



Agenda Item Number: 2009-1-9A

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: January 27, 2009

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TITLE: Legislative Priorities – First Session of the 111th Congress of the United States of America - 2009

ACTION: Motion to approve Administrative Resolution AR -2009 establishing the County's federal legislative priorities for the First Session of the 111th Congress of the United States of America.

SUMMARY:

Staff has worked closely with the Washington lobbyist in conjunction with the proposed American Recovery and Re-Investment Act in establishing realistic federal legislative priorities. These projects meet the criteria set forth in the Reid/Byrd Economic Recovery Act of 2008. The attached resolution identifies federal funding requests for County projects, which cannot be achieved without federal support.

Stanford Public Health Clinic - \$10,000,000 of Federal funding in the 2009 Federal fiscal year to fund design and construction of a replacement facility, and for furnishings and equipment, and Southeast Heights Children's Health Facility - \$3.5 mil is requested to plan, design, renovate, construct, equip and furnish a facility to provide therapeutic family services. The facility will be located in the Trumbull and La Mesa Village neighborhoods in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This amount will be combined with local funding for the purpose of facilities construction and improvements; and

South Valley Flood Reduction Project - \$8,000,000 for the Project to proceed to construction with the re-budgeting of General Investigative funding to construction General funding in the 2009 Federal fiscal year; and

Valley Water and Sewer Project - \$6,700,000 of Federal funding in the 2009 Federal fiscal year to fund additional drinking water and sanitary sewer infrastructure in the North and South Valley of Bernalillo County; and

Central New Mexico Environmental Infrastructure Funding Increase – Raise the authorization limit for the Section 593 funding from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000. The increased authorization level still provide the opportunity to seek critical federal funding for continuing assistance for completion of the Valley Utilities Project, the Southwest Valley flood Control Project and additional projects in Central New Mexico; and

Carnuel Water Supply and Wastewater Collection Improvements - \$12,000,000 in funding for design and construction of a wastewater collection system and water system improvements in the

Carnuel area to overcome problems of water quality degradation due to failing septic systems and problematic soil conditions; and

Public Safety Training Academy - \$26,850,000 is requested to establish a permanent training facility for Public Safety staff for Sheriff, Fire and Rescue, Corrections, Animal Control, and Office of Emergency Management. The facility will enable the County to train in the fields of Police, Fire and Rescue, Security Officers and all related specialized areas of Public Safety such as Air Support, Emergency Medical Technicians/Paramedics (EMT's), S.W.A.T., etc.

Emergency Operation Center with Tactical Equipment/Storage Facility/Staging Complex with 2 to 3 Helicopter Landing Pads and Hangers for Helicopters—11,500,000 is requested to establish a First Responder and large-scale disaster response site that will be utilized by Sheriff, Fire and Rescue, Office of Emergency Management, and Emergency Communications. The Air Support Unit will be housed at this site to stream-line response guidelines. The location includes a contiguous secure area to house millions of dollars in tactical equipment, vehicle storage, hangers for helicopters and landing pads, and a staging area.

Fire Station #11 (Tijeras) - \$3,450,000 is requested to design and construct a new fire station to replace the existing, dilapidated Fire Station Eleven. The new fire station will mitigate the current risks posed by the current station while providing a more cost-effective and efficient building to accommodate more full-time firefighters.

512 Bed Addition at the MDC for Inmate Housing, Dormitory Style - \$28,750,000 is requested to design and construct a 512 bed expansion to the existing Metropolitan Detention Center that is currently operating at above 120% design capacity. The expansion will accommodate a growing population while addressing the current dangers of jail overcrowding.

ATTACHMENT:

1. **AR -2009** Establishing Bernalillo County Federal Legislative priorities for the First Session of the 111th Congress of the United States of America

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

See summary. With Board approval, staff will direct the lobbyists to seek appropriate sponsorship and coordinate with the Congressional Delegation. These projects meet the criteria set forth in the Reid/Byrd Economic Recovery Act of 2008 and with the proposed American Recovery and Re-Investment Act. I recommend Board approval. TL 1/5/09

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

The County is statutorily required to house the Public Health Facility; \$2.4 million of the legislative funding is in place at this time to fund the project. The County intends to pursue additional legislative funding during the 2009 session. Public Health is an essential component to the American Recovery and Re-Investment Act and the Southeast Heights Children's Health Facility is an important addition the welfare of the community. I recommend Board approval. JMB 1/05/09

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

The South Valley Flood Reduction and Valley Utilities Projects have been in either planning, design and/or construction for several years with previous Federal funding appropriations having them made for them. This request is a continuation for Federal funding for the projects as has been made previously. The Corps of Engineers are funded with Section 593 Federal funds

currently capped at \$50 million for the Central New Mexico Area of Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia Counties. The request to increase the Section 593 CAP will enable additional funds to be available to the US Army Corps of Engineers for multiple infrastructure projects throughout the three County areas. I recommend approval. TZ 1/05/2009

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Each of the Public Safety projects listed is critical to ensuring a safer and healthier community. The Bernalillo County Commission continues to clearly demonstrate their commitment to community public safety by funding many operational and capital Public Safety projects. This request is an effort to seek federal support for the Commissions' continued local support. I recommend approval of this item. JDantis 1/13/09

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR FINANCE

Budget These projects meet the criteria set forth in the Reid/Byrd Economic Recovery Act of 2008 and with the proposed American Recovery and Re-Investment Act. County staff has identified County projects that will require additional funding to complete. Teresa Byrd, Budget Director 1/20/09