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Santa Fe County Clerk's Office Strengthens Election Readiness at Statewide Training

Santa Fe, NM — The Santa Fe County Clerk's Office recently participated in the 2025 Regular Local Election "Election School" hosted by the New Mexico Secretary of State. This two-day training, brought together election officials from across the state for workshops, breakout sessions, and professional development opportunities in preparation for the upcoming election.

Team members from the Clerk's Office attended sessions on topics ranging from election security best practices and absentee ballot procedures to communicating about routine post-election audits and new technology in elections. Trainings also included an interactive canvassing exercise designed to strengthen accuracy and transparency in vote tallying, as well as a forward-looking discussion of the role of artificial intelligence in elections.

Additional presentations addressed professional growth and wellness, including strategies to prevent burnout among election officials. Adding a touch of fun, this year's Election School carried a safari theme, with many participants arriving in their best animal print and khakis. Santa Fe County's own Gary Reid was even awarded *Best Dressed* for his standout safari attire.

"Our office is committed to ensuring that every election in Santa Fe County is secure, transparent, and accessible," said Clerk Katharine E. Clark. "Participating in Election School allows our staff to sharpen skills, learn from state and national experts, and strengthen our teamwork so that we are fully prepared to serve voters this election season."

By engaging in collaborative training alongside peers from all 33 counties, the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office continues to invest in the professional development and readiness of its team. These efforts ensure a smooth voting process and uphold the highest standards of election integrity for the people of Santa Fe County.

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