

**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 072

Introduced by Justin S. Greene and Camilla Bustamante

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A
MATCHING FUNDS AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF
BROADBAND ACCESS AND EQUITY TO SUPPORT BEAD-FUNDED BROADBAND
DEPLOYMENT IN SANTA FE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County recognizes that reliable, high-speed broadband infrastructure is essential for public safety, economic development, education, healthcare, and delivery of community services; and

WHEREAS, the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program provides a historic opportunity to expand broadband access in underserved and unserved areas; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County has over 1,000 homes identified as unserved and eligible for BEAD funding; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Office of Broadband Access and Equity (OBAE) administers BEAD funding in New Mexico, has qualified providers for deployment of broadband service to unserved and underserved homes in Santa Fe County, and is authorized to enter into agreements with local governments to support BEAD-funded deployment; and

WHEREAS, local government matching funds can support and accelerate BEAD-funded broadband deployment, and Santa Fe County desires to contribute matching funds through an agreement with OBAE to expand broadband access in unserved and underserved areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, Sacred Wind/Commnet has received a BEAD award for a \$29,663,434.66 project, which award requires a \$7,415,858.66 match; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County has migrated to the Statewide Digital Trunked Radio System owned and operated by the State Department of Information Technology (DOIT); and

WHEREAS, as part of that migration, Santa Fe County has agreed to contribute certain radio towers and equipment to the DTRS; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County is willing to provide funding toward the match requirement of the Sacred Wind/Commnet BEAD project if that project is able to fulfill its DTRS contribution requirements.

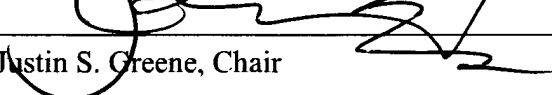
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners:


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1. The County Manager is directed to negotiate and, if appropriate, execute an agreement with OBAE under which Santa Fe County will provide \$1,850,000 in matching funds to support BEAD-funded broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas of Santa Fe County by Sacred Wind/Commnet.
2. Among other provisions, the agreement shall ensure that the County's contribution obligation to the DTRS is met through Sacred Wind/Commnet's OBAE project.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 26TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.


**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: 
Justin S. Greene, Chair

ATTEST:

Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk


Date: 06/02/2026

Approved as to form:


Walker Boyd
Santa Fe County Attorney

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COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss
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I, Katharine E. Clark, County Clerk, do hereby certify that this instrument was filed for record on the 26th day of May, 2026 at 06:39:43 PM and was duly recorded as instrument # 2084829 in the records of Santa Fe County.

Deputy  Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Katharine E. Clark
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

