

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 137

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NEW MEXICO COUNTIES'
2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, in October 2019, the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Counties (NMC) approved four legislative priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature in the upcoming 2020 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, NMC has requested that the Board of County Commissioners in each of the state's 33 counties discuss and approve support for NMC's legislative priorities as an important step in assuring maximum understanding of NMC's legislative priorities at the county level; and

WHEREAS, support from the counties enables NMC to demonstrate strong local and statewide support to the state legislature for the following issues:

1. HB 2 Appropriations

Detention Reimbursement Fund

Increase funding under the County Detention Facility Reimbursement Act (Section 33-3B-1 et seq., NMSA 1978) to reimburse counties for the cost of housing state inmates. The cost to counties under the Act is approximately \$8.4 million. Last year the Legislature appropriated only \$2.3 million.

Prisoner Transport and Extradition

Create a line item in the Department of Finance and Administration budget for \$750,000 to reimburse sheriffs' offices that provide transportation of state prisoners pursuant to Section 4-44-18 (C), NMSA 1978. Although the Legislature contemplated reimbursing counties for this state expense, no money has been appropriated to counties for many years.

EMS Funding

Appropriate \$5 million annually to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund in the Department of Health budget and identify a designated revenue mechanism to provide continuous fund growth and stability.

2. Law Enforcement Protection Fund

Increase distributions from the Law Enforcement Protection Fund (Section 29-13-1 et seq., NMSA 1978) to local law enforcement agencies in accordance with the purpose of the Act to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement services.

3. Behavioral Health

Renew and expand funding for the Human Services Department to provide behavioral health services to adult and juvenile offenders housed in county detention centers to

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reduce the likelihood of recidivism. Services should include targeted, individualized interventions that address detainee behavioral health needs while incarcerated and connect them to supportive housing, public assistance, medical and mental health care, and employment training as needed, immediately upon release.

4. PERA Solvency

Oppose increases in local government PERA contributions. New Mexico public employers' rates currently are among the highest in the country. Any further increases in county government are ultimately absorbed by taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners hereby supports NMC's legislative priorities as set forth above and urges that legislation incorporating and implementing these priorities be enacted by the state legislature during the 2020 session.

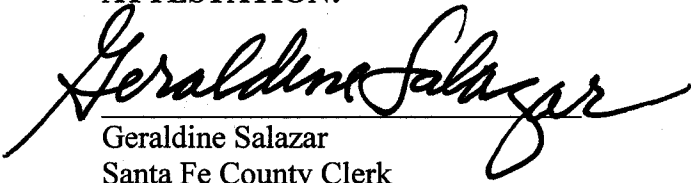
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of November 2019.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**




Anna T. Hamilton, Chair
Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners

ATTESTATION: *


Geraldine Salazar
Santa Fe County Clerk

November 12, 2019
Date

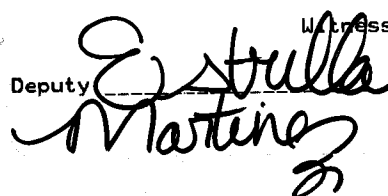
Approved as to form:


Rachel A. Brown
Interim Santa Fe County Attorney

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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