



Agenda Item Number: 2008-8-8C

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: August 12, 2008

Department: County Manager/Commission **Staff Contact:** Thaddeus Lucero, County Manager
Dan Mayfield, Deputy County
Manager, Finance

TITLE: Authorizing ballot language for UNM Hospital and Mental Health Center
Mill Levy on the November 2008 general election ballot

ACTION: Approval of Resolution

SUMMARY:

Pursuant to the Hospital Funding Act, Sections 4-48B-1 through 4-48B-29, NMSA 1978, Bernalillo County and the University of New Mexico Hospital (UNMH) have entered into a lease and operating agreement for the UNMH and the UNM Mental Health Center to provide appropriate health and mental health services to indigent residents of Bernalillo County. A portion of those costs have been financed through an existing mill levy on property in Bernalillo County.

At its June 10, 2008 meeting, the Bernalillo County Commission approved a memorandum of understanding with UNM to approve placing a continuation of the mill levy on the November 4, 2008 ballot for voter approval for a term of eight years at the valuation-adjusted rate of 6.4 mills. In the memorandum, the University agrees to ensure that 12% to 15% of mill levy proceeds will be utilized for operation and maintenance of the UNM Mental Health Center and the provision of behavioral and substance abuse treatment services. UNMH additionally agreed to develop a program acceptable to the County and in collaboration with other community resources to improve access for indigent residents.

The attached resolution authorizes specific language to be included on the November 2008 ballot that, if approved by voters, would permit the continuation of the existing mill levy to support indigent health care in Bernalillo County.

Dr. Paul Roth, Executive Vice President, Health Sciences Center and Mr. Steve McKernan, Vice President, Hospital Operations, will be available to answer questions from the Board.

ATTACHMENT:
Resolution

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

UNMH staff has been working closely with Commissioner Archuleta and Deputy County Manager for Finance Dan Mayfield to ensure community input and support of this mill levy election. I recommend approval. TL 6/4/2008

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR FINANCE DIVISION

The attached resolution, if approved by the County Commission, places continuation of the UNMH mill levy at the current rate of 6.4 mills on the November 4, 2008 General Election ballot. DJM 08/05/08

LEGAL

The proposed action is within the Board's statutory authority. JSL 08/06/08