



Biography - Hank Hughes

Hank Hughes is a dedicated public servant who began his role as County Commissioner in September of 2020, having been appointed to start serving a few months early upon the retirement of the previous commissioner, Ed Moreno. Hank's official elected term began in January of 2021.

Hank was the Executive Director of the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness, a Santa Fe based organization for over 20 years, retiring from that position in early 2023. He co-founded the Coalition in 2000 with other New Mexico advocates for homeless people and became the Coalition's Executive Director in 2001. The Coalition now has 30 staff which help agencies develop housing for people experiencing homelessness, operating a coordinated entry system and managing the New Mexico Homeless Management Information System. Prior to his work at the Coalition, Hughes was the Executive Director of St. Elizabeth Shelter in Santa Fe.

Hughes attended Cornell University where he obtained a Masters of Engineering in environmental systems. He began his career as a Water Resources Specialist at the Cornell Center for Environmental Research. In that role, he worked with communities throughout New York State addressing ground water contamination.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Hank joined Santa Fe Search and Rescue in 1995 as it offered an opportunity to combine his love of hiking with his love of helping people. During his active time with search and rescue he went on many missions to find those who were lost or rescue those who were injured in the wilderness. He served as the group's president once, as vice president twice and now supports the group as an emeritus member.

Hank Hughes and his wife Bonney moved to Santa Fe in 1986 when she took a job at the New Mexico Environment Department. They raised two sons in Santa Fe, Chris and Nicky who now live close by.

