

**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 048

A RESOLUTION

GRANTING THE COUNTY MANAGER AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ONE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 116 APACHE PLUME DR ("BOBCAT CROSSING RANCH") NORTH OF ELDORADO AND SOUTH OF SETON VILLAGE NM AS AN ADDITION TO THE COUNTY'S OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS PROGRAM

WHEREAS; pursuant to the acquisition process established in Santa Fe County Resolution 2009-206, Santa Fe County desires to purchase the "Bobcat Crossing Ranch" which consists of one parcel of approximately 2,650.06 acres of Real Property located in Santa Fe County New Mexico at 116 Apache Plume Dr. ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the landowner (Rancho Viejo Partnership) would like to sell this parcel to the County; and

WHEREAS, County Open Lands Trails and Parks Advisory Committee ("COLTPAC") has reviewed this proposed acquisition of property and voted to recommend the purchase and acquisition of this property to the Board of County Commissioners ("BCC") at a Special Meeting on December 4th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the COLTPAC has made a presentation recommending the purchase and acquisition of this property to the BCC at its February 25, 2025, regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, this acquisition would promote outdoor recreation and provide connection to existing County trail networks such as the Santa Fe Rail Trail; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition would allow for a larger contiguous open space with improved access, development of recreational trails, conservation of archeological resources, preservation of ecosystems, preservation of wildlife habitat, conservation of land from development and the protection of viewsheds from the I-25 North Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Property was appraised by a certified appraiser on January 27, 2025, who valued the 2,650.06-acre property at \$3,700,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners hereby:

1. Delegates to the County Manager the authority to enter into negotiations and contract to purchase the Real property as described in the Resolution on behalf of Santa Fe County.
2. The BCC further authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute a purchase agreement and any other documents necessary or proper for the purchase of the Real

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Property; provided, however, that the consideration paid by the County is contingent upon appraisal and does not exceed fair market value of the Real Property as determined by an appraisal report prepared by a New Mexican licensed appraiser.

3. Upon purchase, the BCC directs Santa Fe County staff to apply for the Land & Water Conservation Fund ("LWCF") for the development of passive recreational infrastructure on the property.
4. Subsequent to acquisition by the County, any conveyance by the County of the "Bobcat Crossing Ranch" or change in use of all or part of the property shall be reviewed by the County Open Lands, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC) and their recommendation be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration.
5. Subsequent to acquisition by the County and upon a BCC decision to consider either a conveyance of the "Bobcat Crossing Ranch" or change in its use in part or all of the property, the Board shall hold two public hearings before taking final action to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the conveyance or change in use of the property. If approved, the BCC may include terms and conditions concerning the development and use of the property.
6. Directs county staff to identify and engage with indigenous consultants and other stakeholders regarding the Chamisa Locita site within the Bobcat Crossing Ranch.
7. Directs county staff to consult with pueblo people, other ancestral people, and other stakeholders regarding the current protection and future use of the site.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 29TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

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By: _____

Camilla Bustamante, Chair

ATTEST:

Katharine E. Clark

Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: _____

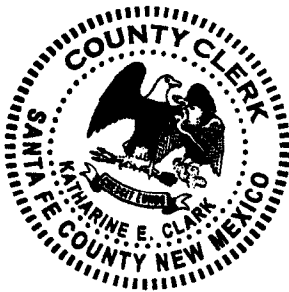


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Approved as to form:

Walker Boyd

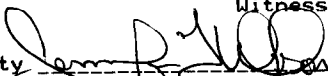
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Santa Fe County Attorney



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Katharine E. Clark
Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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