

**BERNALILLO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION NO. AR 2012 - 103

1 **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY FOR THE COUNTY**
2 **OF BERNALILLO FOR THE FIFTY FIRST LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION, OF**
3 **THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.**

- 4 1. Oppose any legislation that a) proposes any revenue reductions, b) adversely affects funding
5 sources or c) diminishes the County's regulatory authority.
- 6 2. Amend the general sentencing statute to provide that any inmate convicted of a felony
7 offense shall serve the sentence in a Department of Corrections facility regardless of the
8 length of sentence imposed.
- 9 3. Amend the misdemeanor sentencing statute to provide for a change so that inmates serving a
10 sentence at a Department of Corrections facility on misdemeanor offenses unless the
11 sentence is 180 days or less. Currently, all sentences less than 365 days are served in jails.
- 12 4. Amend the statutory framework to provide that all inmates are subject to a parole tail
13 regardless of whether they finish out time in a Department of Corrections facility or a jail.
14 This will result in a change in philosophy about plea agreements. The preference will be that
15 terms are served in a Department of Corrections facility because of the statutory right to good
16 time. It will also change the philosophy of the courts in terms of sentencing.
- 17 5. Introduce legislation to reclassify Bernalillo County Probate Court Judicial requirements for
18 counties with a population of 600,000 or more.
- 19 6. Support legislation to provide for an exemption from the state procurement code for class A
20 counties with a population of more than five hundred thousand; providing however, that the
21 county shall either adopt a procurement code materially similar to that of a home-rule
22 municipality in that county or develop a new procurement code that shall be submitted to the
23 Local Government Division of the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration
24 for review and approval then codified by county ordinance.
- 25 7. Yield Control Issues:
- 26 a. Amend Section 7-38-34 NMSA 1978 which requires the Board of County
27 Commissioners to issue and deliver to the County Assessor its own order imposing the
28 2013 Property Tax Rates within five days of its receipt from the State of New Mexico
29 DFA, LGD.
- 30 b. Amend Section 7-31-7 NMSA 1978 Property Tax Language. Request that the legislature
31 appoint a committee of state and local economic and finance professionals tasked to
32 develop a mechanism allowing taxing authorities the ability to decrease or maintain prior
33 year tax rates while still maintaining the intent of the property tax law. In addition, the
34 committee must establish a list of financial and economic criteria that must be met by the
35 local government entity and reviewed and approved by DFA prior to approving the local
36 government budget.
- 37 8. Pursue longevity property tax credit, or "Homestead Provision", to provide property tax relief
38 and prevent economic displacement for property owners who have owned their homes for
39 fifteen (15) or more years. Qualifying homeowners would be entitled to a tax credit of 5%
40 per year up to five (5) years, with a maximum credit of 25%.
- 41 9. Introduce a legislative memorial asking all counties to support locally and nationally
42 manufactured goods by purchasing American products exclusively if they are available.
- 43 10. Amend existing state law to enable counties to establish franchise agreement with utilities.

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- 1 11. Amend state statute/s regarding municipal liens to allow counties the same authority as
2 municipalities.
- 3 12. Pursue a legislative memorial for Class A Counties to have an appointed Special Judge or
4 Special Master to hear only code enforcement cases thus expediting corrective actions and
5 separating these cases from the existing Metropolitan Court caseload and granting the Board
6 of County Commissioners authority to adopt ordinances providing citation authority to code
7 enforcement officers.
- 8 13. Introduce a legislative memorial requesting state funding for the Interstate Stream
9 Commission to include a recurring budget of \$400,000.00 for the update of four regional
10 water plans each year.
- 11 14. Delinquent Property Tax issues
12 a. Amend Section 7-38-62 NMSA 1978 to allow the County Treasurer who is authorized to
13 act as the department's agent to have the authority to collect partial payments on delinquent
14 property taxes after properties are on the tax delinquency list
15 b. Amend Section 3.6.7.71 NMAC to allow the County Treasure who is acting as the
16 department's agent to accept partial payments for properties on the delinquency lists.
- 17 15. Introduce legislation decriminalizing non violent offenses but consider as traffic offenses
18 with substantial fines.
- 19 16. Introduce legislation to increase criminal and civil penalties from \$300 to at least \$500.
- 20 17. Support those proposals made by the NMAC that are advantageous to Bernalillo County.
- 21 18. Introduce Capital Outlay appropriation requests:
22 A. Bernalillo County's five capital outlay priorities
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 - \$3,000,000 to upgrade the 2nd Street/Rio Bravo Intersection for the Valle del Oro
24 National Wildlife Refuge (Urban Wildlife Refuge)
 - 25 • \$3,000,000 for installation of North Edith Sewer
 - 26 • \$1,350,000 for Carlito Springs Phase 2 – plan, design, and construct house
27 rehabilitation and associated utilities.
 - 28 • \$1,000,000 for the North Valley Little League project, to purchase land and for Phase
29 2 design and construction.
 - 30 • \$400,000 for Zuni Road pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements.
- 31 B. Other legislative capital outlay requests
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 - \$150,000 for Paradise Hills Community Center Annex – landscaping
 - 33 • \$300,000 for La Ladera Park parking lot – plan, design and construct.
 - 34 • \$275,000 for the Rio Grande High School pool repairs.
 - 35 • \$1,300,000 for the Tom Tenorio park redevelopment.
 - 36 • \$750,000 for the South Valley pool bathhouse – plan, design, construct, remodel and
37 equip.
 - 38 • \$200,000 Mobile Community Center – purchase and equip “Rec & Roll”.

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- 1 • \$500,000 for city parks in Commission District 3 – purchase and install Special
2 Needs Playground equipment.
- 3 • \$300,000 for Alameda medians – redesign and reconstruct
- 4 • \$700,000 for Sedillo Ridge Open Space – conduct forest thinning
- 5 • \$ 750,000 for Los Vecinos Community Center – additional land acquisition and site
6 improvements.
- 7 • \$700,000 for the East Mountain High School track
- 8 • \$1,000,000 for the Frost Road Trail redevelopment Phase 2 – plan, design and
9 construct.
- 10 • \$150,000 for the Hockett Park rehabilitation project – trail and ADA access
11 improvements; basketball rehabilitation.
- 12 • \$2,400,000 for a new Parks and Recreation Land Management Building at 2400
13 Broadway NE.
- 14 • \$1,600,000 for the 2nd Street from Alameda north to 4th Street intersection
- 15 • \$500,000 for the Sunport extension
- 16 • \$350,000 for Sunset Road SW Phase 2

17 19. Support Legislator sponsored capital outlay legislation that is consistent with the priorities set
18 by the County.

19 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners, the
20 governing body of the County of Bernalillo that the legislative program described herein for the
21 Fiftieth Legislature, First Session, of the State of New Mexico is hereby approved and adopted.

22 **DONE** this 11 day of Dec, 2012.

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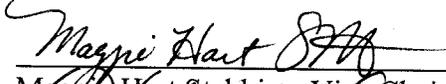
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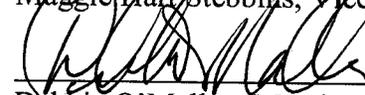
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