



Agenda Item Number: 2009-4-8E

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: April 13, 2009

Department: Public Works Division **Staff Contact:** Tom Zdunek, Deputy County Manager
Toby Perea, Director, Fleet and Facilities
Management
Susan Jones, Special Projects Coordinator

TITLE: Naming County Facilities and Monuments

ACTION: Motion to approve Administrative Resolution AR -2009 naming County Facilities and Monuments.

SUMMARY:

The County regularly constructs or builds new facilities, streets and or parks that represent a significant public investment; however, there is no formal policy in place to determine how these developments are named. This has the potential to lead to confusion and conflict because of duplicative or inappropriate place names that do not stand the test of time.

The proposed resolution establishes a seven member committee to assist the Board with soliciting names for facilities and provides several simple policies to guide this work. The committee would meet on an as needed basis at the Board's request to solicit suggestions for names and make a recommendation to the Board.

The policies establish guidelines for decision making, including that the names reflect places, families and history associated with particular county locations or recall significant contributions that an individual so honored has made to the community and the County. The policies include a preference for permanence and a restriction on naming facilities for those still actively engaged in politics or employment. The policy enables living community members to be honored with facility naming if they have been retired for a period of five years or more.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Administrative Resolution AR -2009

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no negative fiscal impact from the County's approval of a resolution establishing policies for facility names. Such a policy may save costs associated with renaming facilities.

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

At direction from the Board on January 27, 2009, staff was assigned to research any policies that adjacent counties and other governmental agencies, both inside and outside of New Mexico, have with regard to the naming of facilities. A summary of the research was provided to the Commissioners on February 27. Having received no recommendations from the Commissioners, staff is proposing this resolution for Board consideration. I recommend Board approval. TL 4/2/09

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

The approval of the AR will provide the county necessary guidelines when naming county facilities and monuments after those who have contributed significantly to the community and the county. The proposed Board and guidelines will offer established procedures to carry out the task when applicable. I recommend approval. TZ 3/23/2009.

LEGAL

Approved as to form PFT 3/12/2009

FINANCE

Budget	Approval will allow the County to establish a Board appointed committee to assist with naming facilities and developing policies. There will be no fiscal impact associated with the formation of the committee. Stephanie Manzanares, Financial Services Administrator II, 03/11/09
Purchasing	No comment. Phillip Lee, Purchasing Administrator, 03-10-2009
Contracts	No comment. Phillip Lee, Purchasing Administrator, 03-10-2009
Risk Management	No comment required. David A. Baca, Risk Management Director 3/11/09