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County Commission

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014
5 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014
5 p.m.

County Planning Commission

First Wednesday of month,
(Second Wednesday this month only)
Jan. 8, 2014
9 a.m.

Zoning/Administration Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014
9 a.m.

Meetings are held in the
Vincent E. Griego Chambers
in the basement of the
City/County Government Bldg.
1 Civic Plaza
5th and Marquette NW

New BernCo

Public Works Hotline #'s
are available 24 hours a day,
7 days a week. Call
848-1503 or 848-1504.



at a Glance

BernCo



BernCo Office of Ethics Compliance Now Open

Bernalillo County's Office of Ethics Compliance is now fully staffed and providing guidance and resources to county employees and elected officials to make ethical decisions in their daily work.

In August 2012, the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners passed the Code of Conduct Ordinance, thereby making a public commitment to the establishment of an ethical culture within county government which is essential to the success of providing public service and maintaining the public trust.

Citizens and county employees who believe they have witnessed a potential Code of Conduct violation now have a permanent office where those violations can be reported and appropriately addressed.

This office also provides staffing and assistance to the Code of Conduct Review Board, which handles formal ethics complaints, and provides opinions on the interpretation of the county's Code of Conduct Ordinance.

The Office of Ethics Compliance is managed by Compliance Officer Robert Kidd, who says, "This office provides ongoing training to all employees and elected officials on the code of conduct and how to apply an ethical decision making model, provides the forms and guidance to properly report what they believe to be violations of the code, and has an open door policy for all employees and citizens."

The Office of Ethics Compliance is located in the County Annex Building, 415 Tijeras NW, First Floor, East Entrance, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Please call 468-1382 or email Compliance@bernco.gov with questions or concerns, and for more information, go to www.bernco.gov/OfficeOfEthicsCompliance.

Need Assistance or Resources?

Contact Neighborhood Coordination Specialist, Darrell Dady, at 468-7364, or at ddady@bernco.gov

**Here's an Important  
County Office Closure  
Reminder:**

**County offices will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014 in observance of New Year's Day. Offices will also be closed on Martin Luther King Day on Monday, Jan. 20, 2014.**



**Happy New Year!**

**Bernalillo County  
Cultural Services  
and Neighborhood  
Coordination  
wish you a  
prosperous and  
productive 2014!**

BernCo at a  
Glance

*Permit Computer System Upgrade  
from Kiva to Accela Automation System*

**A**ccela Citizen Access (ACA), an automated online solution for permit history research and land-based information, was recently implemented by the BernCo Planning & Development Services—Technology Section to improve public access to records of permits and other transactions. The public can now have access to plan review comments, inspection history, land data, interactive GIS maps and generate reports of newly created record permits and activities based on record and time parameters selected by the user. The new ACA system offers substantially improved functionality over the previous system—Kiva Net—which was originally deployed in 2005.

As of Oct. 21, 2013, Accela Automation, the new internal development management enterprise permit computer system; and Accela Citizen Access, the new online permit system, will enable you to research for permits, obtain county development permit and land development information through a single enterprise computer application system and website. This effort is aligned with our commitment to provide transparency and robust online services for you, our customers.

In partnership with Accela Inc., we continue striving to fulfill our promise to deliver powerful e-government internet service and provide valuable information about permit land development in our community, while making your interactions with us more efficient, convenient, and interactive. We trust this will provide you with a higher level of service that makes living, working and developing in our community a more enjoyable experience.

Any questions you may have regarding the new system can be answered by county development staff. You can view information and have limited services as an anonymous user when you access this new online service at <http://permits.bernco.gov/CitizenAccess>.

*By Rene Sedillo, Technology Manager, BernCo Planning & Development Services*

*Got Art? BernCo Wants to Hear from You!*

**T**he Bernalillo County Arts Board, in partnership with ABQ Ride, invites artists to submit ideas for a sculpture for the historic Hiland Theater at 4800 Central Avenue SE. The Hiland Theater is owned by Bernalillo County and is currently home to the National Dance Institute of New Mexico.

Focusing on the legacy of Route 66, the City of Albuquerque's Transit Department - also known as ABQ Ride - is planning to construct a new bus shelter in front of the Hiland Theatre which will prominently feature the new sculpture.

**Submissions must be received no later than Jan. 14, 2014 at 5 p.m. MST.** For information on how to submit a proposal, go to the county's website at [www.bernco.gov/public-art-program](http://www.bernco.gov/public-art-program).

## BernCo Public Works Updates

### South Valley Drinking Water Project Phase 7A, Distribution System

Construction will soon begin on the next phase of the South Valley Drinking Water Project. This project consists of building water infrastructure for the residents of the South Valley on portions of Malpais Road, Coors Boulevard and Isleta Boulevard. The project will provide about 90 property lots with water service. Improvements include waterlines, fire protection, and roadways. The estimated total construction cost is \$1.2 million and the project duration is approximately six months.

### Public Hearing for Sunport Blvd. Extension To Be RESCHEDULED

The public hearing for the Sunport Boulevard Extension Project that was to have been held on Jan. 15, 2014 is being re-scheduled for a later date. The new date, time and place are expected to be announced soon.

For the latest information about this project, please visit [www.bernco.gov/Sunport](http://www.bernco.gov/Sunport).

### Paseo del Norte /I-25 Project Updates

Sign up to receive automatic email/text traffic updates at [http://www.paseoi25.com/news\\_information.aspx](http://www.paseoi25.com/news_information.aspx).

Support the local area businesses during construction.

Visit <http://www.paseoi25business.com/> to see a list of those many area businesses.

### 2nd Street SW Complete Corridor Grant Application

Bernalillo County Public Works Division is applying for a \$14.4 million grant to the New Mexico Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) for roadway, trail, sidewalk, and drainage improvements to 2nd Street SW. These infrastructure components constitute a "complete" street in accordance with the program requirements, and all improvements will enhance 2nd Street SW as the entrance to the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge. Corridor improvements would extend from the refuge north 5.5 miles to Woodward Road SE. If the full amount of the \$14.4 million grant is awarded to Bernalillo County, the required 15 percent non-federal match by the county would be \$2,160,000.

## Drive Safer This Winter with the 2013-2014 Emergency Road and Operation Procedures Guide

Take advantage of the downloadable and printable version of our **Winter 2013-14 Emergency Road and Winter Operation Procedures Guide**, which is now available on our website. This brochure includes contact information, the county's priorities for winter snow removal, information on diversion of traffic during inclement weather, and preparation tips for both *being on the road and at home*.

**Bernalillo County is doing everything possible to keep you up to date on all of the latest road and highway conditions this winter, so stay connected with us at [www.bernco.gov](http://www.bernco.gov) and [www.bernco/WinterRoads](http://www.bernco.gov/WinterRoads).**



Printed by the *alibi*, the 2nd Annual BernCo THINK LOCAL FIRST GUIDE is available FREE on news stands where the *alibi* is distributed.

For more information on the new guide, call the Green Chamber at 244-3700.

## BernCo Commissioners Approve Incentives for Downtown Commercial Development, Including Grocery Store

### Project to create 62 full-time jobs, plus 150 construction jobs

The Bernalillo County Commission in December gave its initial approval to consider an \$11.3 million industrial revenue bond package that will help make a new downtown development, including a grocery store, a reality. The board unanimously approved the incentives for UR 205 Silver, LLC, which is developing a vacant lot at 205 Silver Avenue S.W., near Silver and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Project plans include a 74-unit multifamily apartment complex and 22,000 square feet of mixed-use commercial space, anchored by an 11,555 square-foot grocery store.

The project would create 62 full-time jobs and 150 temporary construction jobs as Bernalillo County partners with the business community to spur economic activity here in the county and contribute to the revitalization of Downtown Albuquerque with this much-needed project.

Taxpayers will not finance the bonds. Instead, private investors will finance the bonds, which will be used to construct the building. The bonds allow the developer to abate certain taxes.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the fourth quarter of 2014; and recently released new details on the project include a parking garage and an increased number of workforce housing units.

The total project cost is \$18.5 million. The industrial revenue bond package is expected to be scheduled for final approval by the board later in 2014.

## Answers To Your Zoning, Building and Planning Questions from Bernalillo County Planning & Development Services

Send your zoning questions to Tom Kay at [tkay@bernco.gov](mailto:tkay@bernco.gov) (314-0396), building-related questions to Brad Jackson at [bjackson@bernco.gov](mailto:bjackson@bernco.gov) (314-0380), and your planning questions to Enrico Gradi at [egradi@bernco.gov](mailto:egradi@bernco.gov) (314-0385). This is a monthly feature in the BernCo at a Glance.

**Q: If I make a zoning complaint, how long will it take to get an inspector to the site?**

**A: New complaints are generally addressed within one business day.**