



**Agenda Item Number: 2008-8-5A**

## **BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Meeting Date:** August 12, 2008

**Department:** Division of Public Safety **Staff Contact:** John Dantis, Deputy County Manager,  
Destry Hunt, Special Projects Coordinator, Public Safety

**TITLE:** Memorandum of understanding for an expansion of current participation in an information sharing initiative known as the Rio Grande Law Enforcement Information Exchange (Rio Grande LInX)

**ACTION:** Motion to approve:

1. Administrative Resolution AR -2008 authorizing Bernalillo County to participate in Rio Grande LInX.
2. Memorandum of Understanding

### **SUMMARY:**

On March 28, 2006 the Board approved an MOU for participation in the New Mexico Law Enforcement Information Exchange (NM LInX). NM LInX was a federal initiative sponsored by the U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). NM LInX is a central electronic repository for information provided by the participating law enforcement agencies, which was accessed via secure internet connections by authorized persons of each member agency. The mission statement provided, in part, that "NM LInX sought to capture the cumulative knowledge of the region's law enforcement agencies in a systematic and ongoing manner to maximize the benefits of information gathering and analysis..."

NCIS provided the software and all necessary training at no charge to the participating agencies. Each participating law enforcement agency decides what information it chooses to submit to the LInX repository; that is, agencies are not obligated to post all the information that it may have on any particular subject. Participation is strictly voluntary and an agency may withdraw from LInX by providing 30-day written notice to the other agencies.

Since the Board's approval and the County's initial participation in 2006, the NM LInX has expanded its initiative to also include El Paso, Texas. The initiative has also changed its name from NM LInX to Rio Grande LInX after incorporating El Paso into the initiative. These changes to the initiative's charter require the County to sign a new MOU to reflect the changes.

Board approval of this new MOU will allow Bernalillo County to continue to be among the members of LInX. Other members already include the Albuquerque Police Department and Aviation Police, Rio Rancho Police Department, Los Alamos County, Valencia County, Sandoval County, the New Mexico State Police, Kirtland Air Force Base Police, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the US Attorney's Office and NCIS.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Administrative Resolution **AR -2008**
2. Memorandum of Understanding for participation in an information sharing initiative known as the Rio Grande Law Enforcement Information Exchange.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Participation in Rio Grande LInX will not require additional funding.

**STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

**COUNTY MANAGER**

See summary. I recommend Board approval. TL 8/6/08

**DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY**

THE EVOLUTION OF NEW MEXICO LINX HAS DEMONSTRATED SUCCESS. IN THIS REGARD IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO EXPAND PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS. TO ENSURE CONTINUED BERNALILLO COUNTY PARTICIPATION BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVAL IS NEEDED. I RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THIS ITEM.  
JDANTIS 7/29/08

**LEGAL**

The County Attorney's Office participated extensively in the formation of the New Mexico LInX initiative, and recommends approval of this item which will result in the expansion of the coverage territory under the same terms and conditions of the original MOU. PSA 07/31/08

**FINANCE**

**Budget**

Approval of this agenda item will allow the County to continue to participate in this federal initiative. Participation in this program does not pose a fiscal impact at this time to the County as all software and necessary training are provided at no cost. In the event that the funding for this initiative ran out in the future, the County has the option to continue participating in the program and cover the costs associated with it which could be up to \$10,000 per year. If the County chooses at any time not to participate, a 30 day written notice is required but no other ramifications exist. Jennifer N. Gallegos, Financial Administrator III, 07/30/2008

**Purchasing** No comment required on proposed motion to participate in Rio Grande LInX; however, proper purchasing procedures will be followed for any and all procurements. Colin Spencer, Senior Buyer, 7/29/08

**Contracts:** A Contract Control Number will be issued upon receipt of the MOU. Colin Spencer, Senior Buyer, 7/29/08

**Risk Management** No comment required. (DLB) for David A. Baca, Risk Management Director 7/29/08.