SANTA FE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 046

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2023-067 TO REPLACE THE POLLING PLACE/VOTER CONVENIENCE CENTER WITHIN THE CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT CONSISTING OF PRECINCTS 15, 18, 73, 84, 85, 115, 125, 148, AND 156

WHEREAS, Section 1-3-2, NMSA 1978 (2019), requires that, in June or July of each odd-numbered year, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) of Santa Fe County (County) by resolution must: (1) designate the polling place of each precinct in the County; (2) consolidate any precincts pursuant to Section 1-3-4, NMSA 1978 (2023); and (3) create additional polling places in existing precincts pursuant to Section 1-3-7.1, NMSA 1978 (1991); and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2023, pursuant to Sections 1-3-2, 1-3-4, and 1-3-7.1, NMSA 1978, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2023-067 to consolidate precincts and designate the location of election day polling places in the County for the conduct of any statewide election conducted in calendar years 2024 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 2023-067, the Board designated the "Town of Edgewood Municipal Building, 3171A NM-344, Edgewood, NM" as the polling place/voter convenience center (VCC) for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 15, 18, 73, 84, 85, 115, 125, 148, and 156; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office was recently informed that the Town of Edgewood Municipal Building is no longer available to serve as a VCC; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County has agreed to allow the County Clerk's Office to utilize Santa Fe County Fire Station #70 as a replacement for the Town of Edgewood Municipal Building as the VCC for the consolidated precinct consisting of precincts 15, 18, 73, 84, 85, 115, 125, 148, and 156; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County Fire Station #70 is the most convenient and suitable public building in the consolidated precinct that can be obtained for use as a VCC; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Fire Station #70 VCC 1) complies with the provisions of Sections 1-3-4 and 1-3-7, NMSA 1978; 2) shall have a broadband internet connection and real-time synchronization to access to the voter registration electronic management system; 3) is centrally located within the consolidated precinct; and 4) is accessible and compliant with the requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1-3-4(B)(2), NMSA 1978, "any voter of the county shall be allowed to vote on a regular ballot at any voter convenience center in the county; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-5(B) (2019), no precinct shall be created. divided, abolished or combined or the boundaries adjusted less than four months prior to a statewide election, except by order of the district court; and

WHEREAS, the next statewide election will be held on June 4, 2024, which is less than four months after the date of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, contingent upon District Court approval. the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners hereby amends Section 3 of Resolution No. 2023-067 for all elections in 2024 and 2025 as follows:

1. Section 3 is amended by replacing "Town of Edgewood Municipal Building, 3171A NM-344, Edgewood, NM" with "Santa Fe County Fire Station #70, 1 Municipal Way, Edgewood, NM" as the Polling Place/Voting Convenience Center Within Consolidated Precinct consisting of precincts 15, 18, 73, 84, 85, 115, 125, 148, and 156.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, following adoption of this Resolution by the Board, the County Attorney shall seek approval of the District Court of the new polling place/voter convenience center designation set forth above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, contingent upon District Court approval, the County Clerk shall include the polling places/voter convenience centers provided for in this Resolution in the *Notice of Election* that is posted no later than Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of State and to the County Chair of each of the major political parties and inform the Secretary of State and such County Chairs if and when the District Court has approved the polling locations/voter convenience center provided for in this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

By: Hank Hughes, Chair

atharine E. Clark Santa Fe County Clerk

COUNTY OF SANTA FE

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 27TH Day Of March, 2024 at 12:01:29 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 2030687 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

itness My Hand And Seal Of Office Katharine E. Clark



Approved as to form:

Jeff Young Santa Fe County Attorney

for