Airport Road. It used to be in the county but the City annexed it. I think we might want to take a picture. Is that true?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, absolutely. Could we do the next one?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Could we do the next one? Yes, also.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Would you guys mind sticking around so we can take a picture? Okay. Great.

8. C. Resolution No. 2020-22, a Resolution to Carry Out and Cultivate Climate Action for the Fiftieth Year Anniversary of Earth Day

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And I have a number of other people here. And Sally Rogers who is also here. Sally, could you please come up to the table. So 50 years ago was the first Earth Day and it was actually a clarion call to wake up people about the damages and the impacts that we were doing to the earth with the pesticides and the toxic mining and fossil fuels. Even then people were aware that fossil fuels were happening and I want to recognize Stewart Udall, who is one of my heroes who was also very instrumental in doing a lot to protect our lands in the United States. He created more public lands than any other Secretary of the Interior.

It's really important that we remember people and part of the reason that Sally Rogers is here – she's in the resolution – is because she hosted the first Earth Day in Santa Fe. I have known Sally almost since I first came here. I happened to be in Berkeley, California on the first Earth Day in 1970. I also have shared this resolution with a few of my friends and colleagues and they have asked if I could make a few amendments to the

Also, part of what we are doing here on Earth Day, which I hope you've read it, is we are planning to plant trees in each of the Commission districts, and bushes. And we have selected areas that are places that are appropriate, that have water, that have people who will care for them, so we don't just go out and plant trees, but that we are aware of the impact and that they don't die on us as has happened with many things that happen with government.

So there is a map attached that shows some of the places in each of the Commission districts that we would like to plant trees and bushes and shrubs. These suggestions came in at the last moment from our former Sustainability Director. He suggested that possibly we add to the Whereas amendment to read: "The planting of drought-tolerant trees, shrubs and grasses for the Santa Fe bioregion." So I wanted to include that possible amendment.

Also I wanted to know if the County could include a Therefore clause: "Encourage employees and county residents and businesses to participate in the global climate strike called for the 50th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22nd, and I'm supporting that because we already passed the resolution supporting the climate strike late last year and I would like to include that in this resolution and recognize that that is an important part of Earth Day.

And then Claudia is here and Jacqueline and Gary who have been working on this with me and I want to offer them the opportunity to say anything. Hi, Claudia.

CLAUDIA BORCHERT (Sustainability Coordinator): Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, I really don't have anything I was going to say. I was just going to stand for questions as needed. I do appreciate that you said that the map is proposed locations and we are hoping to engage with each of the Commissioners on whether these proposed locations are the right locations and hope to have the flexibility to change them if something emerges that doesn't make them the right location.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, first of all, congratulations, Ms. Rogers, 50 years. That's quite a while. Probably seems like yesterday, and on bringing an initiative to Santa Fe. Great job. Thank you for that. Also, thank you, Commissioner Hansen for bringing this forward. I'd like to be amenable for maybe possibly a location change or two but we can talk about that a little bit later. And also, Ms. Rogers, I'd like to see some way, somehow, if you could actually go to the Santa Fe Public School Board and see how we can actually get children involved in Earth Day. I know many of them know about it but I think there's many of them that don't realize what Earth Day is all about that. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. And absolutely. I think that's a great idea. I want to thank Ms. Sally Rogers for all of her hard work for the community as well. I've known Sally for some time, including endeavors we've taken on together, having siblings of fostering kids and having siblings – at least we had two and she had two and we spent a lot of time working with those siblings together. So I know that she has a really great heart in caring for the community and for our earth in general, so I really appreciate your being here today. And what can I say? You haven't changed a bit. I haven't seen you in a little bit but you look great.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And also I am bringing forward a proclamation to proclaim Earth Day as Sally Rogers Day in Santa Fe County. She knows. She's working on it with me. I can't do everything by myself, or anything without all of you and without the whole community.

So I would like to make a motion. Do you, Bianca – hi, Noah. Welcome. Do you have anything you'd like to say? I'm supporting what you sent me so I'm putting that in the resolution.

BIANCA SOPOCI BELKNAP: Thank you so much for adding that resolution and we're just really wanting to support the youth organizing that's happening globally around the climate crisis. So thank you for adding the piece about the climate strike, which is going to be organized all over in every country in the world again on April 22nd. So we appreciate that amendment and are obviously really excited about this whole resolution and the efforts by the County to address climate resilience in the form of these tree plantings and also just the acknowledgement of the climate emergency. Not all of our government agencies are acknowledging the emergency that we're facing. So thank you for that.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. As a lifelong environmentalist I can't think of anything more important to do than to talk about the degradation that is happening to our planet that we're living on. I appreciated Commissioner Roybal speaking about that this morning at a luncheon that we were at, and we do not have a Planet B. We have this planet and we want human life to be able to maintain on this planet. The planet may survive but we as a species may not. So I think it is incumbent upon all of us to make every effort that we can to live with right livelihood and protect our species and our animal life and our plant life and our pollinators, because without them we will not be here.

So with that, I would like to move to approve the resolution with the amendments that I made.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. So we have a motion and a second with the amendments that Commissioner Hansen has brought forward. Is there anything else under discussion? So we have a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote. [See page 34 for revised language]

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And so what we're going to do is we're going to take a picture with my Tibetan friends and family and then we would like to take a picture with you also over along the side with the Commission, if you would please join us.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Great idea.

9. MATTERS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Since it is the next item, Madam Clerk, I'd like to ask if there are any announcements you would like to make, since that is our next item.

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GERALDINE SALAZAR (County Clerk): Yes. I'd like to mention that March 10th is candidate filing day and any candidate running for office, state or county, would file at the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office, if it's a multi-county position the candidate would file in the County Clerk's Office of their residency. So that's the first one, this March 10th.

Next, it was mentioned earlier regarding the concerns of coronavirus, I will be participating in a federal national teleconference regarding the coronavirus because of the elections that we run and the public coming in, for safety reasons. In the past I've had to decline watchers from out of the country to come in during a virus concern so it is important that we in the Clerk's Office be aware of that. So I would like the contact person who is the lead person in the County for such matters so I can invite them to participate in that teleconference with the federal government and with me.

And then second, I'd also like to mention, Chair Roybal, with regards to the young people from Pojoaque, the school, that they will be going to New York to perform. I just want them to know, and the public to know, that we do have a local artist – several years ago, Tom Joyce, who created an installation in memory of the victims, the first responders and the victims of that tragedy, and the quote is by Vergil, and it is an iron display. Basically, I can't remember the exact quote of Vergil but it is that they will be remembered forever. And so I hope that the young people from Pojoaque will notice that, that an artist from New Mexico put together that installation from the metal that was gathered from the tragedy of that day.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And on that point, the Carnegie Hall was also saved by Stewart Udall during his tenure as Secretary of the Interior. It was slated for demolition and he made it a national monument.

CHAIR ROYBAL: That's great information. Thank you. Thank you, both.

[The Commission recessed for photographs from 4:45 to 4:55.]

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you for allowing me to add those amendments.

GREG SHAFFER (County Attorney): Before we go, Mr. Chair, so as I understood it, the request was to change the Whereas clause on the second page of Resolution No. 2020-22 so that it read in pertinent part that "the County recognizes that the planting of drought-tolerant trees, shrubs and grasses appropriate to Santa Fe's bioregion, etc."

And in the fourth Therefore paragraph, also on the second page, would read that "takes climate action by organizing volunteer April 2020 planting events of drought-tolerant trees, shrubs and grasses appropriate for Santa Fe's bioregion in each of the Commission districts." And that there would be a seventh Therefore paragraph that read "encourages County residents and businesses to participate in the global climate strike called for the 50th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, 2020."

Did I capture the amendments accurately?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I think you have the paper so your reading of it seems to be – calls for the 50th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22nd?

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MR. SHAFFER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. Thank you very, very much.

MR. SHAFFER: So then these changes will be made and a fresh copy of the resolution printed and we will fetch the signature of the Chair and then deliver it to you, Madam Clerk for attestation.

CLERK SALAZAR: Thank you very much.

10. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Attorney Shaffer. So we're going to move on to our next item. Under our next item is Public Hearings, which we don't have any public hearings. So I'm going to move onto the next item, matters from the County Attorney.

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, we do not have a need for an executive session this evening.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Attorney Shaffer.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no scheduled public hearings.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS/MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. Community Services Department Monthly Report
- B. Finance Division Monthly Report
- C. Growth Management Department Monthly Report
- D. Human Resources Monthly Report
- E. Public Safety Monthly Report
- F. Public Works Monthly Report

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there any questions from the Board for any staff that we would need to ask under item number 12?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, but thank you for the reports.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I feel the same way. Thank you for the reports. It's always very informative to know everything that is going on in the Community Service Department, the Finance Department, Growth Management, Human Resources, Public Safety and Public Works. So I want to thank the staff for their reports.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for highlighting that and expressing your gratitude as we all feel the same way on the Commission for all the reports that the staff do.

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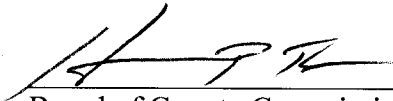
13. CONCLUDING BUSINESS


- A. Announcements**
- B. Adjournment**

Upon motion by Commissioner Hansen and seconds by Commissioner Hamilton and Commissioner Moreno, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Roybal declared this meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.




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Board of County Commissioners
Henry Roybal, Chair

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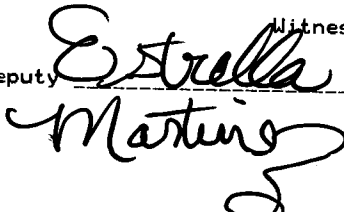
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Legislative Report

Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners Meeting, February 25, 2020

Dates

02/20/2020 -- Session ends (noon)
03/11/2020 -- Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed
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Bill Statistics

All Bills	Total
Bills Introduced	914
Bills Passed in 1st House	234
Bills Passed in 2nd House	95
Bills Sent to Governor	12
Bills Signed into Law	4
House Bills	Total
Bills Introduced	495
Bills Passed in 1st House	115
Bills Passed in 2nd House	62
Bills Sent to Governor	4
Bills Signed into Law	2
Senate Bills	Total
Bills Introduced	419
Bills Passed in 1st House	119
Bills Passed in 2nd House	33
Bills Sent to Governor	6
Bills Signed into Law	1

Governor's agenda items

Education:

Early Childhood Trust Fund

House Bill 83

\$300 million will be sustained by the surplus of two revenue sources and will make distributions to support early childhood programming beginning in fiscal year 2022

An estimated \$20 million annually will be provided from this fund for services such as home visiting for new parents, day care and prekindergarten

New Mexico Opportunity Scholarship

Originally sought as a method for filling the remaining gap of tuition costs for NM residents to make it so that tuition cost could be completely covered by government funding (federal and state).

The final version stipulated in the funding placed more restrictions than originally envisioned.

Funding was made around half of original consideration. \$17million. Received criticism for not being a separate piece of legislation but was included as an amendment to the whole budget.

The language in the budget states "the opportunity scholarship program shall prioritize financial aid based on need to undergraduate, credential-seeking students who are enrolled in a two-year academic program."

In order to be eligible, students must complete the Free Application for Financial Student Aid or another form of income verification. They also must be enrolled full-time (taking at least 12 credit hours with a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA) and have to either be over 18 years old or eligible for a lottery tuition scholarship.

Economy:

Recreational Cannabis

SB115 Cannabis Regulation Act: Legalization of Commercial Cannabis was tabled in the second committee the bill was heard, senate judiciary. Legislative proponents to the bill identify time to review the legislation as a major contributor to the failure of the legislation. Although this specific initiative was discussed and presented in the interim process the actual piece of legislation to be considered by legislators was not available until introduction time of the 30 day session.

This legislation is a complex measure that involves the understanding and cooperation of many different State agencies and policy makers statewide and was felt by legislators not to have the understanding and knowledge of all the intricacies this bill would enact.

A specific concern of the Senate Judiciary Chair was an objection to licensing provisions for marijuana businesses that require an agreement with organized labor, and the granting of business licenses to people with past drug convictions including distribution offenses.

A criticism regarding local jurisdictions was that the proposed law requires county participation whereas alcohol sales can be determined by the locality.

Another employer issue is maintaining a drug free workforce/monitoring of employees if it's legalized

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Only Illinois and Vermont have legalized recreational marijuana through their legislatures, while others have used ballot initiatives.

Gov. Michelle Lujan-Grisham has stated that she plans to bring back the bill during the longer session next year.

Language in the bill specific to counties:

LOCAL CONTROL. *A local jurisdiction may adopt rules that do not conflict with the Cannabis Regulation Act or the Dee Johnson Clean Indoor Air Act that reasonably limit density of licenses and operating times consistent with neighborhood uses; allow for smoking, vaporizing and ingesting of cannabis products within an indoor or outdoor cannabis consumption area on licensed premises of a cannabis retailer or integrated cannabis microbusiness. Specifies conditions and restrictions (persons must be 21 and older, consumption cannot be visible from any public place or from outside the area, and location limitations from school, church or daycare).*

CANNABIS EXCISE TAX. *The Cannabis Tax Act is set forth in Sections 49 through 56. A 9% cannabis excise tax is imposed on a cannabis retailer that sells cannabis products in the state. The tax is applied to the price paid for the cannabis product. If the price paid does not represent the value of the cannabis product, the tax rate shall be applied to its reasonable value at the time of purchase. The excise tax does not apply to sales of medical cannabis products sold to a qualified patient or to a primary caregiver who presents a registry identification card issued under the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act at the time of the sale*

(Sec. 52) Municipalities may, by majority vote, impose up to a 4% excise tax, in any number of 1/16% increments, on a cannabis retailer that sells cannabis products in the municipality. The tax is not subject to referendum. Revenue derived may be dedicated to any municipal use. Adopted ordinance shall include an effective date of July 1 or January 1.

(Sec. 53) A county (that portion of county located outside boundaries of any municipality, except for H Class counties which means the entire county) may, by majority vote, impose up to a 4% excise tax, in any number of 1/16% increments, on a cannabis retailer that sells cannabis products in the county area. The tax is not subject to referendum. Revenue derived may be dedicated to any county use. Adopted ordinance shall include an effective date of July 1 or January 1.

TRD may deduct up to 3% of proceeds of municipal and county cannabis tax for administrative costs of collection.

PERA Solvency

SB72 Proposed a package of measures to ensure solvency of PERA Fund, mainly by raising contribution rates, new COLA provisions, and by appropriating \$76 million (\$55 million was allocated in HB2)

Member contributions:

- State general member plan 3 increases to 9.42 percent in 2020, 10.42 percent in 2022, 10.92 percent in 2023

- State police etc. plan 1: no changes
- Juvenile correction officer plan 2 increases to 6.78 percent in 2020, 7.28 percent in 2021, 7.78 percent in 2022, and 8.28 percent in 2023
- Municipal general member plan 1, 2, 3 increases one-half percent annually beginning 2022
- Municipal general member plan 4 increases two percent in 2022 and then one-half percent annually beginning 2023
- Municipal police plan 1, 2, 3, 4 increases one-half percent annually beginning 2022
- Municipal police plan 5 increases to 18.30 percent beginning 2022 and then one-half percent annually beginning 2023
- Municipal fire plan 1 increases by three-quarter percent beginning 2022 and then one-half percent annually beginning 2023
- Municipal fire plan 2, 3, 4, 5 increases by one-half percent annually beginning 2022
- Municipal detention officer plan 1 increases by one-half percent annually beginning 2022

Employer contributions:

- State general member plan 3 increases by one-half percent annually from 2020 through 2023
- State Police, etc. plan 1: no changes
- Juvenile correctional officer plan 2 increases by one-half percent annually from 2020 through 2023
- Municipal general member plan 1, 2, 3, 4 increases by one-half percent annually beginning 2022
- Municipal police plan 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 increases by one-half percent annually beginning 2022
- Municipal fire plan 1, 2, 3, 4*, 5 increases by one-half percent annually beginning 2022
- Municipal detention officer plan 1 increases by one-half percent annually beginning 2022 until 2025, when it increases by 0.35 percent

SFC amendment to SB72

By May 1 of each year the PERA Board is to certify the funded ratio for each coverage plan as of the prior June 30. If the coverage plan funded ratio is:

- at least 80 percent but less than 90 percent, both employee and employer contribution rates shall be reduced by five-tenths (0.5) percent in the next fiscal year
- at least 90 percent and less than 100 percent, both employee and employer rates shall be reduced by one percent in the next fiscal year
- at least 100 percent, both employee and employer rates shall be reduced by two percent in the next fiscal year.

Lift Cap on Economically Targeted Investments as Percentage of Severance Tax Permanent Fund

SB 136 Increases the percentage of market value of the severance tax permanent fund that may be invested by the State Investment Officer in private equity funds and in the small business investment corporation to a combined total of eleven percent, up from nine percent.

Electric Generating Facility Economic District Act

HB 8 was passed and permits a county to form an electric generating facility economic district if the district includes an operating fossil fuel electric generating facility or a fossil fuel electric generating

facility that has been or is in the process of being retired. Is specifically meant for addressing the closer of the Escalante Generating Station near Prewitt, NM, in McKinley County

Public Safety:

Extreme-Risk Protection Order

SB5 Perhaps the most contentious legislative item addressed this session. This law requires law enforcement to remove guns from people a judge rules are a danger to themselves or others. This particular law change has drawn criticism from several law enforcement agencies in the state over constitutionality of the law and the lack of consultation with law enforcement who are impacted by the change.

Increased Penalties for Use of a Firearm in a Non-Capital Felony, Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Use of a Firearm in Drug Trafficking

Originally **HB6** this bill later became the public safety package bill that would include elements of **HB6**, **HB35**, and **HB113**. The Senate Finance Committee amendment removes most of the Senate Judiciary Committee amendment's addition (the portion of the bill which would have changed the way in which justices, judges, and magistrates are compensated) and became close to the final version. It does not reinstate the previous Section 4, which had dealt with post-traumatic stress disorder. As it remains, the twice-amended committee substitute consists of the original first three sections: • Section 1, expanding permissible payouts from the law enforcement protection fund; • Section 2, increasing the penalty for any felon in possession of a firearm from a fourth degree felony to a third degree felony; and • Section 3, increasing from one year to three years the current basic sentence enhancement for a first noncapital felony in which a firearm was brandished; and • Section 4, establishing July 1, 2020 as the effective date of the bill.

Increased Penalties for Violations of New Mexico State Racketeering Laws

Not included in public safety package

Threats and Acts of Mass Violence

Not included in public safety package

Criminal Penalties for Operating a Vehicle Chop Shop

HB 156 Crime of Illegally Dismantling Vehicles made it through the house but was not heard in full senate.

Sex Offender Registration Requirements

HB43 Sex Offender Registration Requirements did not pass either the house or senate

Increased Distribution From Law Enforcement Protection Fund for Acute Crime Interventions

HB184 Adds school district police departments to those entities entitled to receive funds from the Law Enforcement Protection Fund. Defines "school district police department" as a department of commissioned law enforcement officers who are charged with preventing, investigating, and solving crimes on school district property.

Adds school district police departments and the Department of Public Safety to those law enforcement entities whose fiscal needs shall be determined annually, with determinations of amounts to be made by May 1 of each year.

Provides the following increased distribution rates:

- municipal police and sheriff's departments, regardless of class or population size, are entitled to \$45,000 each, up from \$20,000-\$40,000 in current statute
- university police departments are entitled to \$25,000, up from \$17,000
- tribal police departments are entitled to \$1,000, up from \$600, for each commissioned peace officer
- school district police departments, along with municipal, university police and sheriff's departments, are entitled to \$1,000, up from \$600, for each officer or deputy employed full-time who has been certified by the Law Enforcement Academy or a regional law enforcement training facility
- municipal police, sheriff's, and school district police departments that assign officers as school resource officers are entitled to \$1,000 for each assigned school resource officer's training as required in the act
- after all above distributions have been made, if the balance in the fund is sufficient DPS is entitled to up to \$2.0 million, only to offset overtime-pay related expenses (including travel, fuel, overtime, per diem and ammunition) incurred directly from special deployment of state patrol officers or other emergency assistance to counties or municipalities in response to critical circumstances authorized by the Governor, and not to hire new personnel.

HJC substitute for HB184 preserves the intent of the original bill. Expands the definition of "school resources officer" to require that the officer not only be commissioned but also certified (presumably as having completed the training required by this act). Further, beginning with the 2021-22 school year, a law enforcement officer assigned as a school resource officer must complete the training required by this act within 12 months of assignment. Officers assigned as school resource officers prior to the 2021-22 school year and who have not received the required training must complete it by July 1, 2022.

Entitles school district police to an annual distribution of \$45,000 each from the Law Enforcement Protection Fund.

HAFC amendment to HB184 delays the effective date of the act by one year, to July 1, 2022

Increased Penalties for Human Trafficking

HB237 passed unanimously in the House but ended getting tied up in Senate Judiciary

Would have imposed stricter penalties for convictions of human trafficking and lifts the statute of limitations for filing prosecutions against persons accused of human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of children; expands the definition of a sex offender to include human trafficking for

commercial sexual activity and to include a person who owns residential property in New Mexico who has been convicted in another jurisdiction; and expands scope of registry that is maintained on sex offenders by the Department of Public Safety

Health:

Drug Importation

SB1 was passed unanimously in both the House and Senate

To establish a program to import prescription drugs from Canada to provide cost savings to New Mexico consumers and to regulate the wholesale importation of these drugs.

Residency Requirements for Medical Cannabis Program Enrollment

Senate Bill 139 restores the definition of “qualified patient” (i.e. a person who is able to consume medical marijuana) in the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act (LECUA) to what it was prior to 2019 amendment, which requires the patient be a resident of New Mexico.

Increasing Access and Affordability in the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange

HB100 passed

The House Judiciary Committee Substitute for House Bill 100 would amend certain provisions of the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange (NMHIX) to broaden the Exchange’s authority to dictate which plans are sold through the Exchange and how they are sold.

Tobacco Licensing and Tobacco and E-Cigarette Sales

SB 131 sets up a comprehensive licensing system for tobacco products so New Mexico can fully benefit from the new federal law. A bill to keep New Mexico consistent with the new federal law that raised the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products to 21.

Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity Fund

House Bill 225 passed both houses unanimously.

Appropriates \$25 million from the general fund to the Aging and LongTerm Services Department (ALTSD) to address high priority services for senior citizens and adults with disabilities in New Mexico, to include transportation, food insecurity, physical and behavioral health, case management and caregiving. This bill creates a new fund and provides for continuing appropriations.

Environment:

Solar Tax Credit

Senate Bill 29 provides a personal income tax credit of 10 percent of the cost of equipment and installation of residential, business (commercial or industrial) or agricultural solar thermal system or a solar photovoltaic system. Systems installed after January March 1, 2020 and before January 1, 2030 2028 are eligible for the credit. Each installation is limited to \$6 thousand in credit (based on \$60 thousand cost of equipment plus installation). Total annual credits paid are limited to \$10 \$8 million, with priority for payment in any year established by the order the claims are received

Electric Vehicle Tax Credit

HB217 establishes a \$2,500 tax credit for residents whose annual income is above \$50,000 and a \$5,000 tax credit for residents whose annual income is less than \$50,000. A \$300 tax credit is also available for the installation of an at home charging station.

PRC Reform

Tabled in Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee.

HB 11 would have created a new stand-alone agency, entitled the Office of Public Regulation Commission Regulatory Affairs, and would have moved five divisions currently under the PRC to the new agency, including the legal division, the utility division, the transportation division, the administrative services division and the consumer relations division. The new office would have been administratively attached to the existing state Regulation and Licensing Department, though the employees would not have physically moved to a new office. The chief of staff of the office would have been appointed and removed by the governor.

IRB Authority for Transmission Lines

House Bill 50 amends the Industrial Revenue Bond Act and the County Industrial Revenue Bond Act, to include electric transmission facilities as eligible projects. The bill adds a new section to each Act that requires for electric transmission line projects the state would receive 5 percent of the total amount of inlieu tax payments to counties, municipalities and other local entities who levy taxes on the property. This also includes in-lieu tax payments to school districts and 5 percent of the value of other considerations paid by the transmission line project managers to local entities that are authorized to levy taxes on property.

Community Energy Efficiency Block Grants

SB114 was not passed

Would have created the Community Energy Efficiency Development Block Grant Act, Fund and program, administered by the Energy Conservation and Management Division of EMNRD to make grants to counties, municipalities and tribal governments. Grants are for local energy efficiency development projects that finance infrastructure for affordable housing.

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County Related Legislative Items

PERA Solvency

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Unions

The House Labor, Veterans' and Military Affairs Substitute for **House Bill 391** makes numerous changes to the Public Employee Bargaining Act (PEBA), which:

- Clarify definition of management employee to exclude an employee whose fiscal responsibilities are routine, incidental or clerical, and to include as public employees those whose positions are partially or wholly funded by grants (Section 1);
- Remove references to and definition of "fair share", in light of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Janus v. AFSCME, which held public sector unions cannot charge fees to employees who decline to join the union but are covered by its collective bargaining agreement (Sections 2, 4);
- Add "other concerted activities" to the rights of public employees, but expressly continue the prohibition against strikes (Section 3);
- Enumerate specific administrative remedies the board is authorized to impose: actual damages related to dues, back pay including benefits, reinstatement with the same seniority status, declaratory or injunctive relief (including temporary restraining orders or preliminary injunctions, but prohibiting awards of punitive damages or attorney fees (Section 4);
- Allow for continued existence of local boards already in existence on June 30, 2020 upon state board determination that ordinance, resolution or charter amendment authorizing continuation:
 - o provides same or greater rights to employees and labor organization as the Act;
 - o allows for determinations of and remedies for prohibited practices under the Act;
 - and
 - o contains impasse resolution procedures equivalent to those established in the Act (Section 5);
- Continue existence of a local board existing as of July 1, 2021 only upon affirmation that public employer and each labor organization representing employees of that employer have affirmatively elected to continue to operate under that board (Section 5);
- Define events causing a local board to cease to exist, including a vacancy in membership exceeding 60 days (Section 5);
- Make local board rules, which must comply with state law, subject to state board approval (Sections 4, 5);
- Require state and local board rules be posted on publicly accessible website, along with listing of members of board, and require local board notice to state board of changes in rules or membership within 30 days (Section 4);
- Require jobs included in a bargaining unit under a local ordinance in effect on January 1, 2020 remain in that unit (Section 6);
- Upon acceptance of valid petition for election, require public employer to provide contact information for bargaining unit employees; continue the 40 percent requirement for valid

elections; and authorize "card check" as alternative to election if a majority of employees in bargaining unit have signed valid authorization cards, subject to a verification challenge by the employer, in which case the state or local board must hold a fact-finding hearing to confirm majority of employees in unit have signed valid authorization cards (Section 7);

- Codify six month statute of limitations for public employee claims of breach of the duty of fair representation (currently in state board rules for prohibited practices) (Section 8);
- Require public employer grant an exclusive union representative reasonable access to and information concerning bargaining unit employees, as well as use of public employees' facilities or property, all as defined in this section (Section 8);
- Prohibit a competing labor organization from seeking an election within 12 months of initial certification (Section 9);
- Make changes to scope of bargaining:
 - o allowing parties to bargain regarding employer "pick up" of retirement contributions, subject to limitations of this section;
 - o clarifying bargaining agreement does not conflict with statute if it grants greater rights, remedies and procedures;
 - o dictating procedures regarding how and when dues deductions are determined, and addressing issue of liability in wake of Janus decision; and
 - o recognizing the duty to bargain in good faith during term of agreement, unless parties clearly and unmistakably waived right to bargain, provided that no party may be required to renegotiate existing terms of agreements already in place;
 - o as to the State, bargaining may include enhancements of employee rights and benefits under the Personnel Act; and
 - o leaving in place existing provisions specifying appropriation contingencies as to impasse resolutions and agreements by the state that require the expenditure of funds (Section 10);
- Remove deadline for resolving impasse (Section 11); and
- Make public employer expenditure of public funds to influence an election regarding representation a prohibited practice (Section 12).

The effective date of this bill is July 1, 2020.

Lodgers' Tax

HB117

This bill is intended to supplement tax revenues of those localities in south eastern New Mexico who are facing a rapid influx of people residing for long terms due to the need for oil and gas workers. Current Lodgers' Tax laws only allowed for these taxes to be used for tourism promotion purposes. This change in law will allow counties to opt in to allow for taxes after 30 days to be used for other needs within the government caused by the rapid population increases.

HTRC Committee Substitute for House Bill 117 proposes clarification and changes to the

exemptions from and uses of the Lodger's Tax. Specifically:

- Redefines taxable premise to be hotels, motels "or other premises used for lodging that is not the vendee's household or primary residence." This redefinition serves to maintain and expand the types of premises subject to the Lodger's Tax. Also defines "temporary lodging" to mean lodging for the purpose of housing a vendee near to a job location;
- Allows electing local governments to collect the Lodgers' Tax after thirty days, if the premises rented are not the vendee's household or primary residence.
- Revenues collected on the first 30 days of a vendee's rental of a taxable premise is restricted in use by section 3-38-15, however, Lodgers' Tax revenue from the 31st day and subsequent days may be used for any municipal or county purposes so long as the uses are stated in the ordinance imposing the tax;
- Removes the automatic exemption for rental for over 30 consecutive days, or when evidenced by a written lease; and
- includes a conventional section preserving bond repayment provisions.

The effective date of this bill is July 1, 2020. There is no delayed repeal date.

Recreational Marijuana

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Pregnant Worker Accommodation

HB45 Changes to Retiree Health Care Fund

House Bill 93 makes a single amendment to the Efficient Use of Energy Act (EUEA) concerning a rate adjustment mechanism which results in utility recovery of commission approved revenue per customer without regard to the quantity of energy actually sold by the public utility. The amendment expands the type of energy sold to both electricity and natural gas. Corrects an omission in the statute which currently provides that the rate adjustment mechanism only applies to public utility sales of electricity but not to sales of natural gas.

Land Leases Between Local Government and State

According to the State Land Office, **HB176** implements one of the recommendations of the economic development innovation task force which was established by HM16 in the 2019 session.

Currently SLO has three economic development leases with municipalities and counties (City of Santa Fe, Sandoval County, Lea County). SLO states increasing the maximum lease term from 25 years to 40 years may lead to more development opportunities as private sector tenants often require longer lease terms so as to lessen their risk of building facilities on state trust lands and obtaining necessary financing.

According to SLO by extending the allowable lease term, leasing state trust lands may become a more attractive option. Additionally, SLO believes more financial institutions will lend to economic development projects with longer lease terms.

Local Government Transportation Project Fund

House Bill 207 changes the name of the "Local Government Transportation Project Fund" (LGTPF) to "Transportation Project Fund" (TPF). HB 207 amends the LGPTF to include a

"tribe", defined as "an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo located wholly or partially in New Mexico", as an eligible grant recipient under the fund. HB207 would also amend the definition of "Transportation Project" to add a "maintenance project" as an eligible project while expressly excluding a "transportation enhancement project" from eligibility. House Bill 207's provisions allowing tribes to be the recipients of grants from the transportation project fund does not appear to raise a constitutional issue with respect to the Anti-donation Clause of the New Mexico Constitution because tribes are considered governmental entities and not private actors.

Strategic Plan for Energy Grid Modernization

House Bill 233 directs the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) to develop a strategic plan for energy grid modernization and to establish a competitive grant program to support implementation of eligible grid modernization projects.

Technology Readiness Gross Receipts Credit

HB255

For the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, a New Mexico-based national laboratory (LANL and Sandia) may claim a gross receipts tax credit for providing technological readiness assistance to a business registered to do business in New Mexico; the business must have licensed technology from the laboratory or have entered into a cooperative research and development agreement with the laboratory.

The Senate Finance Committee amendment to HB255 repeals HCEDC amendments to the distribution of Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) and replaces the one time distribution with a monthly distribution over three years. The amendment restructuring the distribution totals \$4.5 million in total.

Limit on Multiple Source Contracts for Architectural and Engineering Services

House Bill 319 exempts local public bodies from the total amount limit on multiple source contracts for architectural and engineering services. HB319 requires state agencies and local public bodies report the aggregate amount of contracts to be spent under each multiple source contract to the Legislative Finance Committee on an annual basis and to the General Services Department on at least a quarterly basis

Tax Changes

HB326

House Bill 326 contains clean-up and clarification to provisions in Chapters 270 and 274 from the 2019 session (House Bill 6 and House Bill 479). The New Mexico Municipal League summarizes the bill's main provisions as: (1) providing greater definitiveness and coverage for gross receipts sourcing rules; (2) inserting a minimum local option gross receipts tax increment size; and (3) declaring the various local option gross receipts tax rates consolidated into either the municipal GRT or the county GRT to be increments of the municipal or county GRT.

Adjustment of Nonstatewide Elected Officer Terms

House Joint Resolution 8 proposes a constitutional amendment to permit the adjustment of nonstatewide elected officer terms and to standardize the date an officer begins to serve as a way to clarify Election Code changes enacted in the 2019 legislative session.

Any adjustment to terms of office shall require a legislative finding that the adjustment provides consistency in the timing of elections for that office, or balances the number of offices appearing on the ballot. Additionally, the term of any officer affected by such adjustment shall not be shortened or extended by more than two years.

If approved by the Legislature, this proposed constitutional amendment will appear on the ballot of the next general or special election, to be approved or rejected by voters before enactment.

State Investment in New Mexico's Renewable Energy

House Memorial 9 requests that the State Investment Office develop a strategic plan, with the consultation of the State Land Office, for state investment in New Mexico's renewable energy, storage and transmission projects. The State Investment Office recommendations would be reported to the State Investment Council (SIC) and appropriate interim legislative committees by 2021.

2020 census

Senate Bill 4 appropriates \$8 million from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY20 to achieve a statewide complete count in the federal 2020 census. During the 2019 legislative session, DFA requested \$10 million for this effort and the Legislature appropriated \$3.5 million.

From the \$3.5 million appropriated to DFA in the 2019 legislative session, DFA reported it has expended most of these funds on grant agreements to all 33 counties to establish and staff complete count committees

Valuation Increases for Low-Income Disabled

Senate Bill 117 further clarifies the provisions of Laws 2019, Chapter 140 (HB429) which clarified, simplified and increased the ceiling for modified gross income in order to allow homeowners who are low income and either 65 or older or disabled to have their home property tax valuations frozen. The income upper limit was established in that bill as a modified gross income of \$35 thousand per year and adjusted for inflation. This bill further specifies when disabled persons would qualify, making that language more consistent with when persons 65 or older would qualify. In both cases of low-income elderly homeowners or low-income disabled homeowners, the application must be filed within 30 days of the date the assessor mails the notice of valuation.

Local and Regional Economic Development Support Fund

Senate Bill 118 creates the Local and Regional Economic Development Support Fund, and provides procedures for using money in the fund to support local and regional economic development projects.

The first two

sections of the bill are new language, outlining the state's ability to participate in projects.

The bill allows three types of projects in which the state may participate:

1. Traditional LEDA projects for economic base jobs (existing types of LEDA projects in which the state currently participates)

-To define an economic base job, the bill mirrors the same language

found in the Tax Increment for Development Act, the only other

statute that defines the term, thus creating consistency for the term

across statutes

2. Retail projects for communities with less than 15 thousand in population (new flexibility for state projects)

-The Economic Development Department (EDD) must determine the

project does not substantially compete with existing retail businesses

3. Rural site infrastructure to create "shovel-ready" locations for businesses (new flexibility for state projects)

-Roads, rail, water, wastewater, power, broadband, etc.

-This infrastructure must be located on property owned by a local

government, such as a city industrial park

The bill also amends LEDA for local governments to allow retail projects for communities with up to 15 thousand in population instead of the current 10 thousand in population, matching the new state ability to invest in this type of project.

Finally, the bill establishes the LEDA fund in statute, whereas the current LEDA fund only exists as a necessary creation within the state's accounting system.

More District Court Judgeships

SB185 authorizes creation of five more district court judgeships, one in the 1st Judicial District, two in the 2nd Judicial District, one in the 3rd Judicial District and 1 in the 12th Judicial District

Electronic Communications Privacy Act

Senate Bill 270 makes several amendments to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act ("ECPA"), which was enacted in 2019. See Laws 2019, Chapter 39 (Senate Bill 199), codified at Sections 10-16F-1 to 10-16F-4 NMSA 1978. The bill:

▪Requires that information obtained through execution of a search warrant that is unrelated to the objective of the warrant or is not exculpatory to the target be "sealed" rather than "destroyed," and not subject to further use or disclosure except pursuant to a court order or to comply with discovery, and provides for the destruction of unrelated information as soon as feasible after the current investigation and related investigations or proceedings are terminated.

SFC Tracked Bills Not Passed

HB229 Changes to Election Law

Makes a number of changes to the Election Code relating to redistricting, requirements for voter registration, handling of ballots, the years of election of certain officials, post-election duties and procedures, referendum petitions and the staggering of judicial terms.

The bill failed after stalling by opponents of the bill, including a filibuster that lasted nearly two hours.

After a lengthy debate on a number of proposed amendments, Sen. Cliff Pirtle, R-Roswell, requested a Call of the Senate. This requires that all senators be in the chambers, with the doors locked by the sergeants at arms. One Senator, Linda Lopez, was already in Albuquerque with a young child and Senate Majority Leader Peter Wirth said rather than have her drive back to Santa Fe, they would roll the bill over until later in the morning.

The Senate did not hear the bill before the end of the session.

The bill would have made a series of technical changes to the state election code ahead of this year's elections. These included clarification on when the Legislature must redistrict after a census, procedures for same-day voter registration after this year's election and a number of changes to absentee voting, including that the official mailing envelopes no longer needed to identify the voter.

HB9 Community Solar Act

Although passing through committees on the House side the bill was unable to pass the full House on a vote of 28-36.

The bill contemplated independent development and operation of community solar generation facilities owned or operated by a Subscriber Organization, from which customers of an electric utility or rural electric cooperative may elect to subscribe for a portion of the facility's capacity. Provides for initial phase-in for investor-owned public utilities of no more than 10 percent of program capacity through December 31, 2023, after which Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department must prepare an evaluation and recommendations.

No Income Tax on Social Security Income

HB29 and HB77

The House Taxation and Revenue Committee tabled two bills that proposed to eliminate or reduce the state's tax on Social Security income.

The ultimate issue at hand with this legislation was that the elimination of this tax would create a \$100 - \$150million hole in the State's General Fund and there were not defined proposals of how to make this funding up wo or what services or programs might be cut because of the lost revenue.

Capital Outlay (HB349)

County: Santa Fe

1. 1ST JUD CT DIST VEHICLE PRCH	\$30,000 Santa Fe GF
2. 1ST JUD DIST ATTY OFFICE SECURITY & IT EQUIP	\$275,000 Santa Fe STB
3. 1ST JUD DIST CT ELECTRONIC QUEUE MGT SYS	\$100,000 Santa Fe STB
4. 1ST JUD DIST CT JURY ASSEMBLY RM SPEAKER SYS	\$20,000 Santa Fe GF
5. 1ST JUD DIST CT SANTA FE CMPTR MONITOR PRCHS	\$31,600 Santa Fe GF
6. 1ST JUD DIST CT SANTA FE NETWORK SWITCHES PRCHS	\$50,000 Santa Fe GF
7. 1ST JUD DIST CT SANTA FE VIDEO SYS	\$308,000 Santa Fe STB
8. 1ST JUD DIST HERRERA CMLPX CONFERENCE ROOM	\$212,000 Santa Fe GF
9. ACADEMY FOR TECH & CLASSICS CH SCHL SECURITY	\$75,000 Santa Fe PSD GF
10. ACEQUIA DE EL RINCON IMPROVEMENTS SANTA FE CO	\$70,000 GF
11. ACEQUIA DE LA CAPILLA IMPROVE	\$65,000 La Cienega STB
12. ACEQUIA DE LA COMUNIDAD INFRA IMPROVE SANTA FE CO	\$33,225 STB
13. ACEQUIA DE LA JOYA IMPROVE	\$76,000 STB
14. ACEQUIA DE LA OTRA BANDA IMPROVE	\$47,000 STB
15. ACEQUIA DE LOS HERRERAS WATER CONTROL STRUCT	\$74,000 STB
16. ACEQUIA DE LOS INDIOS WATER MGMT IMPROVE	\$40,000 STB
17. ACEQUIA DEL CANO IMPROVE	\$10,000 STB
18. ACEQUIA DEL POTRERO IMPROVE	\$20,000 STB
19. ACEQUIA DEL RANCHO IMPROVE	\$20,000 STB
20. ACEQUIA LARGA DE JACONA BARRIER CONSTRUCT	\$10,000 STB
21. ACEQUIA MARTINEZ MEDIO IMPROVE	\$10,000 STB
22. ACEQUIAS DE CHUPADERO IMPROVE SANTA FE CO	\$80,000 STB
23. AGUA FRIA CWSA PERIMETER WALL CONSTRUCT	\$25,000 STB
24. AGUA FRIA CWSA WATER RIGHTS/WATER SYS/WELLS	\$550,000 STB
25. CERRO GORDO RD IMPROVE	\$100,000 Santa Fe GF
26. CHUPADERO WSC WATER SYS IMPROVE SANTA FE CO	\$400,000 STB
27. DPS FIRING RANGE IMPROVE SANTA FE	\$1,000,000 Santa Fe STB
28. DPS STATE POLICE DIST 1 FCLTY SANTA FE	\$9,000,000 Santa Fe STB
29. ED RETIREMENT BOARD HEADQUARTERS REPLACE - ERF	\$1,309,000 Santa Fe ERF
30. EDGEWOOD BLM LAND ACQUIRE AND IMPROVE	\$100,000 Edgewood STB
31. EDGEWOOD MOTOR GRADER	\$348,000 Edgewood GF
32. EDGEWOOD SENIOR/WELLNESS CENTER	\$100,000 Edgewood GF
33. EDGEWOOD WWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE	\$915,000 Edgewood GF
34. ELDORADO AREA WSD WATERLINE EXTEND & PUMP STN	\$500,000 Santa Fe STB
35. GALISTEO MDWCA & MSWA WATER SYS IMPROVE	\$150,000 STB
36. GREATER GLORIETA CRMDWC & SW DRINKING WATER PRJ	\$227,000 STB
37. GSD FACILITIES MASTER PLAN STATEWIDE	\$2,000,000 GF
38. HARRISON RD SIDEWALK & LIGHTING IMPROVE	\$30,000 Santa Fe GF
39. HSD HARRIET SAMMONS INFRASTRUCTURE	\$1,284,473 Farmington GF
40. HSEMD BLDG IMPROVE SANTA FE CO	\$415,000 STB
41. IAD SWAIA INFO & VIDEOCONFERENCE TECH EQUIPMENT	\$7,500 Santa Fe GF

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42. LA CIENEGA LIB INFO TECH & INFRA	\$15,000 La Cienega STB
43. LOS PINOS RD CROSSING AT ARROYO HONDO CONSTRUCT	\$100,000 La Cienega GF
44. MADRID FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM IMPROVE	\$90,000 Madrid STB
45. MUSEUM OF INTRNATL FOLK ART GIRARD WING REN	\$220,000 Santa Fe GF
46. NAMBE HEAD START CTR IMPROVE GF	\$18,500 Pojoaque Valley PSD
47. NAMBE PUEBLO ADMIN BLDG CONSTRUCT	\$150,000 Nambe Pueblo STB
48. NM MUSEUM OF ART VLADIMIR CONTEMPORARY	\$50,000 Santa Fe GF
49. NM SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS DORMITORY/CAFETERIA	\$1,465,000 Santa Fe GF
50. NORTH CENTRAL NM ECONOMIC DVLP DIST INFO TECH	\$50,000 Santa Fe STB
51. PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS REN	\$50,000 Santa Fe GF
52. POJOAQUE PUEBLO COMMUNITY PARK	\$169,900 Pojoaque Pueblo GF
53. POJOAQUE PUEBLO WELLNESS CTR IMPROVE	\$858,000 Pojoaque Pueblo GF
54. POJOAQUE VALLEY HIGH SCHL HVAC RPLC STB	\$145,000 Pojoaque Valley PSD
55. RANCHO ALEGRE RD FEEDER RDS CHIP SEAL	\$35,000 GF
56. RIO ARRIBA CO MAG CT SECURITY EQUIP PRCHS	\$44,200 Espanola GF
57. RIO CHIQUITO MDWC & MSWA WATER SYS IMPROVE	\$75,000 STB
58. ROMERO PARK AREA WATERLINE SYS EXTEND	\$275,000 GF
59. SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO CMTY CTR REN GF	\$250,000 San Ildefonso Pueblo
60. SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO GYM RENOV GF	\$350,000 San Ildefonso Pueblo
61. SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO INFO TECH SYS PRCHS GF	\$92,500 San Ildefonso Pueblo
62. SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO TEWA CTR REN GF	\$400,000 San Ildefonso Pueblo
63. SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO TRACK LOADER PRCHS GF	\$100,000 San Ildefonso Pueblo
64. SANTA CRUZ IRRIGATION DIST ELEC LINES IMPROVE	\$60,000 STB
65. SANTA FE BLDG ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVE	\$300,000 Santa Fe GF
66. SANTA FE BUSINESS INCUBATOR IMPROVE	\$50,000 Santa Fe GF
67. SANTA FE CCA REPAIR & REN	\$110,000 Santa Fe GF
68. SANTA FE CHRISTUS ST. VINCENT HOSP WOMEN'S CTR	\$150,000 Santa Fe STB
69. SANTA FE CO AGUA FRIA WWATER & UTLTY SYS EXPAND	\$835,000 STB
70. SANTA FE CO MAG CT SECURITY EQUIP PRCHS	\$40,100 Santa Fe GF
71. SANTA FE CO MAGISTRATE CT PLAN DES	\$2,200,000 Santa Fe GF
72. SANTA FE CO MAGISTRATE CT X-RAY EQUIP	\$22,100 Santa Fe STB
73. SANTA FE CO PV UNITS & ELEC VEH CHARGING STNS	\$325,000 STB
74. SANTA FE CO RECOVERY CTR PROGRAM FCLTY EXPAND	\$2,090,600 Santa Fe STB
75. SANTA FE CO SHELTER ROOF REPLACE	\$90,000 Santa Fe STB
76. SANTA FE COMUNIDAD DE LOS NINOS FCLTY IMPROVE	\$50,000 Santa Fe STB
77. SANTA FE DEVELOPMENT PRGM VEHICLE PURCHASE	\$106,000 Santa Fe STB
78. SANTA FE DIAPER CHANGING STATIONS	\$100,000 Santa Fe STB

79. SANTA FE EL MUSEO CULTURAL FCLTY IMPROVE	\$126,950 Santa Fe STB
80. SANTA FE ELECTRIC VEH & CHARGING INFRA PRCHS	\$750,000 Santa Fe STB
81. SANTA FE FIRE DEPT PPV FAN PRCH	\$82,600 Santa Fe STB
82. SANTA FE FIRE DEPT THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA REPLACE	\$125,000 Santa Fe STB
83. SANTA FE HOMEBOUND MEALS PROGRAM FACILITY IMPRO	\$100,000 Santa Fe STB
84. SANTA FE JUNIOR WRESTLING PRGM EQUIP	\$40,000 Santa Fe PSD GF
85. SANTA FE MIDTOWN INFRA IMPROVE	\$50,000 Santa Fe STB
86. SANTA FE MUNI CT REN	\$363,700 Santa Fe STB
87. SANTA FE MUNI REC CMLPX IRRIGATION SYS IMPROVE	\$50,000 Santa Fe STB
88. SANTA FE PSD DANCE BARNS IMPROVE	\$440,000 Santa Fe STB
89. SANTA FE PSD INFO TECH IMPROVE	\$50,000 Santa Fe GF
90. SANTA FE PSD SECURITY SYS UPGRADE	\$280,000 Santa Fe PSD GF
91. SANTA FE RGNL AIRPORT TERMINAL FCLTY EXPAND	\$50,000 Santa Fe STB
92. SANTA FE SOCCER VALLEY CMLPX IMPROVE	\$50,000 Santa Fe STB
93. SANTA FE SOUTHSIDE TEEN & RESOURCE CTR	\$3,910,000 Santa Fe STB
94. SANTA FE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FCLTY REN	\$853,000 Santa Fe STB
95. SFCC SAFETY & SECURITY UPGRADES	\$325,000 STB
96. SLO LIGHTING & CEILING REPLACEMENT-SLMF	\$650,000 Santa Fe SLMF
97. TESUQUE PUEBLO BUILDINGS SOLAR POWER SYS	\$237,000 Pueblo of Tesuque GF
98. TESUQUE PUEBLO GPS EQUIPMENT	\$50,000 Tesuque Pueblo GF
99. TESUQUE PUEBLO MULTI-USE FACILITY	\$1,456,000 Tesuque Pueblo GF
100. TESUQUE PUEBLO SCADA SYS PRCHS	\$200,000 Tesuque Pueblo STB
101. TIERRA ENCANTADA CH SCHL FCLTY PRCHS/CONSTRUCT	\$10,000 Santa Fe GF
102. TRD REMITTANCE SCANNER UNITS	\$300,000 Santa Fe GF
103. TURQUOISE TRAIL CHARTER SCHL IMPROVE	\$10,000 Santa Fe GF
104. TIERRA ENCANTADA CH SCHL FCLTY PRCHS/CONSTRUCT	\$10,000 Santa Fe GF
105. TRD REMITTANCE SCANNER UNITS	\$300,000 Santa Fe GF
106. TURQUOISE TRAIL CHARTER SCHL IMPROVE	\$10,000 Santa Fe GF

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Capital Project Reauthorizations (HB0355)

Santa Fe County Projects

Department of Transportation Project: Purpose change for Los Pinos Road Water Crossing Improvements, a/k/a County Road 54, and Arroyo Hondo in La Cienega, Santa Fe County, extended through FY2022.

Local Government Division, DFA Project: Chimayo fire station construction and equipping an addition, Santa Fe County, may include planning, design and constructing bank stabilization and site improvements, extended through FY2022.

Local Government Division, DFA Project: Madrid fire station design and construction, Santa Fe County, extended through FY2022.

Senate Bill 232 Department of Transportation Expenditures

The House Taxation and Revenue Committee amendment to Senate Bill 232 added an additional 215 projects at a cost of \$24.5 million. The amendment brings the total number of projects to 216 and the total cost to \$49.5 million.

Project #70 SANTA FE ELDORADO ROAD
IMPROVEMENTS \$297,500 Santa Fe to plan, design and construct road improvements within the Eldorado subdivision in Santa Fe county

Project #70 SANTA FE ELDORADO ROAD
IMPROVEMENTS \$202,500 Santa Fe to plan, design and construct road improvements within the Eldorado subdivision in Santa Fe county

Project #85 SANTA FE COUNTY LOPEZ LANE BIKE AND
PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS \$100,000 Santa Fe to acquire rights of way and to plan, design, construct and install lighting, sidewalk and bicycle path improvements on Lopez lane in Santa Fe county

Project #95 SANTA FE COUNTY RANCHO ALEGRE
ROAD \$145,000 Santa Fe Chip seal approximately 3.45 miles of feeder roads along Rancho Alegre road

Project #95 SANTA FE COUNTY RANCHO ALEGRE
ROAD \$200,000 Santa Fe Chip seal approximately 3.45 miles of feeder roads along Rancho Alegre Road

Project #203 LOPEZ LANE & AGUA FRIA ST IMPROVE
SANTA FE CO \$100,000 Santa Fe to plan, design and construct pavement and sidewalk improvements to Lopez lane and Agua Fria street in Santa Fe

Project #409 SANTA FE COUNTY CR 78 REPAVING \$150,000 SANTA FE to plan, design and repave county road 78, Camino Chupadero

Project #410 SANTA FE COUNTY ROAD 74 REPAVING \$200,000 SANTA FE to plan, design and construct repaving of county road 74

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Legislation Passed by Both House & Senate

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<u>*HB 1</u>	FEED BILL	<u>Sheryl Williams Stapleton</u>
<u>HB 2</u>	GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2020	<u>Patricia A. Lundstrom</u>
<u>HB 6</u>	PTSD PRESUMPTION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS	<u>Marian Matthews</u> <u>Karen C. Bash</u> <u>Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson</u> <u>Dayan Hochman-Vigil</u> <u>Melanie A. Stansbury</u>
<u>*HB 8</u>	ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY ECON DISTRICTS	<u>Patricia A. Lundstrom</u> <u>Harry Garcia</u> <u>Eliseo Lee Alcon</u> <u>D. Wonda Johnson</u> <u>Joseph L. Sanchez</u>
<u>HB 10</u>	NO REDUCED SCHOOL MEAL COPAYMENTS	<u>Willie D. Madrid</u> <u>Melanie A. Stansbury</u>
<u>HB 17</u>	DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE COLLEGES	<u>Christine Chandler</u> <u>Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics</u>
<u>HB 21</u>	PROHIBIT NDA FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASES	<u>Dayan Hochman-Vigil</u>
<u>HB 22</u>	CLARIFY MILITARY LEAVE	<u>Dayan Hochman-Vigil</u> <u>Candy Spence Ezzell</u> <u>Greg Nibert</u>
<u>HB 25</u>	PREGNANT WORKER ACCOMMODATION	<u>Gail Chasey</u> <u>Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics</u>
<u>*HB 27</u>	PUBLIC PROJECT REVOLVING FUND PROJECTS	<u>Patricia A. Lundstrom</u> <u>Sheryl Williams Stapleton</u> <u>Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales</u>
<u>HB 30</u>	EXPEDITED LICENSURE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES	<u>Eliseo Lee Alcon</u> <u>Candace Gould</u> <u>Debra M. Sariñana</u> <u>Harry Garcia</u> <u>Patricia Roybal Caballero</u>
<u>HB 42</u>	PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT PARITY	<u>Deborah A. Armstrong</u>
<u>HB 44</u>	NEW MEXICO WORK AND SAVE ACT	<u>Tomás E. Salazar</u> <u>Christine Chandler</u> <u>Gail Armstrong</u> <u>Bill Tallman</u> <u>Michael Padilla</u>
<u>HB 45</u>	CHANGES TO RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUND	<u>Tomás E. Salazar</u> <u>Raymundo Lara</u>
<u>HB 47</u>	LOCAL GOVT PLANNING FUND APPROPRIATION	<u>Tomás E. Salazar</u>
<u>HB 50</u>	AMENDING THE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND ACT	<u>Nathan P. Small</u>

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<u>HB 59</u>	AT-RISK PROGRAM UNITS & INDEX CALC. CHANGE	<u>Sheryl Williams Stapleton</u> <u>Mary Kay Papen</u>
<u>HB 62</u>	TEACHER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM	<u>Sheryl Williams Stapleton</u> <u>G. Andres Romero</u> <u>Willie D. Madrid</u> <u>Debra M. Sariñana</u> <u>Joy Garratt</u>
<u>HB 76</u>	EASTERN NM WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP	<u>Randal S. Crowder</u>
<u>HB 83</u>	EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & CARE FUND	<u>Doreen Y. Gallegos</u> <u>John Arthur Smith</u>
<u>HB 92</u>	TEACHER RESIDENCY ACT	<u>Debra M. Sariñana</u> <u>Joy Garratt</u>
<u>HB 93</u>	EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY ACT CHANGES	<u>Matthew McQueen</u> <u>Sheryl Williams Stapleton</u> <u>Sander Rue</u>
<u>HB 100</u>	HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE CHANGES	<u>Deborah A. Armstrong</u> <u>Micaela Lara Cadena</u>
<u>HB 102</u>	NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIP ACT	<u>G. Andres Romero</u>
<u>HB 106</u>	PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT TESTING	<u>Natalie Figueroa</u> <u>Joy Garratt</u>
<u>HB 109</u>	TAX DEDUCTION FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	<u>Javier Martínez</u>
<u>HB 117</u>	LODGERS' TAX EXEMPTIONS	<u>Cathrynn N. Brown</u>
<u>HB 118</u>	DESIGNATION AS BENEFIT CORPORATION	<u>Zachary J. Cook</u> <u>Natalie Figueroa</u>
<u>HB 126</u>	COVERAGE FOR HEALTH ARTERY CALCIUM SCAN	<u>Christine Trujillo</u>
<u>HB 146</u>	EXPAND BIOMASS INCOME TAX CREDIT & REPORTING	<u>Javier Martínez</u>
<u>HB 157</u>	CHILDHOOD CANCER FAMILY SUPPORT LICENSE PLATE	<u>Jason C. Harper</u>
<u>HB 158</u>	TRANSFER ANGEL INVESTMENT CREDIT REVIEW	<u>Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert</u>
<u>HB 167</u>	WASTEWATER SYSTEM FINANCING	<u>Randal S. Crowder</u>
<u>HB 170</u>	EXTEND SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY	<u>Doreen Y. Gallegos</u> <u>Steven P. Neville</u>
<u>HB 174</u>	CUSTODIAL MEMORY CARE FACILITY GROSS RECEIPTS	<u>Matthew McQueen</u>
<u>HB 176</u>	LAND LEASES BETWEEN LOCAL GOV'T AND STATE	<u>Andrea Romero</u>
<u>HB 184</u>	LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AT SCHOOLS	<u>Patricio Ruiloba</u>
<u>HB 193</u>	PERMANENT TAX DISTRIBUTION TO AVIATION FUND	<u>Dayan Hochman-Vigil</u>
<u>HB 207</u>	CHANGE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPO PROJECT FUND	<u>Harry Garcia</u> <u>D. Wonda Johnson</u> <u>Anthony Allison</u> <u>Derrick J. Lente</u> <u>Eliseo Lee Alcon</u>

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<u>HB 225</u>	KIKI SAAVEDRA SENIOR DIGNITY FUND	<u>Deborah A. Armstrong</u> <u>Susan K. Herrera</u> <u>Karen C. Bash</u> <u>Linda M. Trujillo</u> <u>Jim R. Trujillo</u>
<u>HB 233</u>	ENERGY GRID MODERNIZATION ROADMAP	<u>Melanie A. Stansbury</u> <u>Abbas Akhil</u> <u>Nathan P. Small</u> <u>Pat Woods</u> <u>Mimi Stewart</u>
<u>HB 234</u>	REVISE INSURANCE NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUTIES	<u>Daymon Ely</u>
<u>HB 254</u>	DISTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS	<u>Jack Chatfield</u>
<u>HB 255</u>	TECHNOLOGY READINESS GROSS RECEIPTS CREDIT	<u>Abbas Akhil</u> <u>Christine Chandler</u> <u>Joseph L. Sanchez</u> <u>Jason C. Harper</u>
<u>HB 292</u>	PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST SHARING	<u>Micaela Lara Cadena</u> <u>Daniel A. Ivey-Soto</u>
<u>HB 304</u>	TRANSFER OUTDOOR EQUITY GRANT PROGRAM	<u>Angelica Rubio</u>
<u>HB 312</u>	CREATE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FUND	<u>Nathan P. Small</u>
<u>HB 317</u>	CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL HIGHWAYS	<u>Georgene Louis</u>
<u>*HB 319</u>	MULTIPLE SOURCE CONTRACTS AMOUNT LIMITS	<u>David M. Gallegos</u> <u>Sheryl Williams Stapleton</u> <u>Pete Campos</u> <u>William H. Payne</u> <u>Joseph L. Sanchez</u>
<u>HB 326</u>	TAX CHANGES	<u>Jason C. Harper</u> <u>Javier Martínez</u>
<u>HB 341</u>	TRANSFER OF RESERVE FUNDS	<u>Patricia A. Lundstrom</u> <u>Joseph L. Sanchez</u> <u>Candie G. Sweetser</u>
<u>*HB 349</u>	CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS	<u>Javier Martínez</u> <u>Jim R. Trujillo</u>
<u>*HB 355</u>	CAPITAL OUTLAY REAUTHORIZATIONS	<u>Javier Martínez</u>
<u>HB 364</u>	PUBLIC SECTOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CHANGES	<u>Sheryl Williams Stapleton</u>
<u>HB 386</u>	TRANSFER FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE	<u>Nathan P. Small</u>
<u>HJM 2</u>	CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION TASK FORCE	<u>Sheryl Williams Stapleton</u> <u>Gay G. Kernan</u>
<u>HJM 3</u>	SCHOOL PERSONNEL CAREER PATHWAY	<u>Sheryl Williams Stapleton</u> <u>Michael Padilla</u> <u>Debra M. Sariñana</u> <u>Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson</u> <u>G. Andres Romero</u>

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<u>HJM 6</u>	CAMINO REAL TRAIL STRATEGIC PLAN TASK FORCE	<u>G. Andres Romero</u> <u>Gerald Ortiz y Pino</u>
<u>HJR 4</u>	EDDY COUNTY LAND SALE	<u>James G. Townsend</u>
<u>HJR 8</u>	TERMS OF NON-STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICERS, CA	<u>Linda M. Trujillo</u> <u>Daniel A. Ivey-Soto</u>
<u>HM 1</u>	CENTENNIAL OF 19TH AMENDMENT	<u>Gail Chasey</u> <u>Dayan Hochman-Vigil</u> <u>Kelly K. Fajardo</u> <u>Sheryl Williams Stapleton</u> <u>Micaela Lara Cadena</u>
<u>HM 2</u>	BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH	<u>Sheryl Williams Stapleton</u>
<u>HM 3</u>	NM SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING ASSOC DAY	<u>Sheryl Williams Stapleton</u>
<u>HM 4</u>	CENTENNIAL OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS	<u>Joanne J. Ferrary</u> <u>Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson</u> <u>Christine Trujillo</u> <u>Natalie Figueroa</u> <u>Sheryl Williams Stapleton</u>
<u>HM 7</u>	PUBLIC EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY	<u>Joy Garratt</u>
<u>HM 9</u>	RENEWABLE ENERGY INVESTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN	<u>Joseph L. Sanchez</u> <u>Daniel Barrone</u> <u>Andrea Romero</u>
<u>HM 13</u>	NM NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS DAY	<u>Jack Chatfield</u>
<u>HM 15</u>	"NM NATIONAL BOARD-CERTIFIED TEACHERS DAY"	<u>Matthew McQueen</u>
<u>HM 22</u>	IMPORTANCE OF VISION HEALTH	<u>Deborah A. Armstrong</u>
<u>HM 27</u>	WES STUDI, IN RECOGNITION	<u>Anthony Allison</u> <u>D. Wonda Johnson</u> <u>Derrick J. Lente</u> <u>Melanie A. Stansbury</u> <u>Brian Egolf</u>
<u>HM 31</u>	INCLUDE ACEQUIA & LAND GRANT LEARNING	<u>Miguel P. Garcia</u>
<u>HM 33</u>	ST. VINCENT MEDICAL CENTER, CONGRATS	<u>Jim R. Trujillo</u> <u>Andrea Romero</u> <u>Linda M. Trujillo</u> <u>Brian Egolf</u>
<u>HM 34</u>	KEN SANCHEZ, IN MEMORY	<u>G. Andres Romero</u> <u>Antonio "Moe" Maestas</u>
<u>HM 36</u>	WILLIAM "BILL" PRATT, IN MEMORY	<u>Brian Egolf</u> <u>Joy Garratt</u> <u>Deborah A. Armstrong</u> <u>Patricia Roybal Caballero</u> <u>Marian Matthews</u>
<u>HM 37</u>	"4-H DAY"	<u>Rebecca Dow</u> <u>Kelly K. Fajardo</u>

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<u>HM 43</u>	SPEAKER'S GAVEL, IN HONOR	<u>Brian Egolf</u> <u>James G. Townsend</u>
<u>HM 45</u>	"MIGUEL TRUJILLO DAY"	<u>Georgene Louis</u>
<u>HM 64</u>	"FOSTER PARENT & ADVOCATE DAY"	<u>Rebecca Dow</u> <u>Kelly K. Fajardo</u> <u>Willie D. Madrid</u> <u>Gregg Schmedes</u> <u>Karen C. Bash</u>
<u>HM 66</u>	REP. PAUL C. BANDY, IN RECOGNITION	<u>William "Bill" R. Rehm</u> <u>Randal S. Crowder</u> <u>James G. Townsend</u> <u>Rod Montoya</u> <u>Kelly K. Fajardo</u>
<u>HM 67</u>	REP. JIM TRUJILLO, IN RECOGNITION	<u>Brian Egolf</u> <u>Linda M. Trujillo</u> <u>Andrea Romero</u> <u>Susan K. Herrera</u> <u>Marian Matthews</u>
<u>HM 68</u>	REP. TOMÁS E. SALAZAR, IN RECOGNITION	<u>Brian Egolf</u> <u>G. Andres Romero</u> <u>Patricia Roybal Caballero</u> <u>Linda M. Trujillo</u> <u>Susan K. Herrera</u>
<u>HR 1</u>	PUBLICATION OF VOTES TO TABLE BILLS	<u>James G. Townsend</u>
<u>HR 4</u>	CONTINUAL ENGROSSING & PREFILING DATES	<u>Daymon Ely</u>
<u>*SB 1</u>	WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION ACT	<u>Mary Kay Papen</u> <u>Deborah A. Armstrong</u>
<u>*SB 4</u>	COMPLETE COUNT IN 2020 CENSUS	<u>William F. Burt</u> <u>Susan K. Herrera</u> <u>Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics</u> <u>Gail Armstrong</u>
<u>SB 5</u>	EXTREME RISK FIREARM PROTECTION ORDER ACT	<u>Joseph Cervantes</u> <u>Daymon Ely</u> <u>Joy Garratt</u>
<u>*SB 19</u>	WATER PROJECT FUND AUTHORIZATION	<u>Jacob Candelaria</u> <u>Tomás E. Salazar</u> <u>Joseph Cervantes</u>
<u>SB 29</u>	SOLAR MARKET DEVELOPMENT INCOME TAX CREDIT	<u>Mimi Stewart</u> <u>Matthew McQueen</u>
<u>SB 57</u>	PET FOOD FEE FOR NEUTERING & SHELTERING	<u>Jacob Candelaria</u> <u>Joanne J. Ferrary</u>

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<u>SB 69</u>	DRINKING WATER SYSTEM FINANCING	<u>Richard C. Martinez</u> <u>Susan K. Herrera</u>
<u>SB 72</u>	PERA SOLVENCY	<u>George K. Munoz</u> <u>Phelps Anderson</u>
<u>SB 75</u>	WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING ACT	<u>Mimi Stewart</u>
<u>SB 96</u>	ONLINE SCHOOL BUDGET REPORTING	<u>Jacob Candelaria</u> <u>Sander Rue</u> <u>Rebecca Dow</u>
<u>SB 98</u>	PUBLIC PROJECT PREVAILING WAGE COMPLAINTS	<u>Jacob Candelaria</u> <u>Christine Chandler</u>
<u>SB 99</u>	DIPLOMAS FOR VIETNAM VETERANS	<u>George K. Munoz</u>
<u>SB 103</u>	CULTURAL AFFAIRS FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE	<u>Jacob Candelaria</u>
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<u>SB 118</u>	LOCAL & REGIONAL ECON DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT	<u>George K. Munoz</u>
<u>SB 122</u>	DISTRIBUTIONS TO JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUNDS	<u>Jacob Candelaria</u>
<u>SB 128</u>	ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT ACT CHANGES	<u>Mary Kay Papen</u>
<u>SB 130</u>	SCHOOL CREDIT FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS	<u>Linda M. Lopez</u>
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<u>SB 232</u>	DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES	<u>John Arthur Smith</u>
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<u>SM 7</u>	CENTENNIAL OF 19TH AMENDMENT	<u>Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics</u>
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<u>SM 35</u>	"ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS DAY"	<u>Michael Padilla</u> <u>William F. Burt</u>
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<u>SM 40</u>	"SMOKEY BEAR DAY"	<u>Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics</u>
<u>SM 41</u>	"ENLACE DAY"	<u>Michael Padilla</u> <u>Antoinette Sedillo Lopez</u>
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<u>SM 52</u>	"NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE TOURNAMENT DAYS"	<u>Jacob Candelaria</u>
<u>SM 53</u>	"NM HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY DAY"	<u>Pete Campos</u>
<u>SM 54</u>	"SENATOR JOHN PINTO DAY"	<u>Shannon D. Pinto</u>
<u>SM 57</u>	"NEW MEXICO ATHLETIC TRAINER DAY"	<u>Bill B. O'Neill</u>
<u>SM 58</u>	SALVADOR "SAL" GONZALES, IN HONOR	<u>Joseph Cervantes</u>
<u>SM 63</u>	COMMUNITY SOLAR WORKING GROUP	<u>Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics</u>
<u>SM 67</u>	REP. TOMÁS E. SALAZAR, IN RECOGNITION	<u>Pete Campos</u>
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Getting Pojoaque choir to Carnegie will take more than practice

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Anna Romero, left, 17, and Jocelynn Vigil, 15, sing the Korean folk song 'Ahrirang' during a rehearsal at Pojoaque School on Wednesday.
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POJOAQUE — In rare moments of silence during a Pojoaque Valley High School choir

rehearsal, Isabel Becker-Hudson can sound like a tough critic.

“There should be a space here, right?” the choral director asks the group, pointing to the inside of her cheeks. “I really need you to open your mouths more.

“Oh, and don’t forget: “It’s ‘wrong,’ not ‘rang,’ ” she says of the Korean folk song the group is practicing: “Ahrirang,” arranged by Brad Printz.

After another try — Becker-Hudson’s mouth spreads into a smile upon hearing the correct pronunciation — she’s quick to praise.

“Beautiful, it’s so much better,” she says. “That’s almost perfect.”

Perfection is always the goal.



Isabel Becker-Hudson, the choir teacher at Pojoaque Valley High School, instructs students from the classroom's piano on Wednesday, February 12. The choir group recently learned they were accepted to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City this October. Olivia Harlow/The New Mexican

The Pojoaque choir learned last month it has been accepted to perform at New York City's famed Carnegie Hall on Oct. 11 for the annual National Memorial Concert: Remembering 9/11. The honor, Becker-Hudson and students agree, likely will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the young musicians, none of whom has sung for a mass audience as part of a prestigious program before.

"Being on stage and performing music is magical, just magical. It's like going into another dimension," says Becker-Hudson, who has taught at the high school for more than two decades and has been a choral director in New Mexico for nearly 40 years. "I want them to experience that in the fullest."

Becker-Hudson, 63, first received an invitation from concert organizers in November, asking her class, which consistently earns "superior" and "excellent" ratings at the district Music Performance Assessment, to apply.

She immediately filled out the application, which required two letters of recommendation, in addition to a list of all honors and awards the choir has won. The choir also had to submit a recording of a song, which judges spent weeks reviewing.

Becker-Hudson says she received an acceptance letter from Historic Programs, which hosts the event, in January. When she told her students, they erupted in squeals; some even cried.

"I might have shed a tear," 17-year-old junior Anna Romero said with a laugh. "New York is literally my dream place to go."

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Junior Anna Romero, center, rehearses choral pieces with the Pojoaque Valley High School choir on Wednesday, February 12.

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During their six-day trip, the 38 students will perform at Carnegie Hall alongside other high school students from across the country, creating a massive choir ranging between 100 and 200 kids. Thus far, schools from Ohio, Louisiana and Florida have been accepted, says Chris Meeker, vice president of Historic Programs.

This is the first time New Mexico will be represented in the 3-year-old program, Meeker says.

At the event, first responders and survivors of 9/11 will speak, helping students better understand a devastating moment in American history that happened years before they were born.

“We have an opportunity to teach younger generations the impact [9/11] had on America, and really, the world,” says Meeker, who grew up in New Mexico. “It helps bring that history to life for them and has an impact on their life going forward.”

In addition to singing at the historic venue, students will attend a banquet dinner on the Hudson River, visit the 9/11 Museum and Memorial and see a Broadway play.

It’s all included in the program package, which costs around \$1,400 per student. Flights, transportation to and from the airport and other sightseeing activities could cost another \$600 per person.

Traveling across the country for this kind of educational experience is “a big deal,” said Becker-Hudson, noting she thinks some students have never traveled farther than Albuquerque, and a number of kids have not flown.

In her four decades of teaching choir, Becker-Hudson can only recall taking one Albuquerque school out of state, to Colorado. The farthest she’s taken Pojoaque’s singers to perform was to Albuquerque for a state choir contest.

To reach New York, students are fundraising like mad. Romero said the choir has started planning a steak dinner benefit at the school and has submitted a proposal to administrators to allow it to sell lollipops to peers.

In addition, Becker-Hudson is in the process of writing grants and has launched a GoFundMe page, which intends to raise \$50,000.

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Ideally, Becker-Hudson says, the choir will obtain all needed funding by September. The school, she adds, typically does not subsidize the cost of trips for classes or clubs.

“All parents and students are aware that whatever we don’t raise, they will have to pay,” Becker-Hudson says, adding that while the class will attend regardless, failure to reach the goal could prohibit some lower-income students from participating.

“Everyone’s already posting on Facebook, like, ‘My niece is going to Carnegie,’ ” Romero

says. “Everyone wants to go.”

A few days ago, Becker-Hudson received a list of five songs the students will have to learn, all of which are “SATB” — soprano, alto, tenor and bass — rather than “SAB,” what the choir typically sings.

The songs are a “difficult repertoire,” which will challenge the group to learn more complex rhythmic patterns, Becker-Hudson says.

Additionally, because the Pojoaque choir comes from four separate class periods, with combined rehearsals only once or twice before a performance, getting everyone on the same page can be tricky. There’s also the fact that skill levels vary significantly.

“I get brand spankin’ new beginners who don’t know what a treble clef is, who don’t know what an eighth note is,” she says.

Going into the concert, she’ll continue trying to catch newer students up to others — something she said can feel “like learning a whole new language.”

Still, “They’ll be prepared. I’ll make sure they’re prepared,” Becker-Hudson says.

Students have similar faith — if only because they know they’re in good hands.

Though 16-year-old junior Carlos Sisneros says the choral director “is really hard on us,” it’s “because she believes in us — she knows you can do it.”

That confidence, he adds, “teaches [us] to trust yourself, too.”

Becker-Hudson says many of her students are minorities and come from low-income families, juggling part-time jobs with after-school AVID programs, which aim to boost their test scores and prepare them for college. In her mind, it makes their success even more impressive, she says.

Hopefully, she says, Carnegie reminds them of their worth.

“I want these kids to know they’re just as good — that their skin color or their surname doesn’t matter,” she said. “They’re just as capable and just as deserving as anyone.”

More information

To donate money to the Pojoaque Valley High School choir visit bit.ly/31VuLM2.

For information about the National Memorial Concert: Remembering 9/11, visit fallsing.com.

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