

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2006 - 59

A Resolution Supporting the Efforts of St. Elizabeth's Shelter to Obtain and Secure an Appropriate Site and Building

WHEREAS, St. Elizabeth's Shelter is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that has served homeless individuals and families in Santa Fe, New Mexico and surrounding rural counties for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, homelessness continues to be a serious problem in New Mexico, a reality demonstrated by the fact that, in the year 2005 alone, over 38,000 nights of shelter and 30,000 meals were provided to homeless persons; and

WHEREAS, St. Elizabeth's Shelter serves over 10,000 homeless persons, of all ages, each year and is dedicated to helping the homeless live more productive, stable, and satisfying lives; and

WHEREAS, homelessness is a serious problem among the elderly, a reality demonstrated by the fact that, in the year 2005, St. Elizabeth's Shelter served 85 homeless individuals over the age of 55; and

WHEREAS, St. Elizabeth's Shelter operates transitional housing and a limited number of permanent supportive housing units for the formerly homeless who need a supportive environment to remain housed, as well as other supporting services, such as providing extensive referrals to medical and economic assistance agencies to help clients restore their ability to live healthy and independent lives; and

WHEREAS, St. Elizabeth's Shelter recognizes that there is a continuing need for more emergency shelter services, more transitional housing, and more affordable housing, as the Shelter's case management staff have over 20,000 encounters each year with homeless individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, St. Elizabeth's Shelter is interested in locating a potential building site to accommodate an approximately 3,000 - 5,000 square foot building to be used as another shelter and/or to provide other support services; and

WHEREAS, a shelter of this size would house six to eight families with all the necessary living accommodations, including a common kitchen, laundry, bathroom/showers, and private sleeping family quarters.

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Santa Fe hereby resolves to have County staff to:

1. assist, if possible, St. Elizabeth's Shelter in locating a suitable site for a 3,000-5,000 square foot building in which to house programs to serve the homeless.
2. support, to the extent feasible and as permitted by law, St. Elizabeth's Shelter's efforts to secure state and/or federal funding for such a site and building.
3. provide a report to the Board of County Commissioners within sixty (60) days on its efforts to help St. Elizabeth's Shelter locate a suitable site and/or funding.
4. work with St. Elizabeth's Shelter to place their desired site and building on Santa Fe County's Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for consideration and support.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th DAY OF APRIL 11TH, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



 Harry B. Montoya, Chairman


ATTEST:



 Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



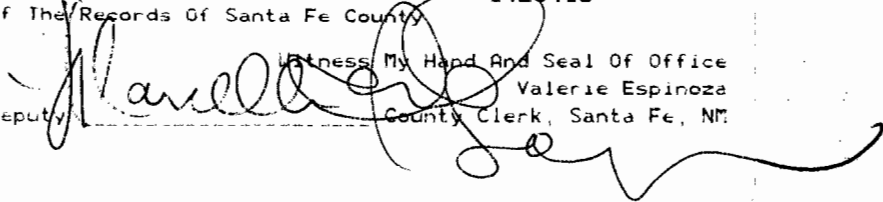
 Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



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 STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 12TH Day Of April, A.D., 2006 at 09:20 And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1428410 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County


 Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
 _____ Valerie Espinoza
 Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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