

# Popular Annual Financial Report

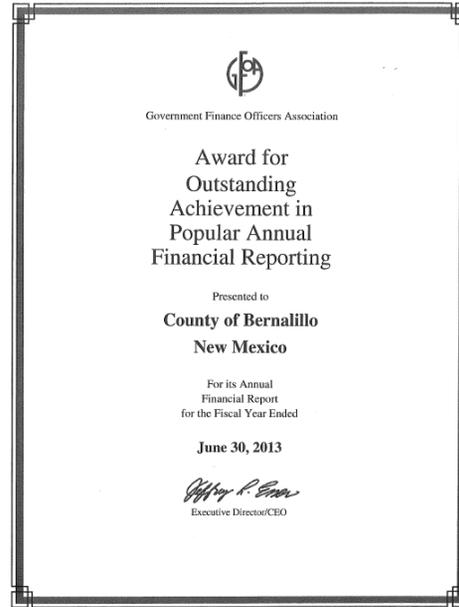
## Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

**Bernalillo County**  
New Mexico





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The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to Bernalillo County for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. This is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal.

An Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. This was Bernalillo County’s third award. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements and we are submitting it to GFOA.

### **About this report:**

This report is largely based on the county’s 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR); however, this report is not prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”). Only the financial data for the general government is included in this report and, therefore, the county’s business-type activities are excluded. Additionally, information is presented in a summarized manner and certain financial statements and note disclosures required by GAAP are omitted. A copy of the county’s audited 2015 CAFR, which is prepared in accordance with GAAP, is located at <http://www.bernco.gov/finance/comprehensive-annual-financial-reports-cafr.aspx>

Residents of Bernalillo County:

We are pleased to present the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year 2015. In today's complex world of financial reporting, analyzing financial statements can be a challenge, especially for those without accounting backgrounds. The PAFR is intended to address that issue by providing an easy to read version of the county's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) designed to provide residents with an overview of the county's revenues, expenditures and other general information. Though the PAFR is not audited, its financial content is derived from the county's audited CAFR. The CAFR for this fiscal year was audited jointly by Moss Adams LLP and the New Mexico Office of the State Auditor, and received an unmodified (clean) opinion.

Bernalillo County has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association for 11 consecutive years, and received the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for fiscal years ended June 30, 2011, 2012 and 2013. A PAFR was not prepared for fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. Achieving these exceptional financial results has a direct correlation to the county's ability to attain low interest rates on projects that we undertake.

The financial condition of the county is strong as reflected by the county's current bond ratings. The county's 2015 general obligation bonds were rated "AAA" by the nation's three top rating agencies: Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch ratings. The county continues its effort to incorporate comprehensive financial planning in its long-range vision in order to remain solvent during the gradual economic recovery. In addition to the three-twelfths reserve requirement, required by the State of New Mexico, of \$66.9 million, the county's long-term financial plan includes maintaining adequate reserves to accommodate the county's future cash flow needs and any unforeseen emergency contingency concerns in its fund balance consisting of an unassigned amount of \$13.5 million, referred to as the Revenue Stabilization/Operating Reserve. Industry best practices indicates that counties the size of Bernalillo County should maintain a reserve of 25 percent to 30 percent of their operating expenditures in the general fund. The combination of both reserves equates to 33 percent of both fiscal years' 2015 and 2016 general fund operating adjusted expenditure budget.

We continue to be focused and committed to being better every day for those we serve, our communities and to each other. In fiscal year 2015, \$134,450 million was invested in eight projects that created 625 new jobs in Bernalillo County. The eight projects included companies specializing in cyber security, food manufacturing, hotel management, food and beverage, and non-profit healthcare. This undertaking is in direct support of the economic vitality goal in the county's strategic plan. In February 2015, the Board of County Commissioners approved the enactment of a one-eighth hold harmless gross receipts tax to fund the behavioral health initiative in Bernalillo County. The GRT is projected to generate between \$17 million to \$20 million annually. Bernalillo County will partner with other community organizations, non-profits and other governmental agencies to develop and implement a comprehensive system of behavioral health care to benefit Albuquerque and the surrounding areas.

Bernalillo County continues its commitment to provide efficient, effective and transparent services to improve the lives of our citizens. It is critical that the county continues to earn the public's trust and confidence.

Sincerely,



Julie M. Baca  
County Manager



## Board of County Commissioners



L to R: Lonnie C. Talbert, District 4; Debbie O'Malley, District 1; Maggie Hart Stebbins, Chair, District 3; Art De La Cruz, Vice Chair, District 2; Wayne A. Johnson, District 5

## County Government

The division of counties in New Mexico can be traced back to the time of Mexican rule. The first subdivision of the New Mexico Territory was made in 1837 when two "partidos" or districts were created. In 1844, New Mexico was re-divided into three districts. Eventually, these districts were further subdivided into areas that included boundaries similar to today's counties. One interesting note is that the first Bernalillo County boundaries were much larger than today's divisions.

When New Mexico entered the union in 1912, the New Mexico Constitution vested the law-making power of the state in the legislature. Bernalillo County derives its authority from the state constitution. Counties are subject to the will of the legislature, modified only by the state constitution, the courts, and the legislative process.

The county has a commission-manager form of government in which most of the day-to-day administrative duties are delegated to the county manager. All legislative power within the county is vested in a five-member board of commissioners, each of whom is elected to four-year terms from single member districts, with a two-term limit. The executive functions are divided; the powers are shared by the board and five elected county officials: the assessor, county clerk, probate judge, sheriff and treasurer.

**Julie M. Baca**  
County Manager

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### **Elected Officials**

**Tanya R. Giddings**  
Assessor

**Maggie Toulouse Oliver**  
County Clerk

**Willow Misty Parks**  
Probate Judge

**Manuel Gonzalez III**  
Sheriff

**Manny Ortiz**  
Treasurer

# Local Economy

Bernalillo County population 2015	675,551
Percent of state's population	32%
Percent of Albuquerque MSA population	75%
City of Albuquerque's population as percent of county's	82%
Unemployment rate 2015-county	7.00%
Forecast of unemployment rate by 2019	5.80%
National unemployment rate -2015	6.80%
Forecast of jobs added in county in 2015	3,013
Forecast of jobs added in county by 2019	22,283

Bernalillo County, with the City of Albuquerque making up 82 percent of its population, serves as a hub for commerce and industry in the Southwest. It accounts for nearly half of all economic activity in New Mexico. Its success can be attributed to a diverse economic base consisting of government, services, trade, agriculture, tourism, manufacturing, and research and development. In the 2013 Forbes List of "Best Places for Business and Careers," Albuquerque placed 135th out of the 200 ranked metro areas in the country and was ranked

66th in the "Cost of Doing Business" category and 170th in the "Job Growth Expected" category.

Forecasts by the University of New Mexico's Bureau of Business and Economic Research suggest that the Albuquerque Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) will experience an accelerated increase in reported job numbers in 2015. The MSA is expected to add 5,712 jobs. In the longer-term, the Albuquerque MSA economy is forecasted to add a total of nearly 30,692 jobs in total by 2020.

	2015	2014
Full-time equivalent employees	2,488	2,486
<b>Public Safety</b>		
Sheriff's stations	4	4
Fire stations	12	12
911 calls	77,328	65,265
Fire department calls answered	16,288	14,725
Total Metropolitan Detention Center bookings	28,604	30,046
<b>Public Works</b>		
Residential building permits	593	430
Commerical building permits	121	122
Refuse collected in tons	33,951	47,175

# County Debt

On June 30, 2015 the county's outstanding debt totaled \$245 million, excluding compensated absences, premiums, discounts and other liabilities.

General obligation bonds are direct obligations of the county for which its full faith and credit are pledged and are repaid from taxes levied on property located within the county. The county issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities, as well as the purchase of library books. The balance of \$125.1 million represents 51 percent of the county's outstanding debt.

Gross receipts tax revenue bonds are limited obligations of the county, repaid solely from gross receipts tax revenues. These bonds are used for the acquisition and construction of major capital projects. The balance of \$119.9 million represents 49 percent of the county's outstanding debt.

	General Obligation Bonds	Revenue Bonds
Moody's Investors Services, Inc.	Aaa	Aa2
Standard & Poor's Rating Service	AAA	AAA
Fitch Agency	AAA	AA+

# Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position represents governmental activities (excluding business type activities). This statement provides information on all of the county's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position.

Below are the three components of net position and their respective fiscal year 2015 ending balances for governmental activities:

## Net investment in capital assets

This component of net position represents the amount that is unavailable for reducing debt or paying for services because it is the value of the capital assets themselves (e.g., infrastructure, land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), not liquid like cash or equivalents that could be used to pay bills. The county uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens. Although the county's net investment in capital assets is net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. The balance of \$327.9 million represents this portion of the county's total net position.

## Restricted net position

This component of net position represents the amount that is available for use only as allowed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments, and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted net position in the amount of \$169.8 million represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

## Unrestricted net position

This component of the county's net position is the amount that is available and may be used to meet the county's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. In fiscal year 2015, GASB no. 68 was a new reporting requirement established by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) that required all governments to report their net pension liability. The county recorded \$(161.9) million as a net pension liability resulting in a \$(145.2) million unrestricted net position balance.

## Statement of Net Position (in thousands) Governmental Activities

	Fiscal Years		
	2015	2014	Change
<b>Assets:</b>			
Current and other assets	\$ 300,408	\$ 304,353	\$ (3,945)
Capital assets	564,074	573,682	(9,608)
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>864,482</b>	<b>878,035</b>	<b>(13,553)</b>
Deferred outflows of resources	27,787	735	27,052
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Long-term liabilities	421,081	263,100	157,981
Other liabilities	64,419	65,773	(1,354)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>485,500</b>	<b>328,873</b>	<b>156,627</b>
Deferred inflows of resources	54,267	-	54,267
<b>Net Position:</b>			
Net invested in capital assets	327,948	372,487	(44,539)
Restricted	169,754	128,700	41,054
Unrestricted	(145,200)	48,710	(193,910)
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 352,502</b>	<b>\$ 549,897</b>	<b>\$ (197,395)</b>

Readers wanting more detailed financial information should refer to the county's FY 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) available at the Accounting Department's website at <http://www.berncounty.gov/finance/comprehensive-annual-financial-reports-cafr.aspx>



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# Statement of Activities

The Statement of Activities represents governmental activities (excluding business type activities). The statement provides a general understanding of how available resources are used to provide services. These sources of funds are categorized into two forms of revenue: Program revenues are derived directly from county programs or from outside the county, and general revenues are primarily raised through property taxes, gross receipt taxes and other revenues not reported as program revenues. Once the county collects taxes and other revenues, the monies must be spent efficiently to provide services to the citizens and businesses of the county.

**Operating grants** are funds provided from state, federal, or other governments and private contributions used to fund operational expenditures of programs such as health and welfare, emergency management, parks, public safety and other such programs. The county received \$28.8 million in operating grants and contributions revenue during fiscal year 2015.

**Capital grants** are funds provided from state, federal, or other governments and private contributions used to fund capital improvements such as roads, buildings, parks, and open space. The county received \$9.6 million in capital grants and contributions revenue during fiscal year 2015.

As of June 30, 2015, the county's revenues totaled \$336.4 million, an increase of \$6.7 million from the previous year. The increase was primarily driven by a \$4.3 million decrease in net realized investment loss that was reported in fiscal year 2014. An increase was recognized in property taxes of \$2.3 million as a result of an increase in assessed taxable property valuation offset by a decrease in the tax rate. An increase in gross receipt taxes of \$5.2 million was a result of higher state receipts which is a reflection of an improved economy. Net grant revenues increased by \$3.2 million. Other revenues decreased by \$5.6 million. In fiscal year 2014, the county recorded \$1.5 million for cash received from the City of Albuquerque for the return of a portion of health insurance premium payments made, which exceeded the cost of claims and administration for the fiscal years 2007 through 2013.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the county expended \$339.0 million, a decrease of \$26.4 million from the previous year. The decrease was attributed to a countywide cost savings initiative.

## Statement of Activities (in thousands) Governmental Activities

Revenues (by sources)	Fiscal Years	
	2015	2014
<b>Program Revenues:</b>		
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 28,786	\$ 26,361
Capital grants and contributions	9,649	8,884
Charges for services	16,118	15,355
<b>General Revenues:</b>		
Property taxes	142,069	139,745
Gross receipts taxes	128,401	123,185
Other taxes	5,347	5,453
Interest income	1,405	4,737
Investment income (loss)	72	(4,259)
Net decrease in the fair market value of investments	-	-
Other	4,630	10,219
Transfers	(119)	(13)
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>336,358</b>	<b>329,667</b>
<b>Expenses (by function):</b>		
Public safety	155,607	169,437
General government	62,160	66,086
Public works	50,305	56,041
Health and welfare	44,989	44,982
Culture and recreation	15,429	18,235
Interest on long-term debt	10,551	10,614
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>339,041</b>	<b>365,395</b>
Change in net position	(2,683)	(35,728)
Net position beginning	549,897	586,722
Prior period adjustment	(194,712)	(1,097)
<b>Net position beginning of year as restated</b>	<b>355,185</b>	<b>585,625</b>
<b>Net position end of year</b>	<b>\$ 352,502</b>	<b>\$ 549,897</b>

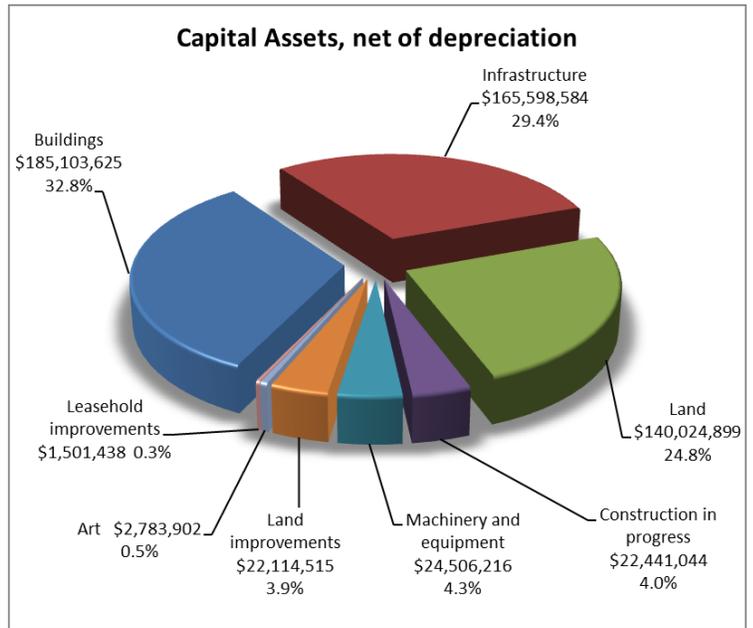


# Capital Assets

The county's cumulative investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2015 amounts to \$564.1 million (net of accumulated depreciation). This represents the value of the county's land, buildings, improvements, machinery and equipment, construction in progress, art, and infrastructure.

Major budgeted projects under construction in fiscal year 2015 include:

- Sanchez Farm storm drainage project- \$4.5 million
- Rio Grande pool renovation - \$3.5 million
- North Valley Little League project - \$3.0 million
- Sunset Gardens road drainage project - \$2.5 million



# Property Taxes

The county is responsible for assessing, collecting and distributing property taxes for various governmental entities located in Bernalillo County including itself.

The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) sets the tax rates each year by Sept. 1. The county commission subsequently certifies the tax rates and a written order imposing the tax rates is then delivered to the county assessor.

The tax year begins on Nov. 1 and ends on Oct. 31. Bernalillo County property tax revenue increased \$2.3 million from \$139.7 million in fiscal year 2014 to \$142.0 million in fiscal year 2015, a 1.6 percent increase. The increase was attributed to an increase in the net taxable value of property located in Bernalillo County, coupled with a decrease in the county's residential operational and debt service mill levy and a very slight increase in the non-residential debt service mill levy.



Property tax revenues are anticipated to make up 52 percent of general fund revenue in fiscal year 2016 and are projected to increase by 2 percent in fiscal year 2017. Even in these uncertain economic times, the county has been a conscientious steward of tax revenue by maintaining sufficient reserve funds and being conservative in revenue projections.

# Community



## County to Honor Unclaimed/ Indigent Residents with Memorial Burial Ceremony

Bernalillo County honored 116 unclaimed and indigent residents with a 3<sup>rd</sup> annual memorial burial ceremony held on June 3, 2015 at Evangelico Cemetery in Southwest Albuquerque. There have been over 400 unclaimed and indigent residents since the program's inception.

It is the mission of Bernalillo County to provide a deserved, lawful, proper and dignified manner of disposition for those decedent residents who are indigent or

go unclaimed upon death, and to handle every case accurately and lawfully with the utmost attention. Bernalillo County respects each individual in the community and will treat all with maximum regard and dignity.

To distinguish and honor the unclaimed and indigent Veterans, Bernalillo County's Forgotten Heroes Burial Program was established in 2010 and received a 2014 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties. The Forgotten Heroes Burial Program is the first program in the nation featuring such a partnership between state and local governments and other agencies to care for deceased unclaimed/indigent veterans.

*"This program ensures that those sacrifices will be recognized with honor and dignity. Bernalillo County is proud to be leading the way with programs like the Forgotten Heroes Burial Program and will continue to develop these types of services in the future,"* says Commission Vice Chair Art De La Cruz.



## Commission Chair Debbie O'Malley Welcomes New North Valley Health Clinic

County Commission Chair Debbie O'Malley on September 2, 2014 joined local community leaders to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new UNM Hospitals North Valley Clinic. The new clinic will be located at 3401 Fourth Street NW, at the corner of Fourth and Mildred, and will be one of the largest primary care clinics in the UNM Hospitals system. It will provide coordinated care and a wide range of services from pediatrics to hospice needs. As many as 20 providers will practice at the clinic and when all services are operational, the clinic could serve as many as 1,800 patients per month. Construction will begin immediately with the new clinic scheduled to open by April 2015.

*"Bringing a health clinic of this caliber to the North Valley was a collaborative effort for everyone involved. The Near North Valley Neighborhood Association was instrumental in keeping the project moving forward,"* says Commission Chair Debbie O'Malley. *"Area residents will have a new health clinic that will be nearby and convenient to access."*

*"We are very excited about this welcome addition to our neighborhood,"* says Richard Sandoval, president of the Near North Valley Neighborhood Association. *"It will bring us comprehensive health care services, which we don't have now, and new life to Fourth Street."*



## Commissioner Johnson Honors Life of Firefighter Lt. Johnny Walker

Commissioner Wayne Johnson honored the life and community service of Bernalillo County firefighter, Lt. Johnny Walker. On Tuesday, September 9, 2014 Commissioner Johnson had the solemn honor of presenting, Ginger Walker and her family, a proclamation acknowledging the meritorious career of her late husband, Johnny.

Commissioner Johnson led the efforts in renaming Fire Station #46 located in the East Mountains in honor of Lt. Johnny Walker. Lt. Walker was a firefighter with Bernalillo County for over 24 years and recently passed away after a long bout with cancer. Lt. Walker received numerous commendations throughout his career. The most prestigious was being recognized and awarded the firefighters' Medal of Meritorious

Service. This honor was awarded for his brave actions and strong leadership during the Thompson Ridge Fire in the summer of 2013. Lt. Walker was a long time resident of Cedar Crest in the East Mountain Area.

The presentation was made at Bernalillo County Fire Station #46 in front of Johnny's many friends and former co-workers. *"Johnny Walker was truly an exemplary firefighter,"* Commissioner Johnson said. *"His dedication and commitment will truly be missed."*

## Community (cont.)



### Art's Aces Program Rewards 33 Students for Perfect Grades in 2014

Art's Aces was conceived and developed from a vision that Commissioner Art De La Cruz had to increase awareness of the importance of literacy and academics in District 2. This program not only encourages positive behavior and rewards students in his district who earn straight A's in school, the students also serve as positive role models to others. At the end of the school year, each summer, the student "ACES" are acknowledged and celebrated for their outstanding accomplishments and benefit from free swim passes, t-shirts, amusement park passes and a pizza party. The word is out, that good grades are rewarded as the program continues to grow each year. The commissioner is their firm supporter and expects the high-performing students to encourage their friends and

family members to work hard so that they can become one of Art's Aces, too.

Students from first to eighth grade who sign up at a South Valley Community Center and who finish the last nine weeks of school with all A's get to be part of the elite group.

In July 2014, 33 straight A-students from Bernalillo County Commission District 2 were recognized; the students, known as Art's Aces, received certificates, summer swim passes and other goodies from Commissioner Art De La Cruz who also praised them for being academic heroes.



### Bernalillo County Seeks Community Input for East Mountain Parks and Open Space

The public was invited to participate in a planning session on the future of parks and open space properties and programs in the East Mountains on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. Parks and Recreation Department planners hosted this event at Vista Grande Community Center, #15 La Madera Road in Sandia Park, NM.

The goal was to produce a draft master plan that will guide the future of Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation facilities and programs in the East Mountains, including Carlito Springs, Vista Grande Community Center, Sedillo Ridge, Hockett Park and Whispering Pines Senior Meal Site.

The first phase of the plan was completed in 2014 and included a new trailhead and sustainable natural surface trail system, allowing visitor parking and access. Carlito Springs opened a trail on the southeast face of the Sandia Mountains in August 2014. It introduces visitors to the majestic property that includes historic cabins, a travertine house, springs and ponds.

County planners continue to work on a long-term plan for renovation and expansion of parks and Open Space programs and facilities throughout the county, including community centers, parks and Open Space properties in the East Mountains.



### Grand Opening of Edward C. Sandoval North Valley Little League Complex

On March 28, 2015, Bernalillo County and the North Valley Little League celebrated the grand opening of the Edward C. Sandoval North Valley Little League Complex, located at 4007 Edith Blvd. NE. The complex was named after former state Rep. Edward C. Sandoval, a long time legislator and advocate for the North Valley and especially the North Valley Little League. The new baseball complex features four new baseball fields, dugouts, batting cages, parking and other amenities. The new park was built on vacant land the county already owns, and will provide a permanent home for the North Valley Little League.

Sandoval, an avid baseball fan, has a long history with the North Valley Little League as a parent, manager, coach and mentor.

*"Thanks to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved, the North Valley Little League now has a permanent home,"* says County Commissioner Debbie O'Malley. *"Bernalillo County is proud to complete this wonderful project and make this opening day one of the best ever for the North Valley."*

*"I am so honored and humbled to have this complex named after me, especially because it's not a government building, but baseball fields where our children and families can play and compete,"* says former state Rep. Edward C. Sandoval.

## Community (cont.)



### Bernalillo County Hosts Summit to Fight Addiction and Overdose Death

The Bernalillo County Opioid Accountability Initiative is a multiyear collaborative strategy to align efforts of governmental, non-profit, business, and community leaders to reduce the number of overdose deaths from heroin and prescription painkillers and to prevent New Mexico residents from getting addicted to those substances.

In 2012, Bernalillo County Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins, asked the Bernalillo County Community Council to launch the first Opioid Accountability Initiative. The first Opioid Accountability Summit took place in September 2013 with more than 150 organizations, administrators, service providers, advocates, and policymakers who met to discuss strategies for preventing addiction and overdose death.

On Thursday, January 8, 2015, the second summit took place at the CNM Workforce Training Center and brought together local experts who have been working on strategies for drug treatment, prevention, harm reduction, and criminal justice. The 2015 Summit new partners included the United States Department of Justice and the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center.



### Alameda Adaptive Signal Project

The county previously installed video detection cameras and the program software for the adaptive signal control system at seven major intersections along Alameda Boulevard between Loretta Drive and Second Street. The signals at the intersection of Second Street, Fourth Street, Guadalupe Trail northbound, Guadalupe Trail southbound, Thomas, Rio Grande Boulevard south, and Loretta are the ones included in this adaptive signal control system.

An adaptive signal control system is a designated set of traffic signals that effectively communicate with each other to improve overall traffic flow along a respective corridor. The traffic signals adapt to the traffic flow, reducing the frequency of red lights when traffic volume is high.

This second phase of the project will extend the system on Alameda Boulevard from Coors Road to Cottonwood Drive. Four new intersections will be served. After the installation, testing and inspection phases, the system will be fully activated and operational. This phase is federally funded.

Bernalillo County was recently recognized and awarded, for its innovation and installation of the Alameda Boulevard adaptive signal timing system, by the Intelligent Transportation Society of New Mexico.



### First-Ever County/City Collaborative Provides Dinners to Children

In October 2014, District 3 County Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins joined with New Mexico Appleseed Executive Director Jennifer Ramo and Albuquerque Mayor Richard J. Berry to take advantage of a new USDA program that provides after school meals, rather than just snacks, for low income children.

Studies show that, for some children in the county, school meals are the only substantial nutrition they get, so a meal before they go home - rather than a snack - makes a big difference.

Bernalillo County provided capital funds to upgrade a City of Albuquerque community center kitchen that was not being used. Bernalillo County provided funding for the renovation, and now every month, the new after school meal program serves 30,000 healthy, substantial, locally sourced after school dinners to children who really need that sustenance.



### Paradise Hills Trail Grand Opening

On Wednesday, May 20, 2015, Commissioner Lonnie C. Talbert held a ribbon-cutting of the Paradise Hills Trail. The newly-constructed trail runs along Paradise Boulevard from Golf Course Road west to La Paz Drive and included expanding the width of the existing trail to ten feet, constructing new interconnecting trail segments to existing trails and sidewalks, and improving wheelchair accessibility.

*"This local amenity will be enjoyed by the surrounding neighborhoods and all residents who travel along the trail. This project is another shining example of Bernalillo County's commitment to improving our community's quality of life"* says Commissioner Lonnie C. Talbert.

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[www.bernco.gov](http://www.bernco.gov)**

The county's website is your source for information about county policies, services and events. You can also find information on employment opportunities, community events, Board of County Commissioners agendas, meeting schedules, tax information, operating hours, and much more.

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